

Church of the Visitation



FR. ED, ALONG WITH THE PARISHIONERS OF VISITATION ,OFFER THEIR GRATITUDE AND SUPPORT TO ALL THOSE WHO PROVIDE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO OUR CHILDREN & ADULTS.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts.” ~Colossians 3:16

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R.C.I.A. CATECHISTS

John Arendt, Dee Bringhurst, Lou Falcone, Brandon Underwood and Dale Zanetti

***Special thanks to our Religious Education Coordinator
Nancy Grodberg***

May the Lord bless you and continue to use you as an instrument of His will.

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Gracious and all-loving Father, out of love for all people you spoke your Word who became flesh for our salvation. May your Word transform me so that the message of your Son, our Lord, may be echoed through my teaching. Allow me to guide the hearts of those whom I teach in such a way that they will enter more deeply into your way of truth and salvation. Grant me the insight needed to lead them to know, love, and serve you. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may they become hearers and followers of your Word, so that they might help transform the world to follow the way of life to which your Son has called us all, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Church of the Visitation

755 Mantoloking Road, Brick, N. J. 08723



Welcome!

The entire parish community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Closed for Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Parish Registration

The Church of the Visitation is obliged to serve and minister to all baptized Catholics living in our local area. **PLEASE REGISTER** – it assists the staff in knowing you as a parishioner, providing for your needs, informing you of parish programs and activities, and utilizing your gifts and talents in service of the Church and one another. Envelopes for weekly contributions are available to you once you are registered. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to register.

Sacramental Sponsor Certificates

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. 1. Be at least 16 years of age. 2. Have completed the Sacraments of the Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) 3. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: Monday-Saturday 7:30 and 8:15 AM (Daily Chapel)
Holy Days: See Current Bulletin
Holy Hour: First Fri. of the month 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Church)

Baptism

Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to register 2 months in advance to schedule a baptism. Parents and Guardians are required and sponsors are encouraged to attend the Baptismal Formation Session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following the 12:30 Mass at 1:45 PM. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Marriages

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires sessions with a priest or deacon, Focus review and attendance at a Marriage Preparation Programs such as Pre Cana. Therefore couples should make arrangements with the Church at least 1 year before the planned wedding date and finalizing any social plans. Couples must also verify freedom to marry before dates and arrangements can be made. Please contact Deacon Sal Vicari at ext. 218 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office when serious illness occurs and when the sick, aged, or incapacitated are confined to home for extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45PM in the Church or anytime by appointment. A Penance Service is held during Advent and Lent.

Religious Education (CCD)

Our Religious Education and sacramental preparation for our children meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes in the Church Rectory. Pre-registration is required. Please call Nancy Grodberg at 732-477-5217.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. Please call Dale Zanetti at ext. 214 for more information.

We now offer Low-Gluten Host for those suffering from celiac sprue disease
Elevator is located on the side of the Church near the Bell Tower

TWENTY~FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
4:00 PM	Frank & Barbara Kelusak
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
6:45 AM	Justin Thouret
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Loretta Lazar
11:00 AM	Rita Back
12:30 PM	Gayton Jannicelli
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
7:30 AM	Patricia Hernandez
8:15 AM	Joe, Ann & Edith
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
7:30 AM	John Dennis
8:15 AM	Thomas Halleran
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 AM	Josephine Andrews
8:15 AM	Andrew Kovatch
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
7:30 AM	Ralph Terrell
8:15 AM	Devlin Family
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
7:30 AM	Eileen Wells
8:15 AM	Derrick Joseph Kelley
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
7:30 AM	Bernice & Andy Dimetros
8:15 AM	Richard Stephanick
4:00 PM	Amelia & Dominic Zucchi
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
6:45 AM	Anne Zdanis
8:00 AM	Maria Iosue Naimo
9:30 AM	Lorraine Kozak
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:30 PM	John & Nancy Addabbo

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
<i>Masses</i>	Church Worship
<i>Catechists Luncheon</i>	1:00 PM Parish Hall
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
<i>M M & Saint Jude Novena</i>	8:15 AM Daily Chapel
<i>Compassion Fatigue Training</i>	9:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>Rosary for Life</i>	1:30 PM Daily Chapel
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM A, B & C
<i>Cub Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
<i>Bereavement</i>	10:30 AM Dailey Chapel
<i>Bingo</i>	11:00 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM C
<i>Children's Choir Practice</i>	5:30 PM Church
<i>Alanon</i>	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>Adult Faith Formation</i>	7:15 PM Room B
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
<i>Community Lunch</i>	12:00 PM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM A & C
<i>Boy Scouts</i>	6:30 PM Parish Hall
<i>Youth Choir Practice</i>	7:30 PM Church Worship
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
<i>Bible Study</i>	9:45 AM Parish Hall
<i>CCD</i>	4:30 PM A & C
<i>Adult Choir Practice</i>	7:15 PM Church Worship
<i>7th & 8th Grade Parents Mtg.</i>	7:15 PM Room A
<i>AA</i>	7:30 PM Parish Hall
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
<i>Children of Light Prayer</i>	6:30 PM VRC
<i>Baptismal Formation Session</i>	7:00 PM Daily Chapel
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	4:00 PM Church
<i>RCIA</i>	5:00 PM Parish Hall

For the Week of September 18, 2016



Church Sanctuary Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Mary Francis Evanchik
Chapel Sanctuary Candle is "God's Blessing" on our Catechists
Blessed Mother Candle is "God's Blessing" on Anthony & Desiree Tonzola
Sacred Heart Candle is "In Loving Memory" of Louis F. Fasano & Cataldo Lambusta

Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

"PRAISE THE LORD WHO LIFTS UP THE POOR"

Welcome into God's Family

Zoe Jane Buono, Jackson Robert Parks
Logan Paul Streno



I. Dolores Lusko

"REMEMBERING OUR SICK" LIST IS FOR THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS. THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR FOUR WEEKS. IF EXTENDED PRAYERS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT VISITATIONS PRAYER CHAIN AT 848-373-4239.



In Your Charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of deceased members of the Parish, your friends, relatives and benefactors especially, *Rosaria Donati, Angela Iozzia, Susan Hendricks, Mary Belasco*

HOW WILL YOU REMEMBERED?



Please consider "Creating a Legacy" that will last for generations to come. When you remember Church of the Visitation in your will, you will help to provide for the many organizations and ministries after you are gone. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 732-477-7059 ext. 216.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offering for the Week of September 11, 2016

Regular	\$10,648.65
On Line	\$832.00
Total	\$11,480.65



AUTUMN EQUINOX

Thursday, September 22, 2016
7:00 – 8:30 PM
Waterspirit at Stella Maris,
981 Ocean Ave,
Long Branch, NJ.

Anticipate the coming of autumn in an evening of reflection and prayer. Celebrate autumn's bounty and beauty while reflecting on the deeper meaning of this season of cooling breezes and lengthening night. Please call 732-923-9788 for reservations or email water@watersoirit.org. Donations accepted according to means.

Reflections for

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE TWO COLLECTIONS. PLEASE PLACE YOUR REGULAR WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPE IN THE FIRST BASKET AND THE ENVELOPE FOR THE ASSESSMENT IN THE SECOND BASKET.

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Two important tools to any Catholic who wishes to practice and provide a suitable witness to their faith are apologetics and catechesis. Apologetics – despite what the word *sounds* like, as if one is making an “apology” – is the discipline of defending one’s position through the use of reason. This is how one uses Scripture, Tradition and natural reason to explain the faith. Catechesis means to teach by word of mouth and is the discipline of transmitting that faith to others.

This Sunday is known by the Church in the United States as *Catechetical Sunday*. It honors our *catechists*: those who have made the commitment to teach the faith to those who come to the Church to learn; primarily those who teach school-age children, but also those who give their time and talent to catechize adults through our parish’s Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

These disciplines are closely related because one vitally builds upon the other: how can one possibly defend through reason the truths of the faith if they have never been adequately taught those truths and the meaning behind them? Regrettably, this was a very common state of the Catholic Church in the United States. Following the catechesis practiced in the decades of the 1960s, ‘70s and ‘80s (of which I will confess I was a product – I won’t necessarily say *which* decade!) that seemed determined to instill more of a “feel-good” sort of religion instead of the more meaningful tenets of our faith, I believe that we are starting to see a true effort providing a better grounded basis for our beliefs. Beginning with the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 1992 and supported by the programs for religious education built upon that foundation, religious instruction has a more systematic and integrated approach. I believe that with these methods our children can attain a better grasp of their faith and be more adequately prepared to defend that faith against adversity from non-believers (or even disaffected/lapsed Catholics.)

But, that still leaves the children of those aforementioned decades – what do they do? I believe that it is still not too late, that it is possible to obtain the catechesis that may be lacking and to do so in an approach that can be practical, immediately giving us the tools needed to learn and defend our faith. Guided by the teachings of the Church and of those within it – clergy, catechists and faithful people who have a sincere desire to lead others to Christ – it *can* be done. We can work to bring about the goal for ourselves and others of the foundational question in the *Baltimore Catechism*: ***Why did God make you? God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.***

Fr. Ed

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR-

Come and allow Jesus Christ to establish, restore, and deepen that relationship with you. This seminar offers the presentation of the Gospel and the basic teaching about what the Lord is willing to do for all who come to Him. Speaking at Mass, Pope Francis said: “The Holy Spirit, opens the doors and invites us to bear witness to Jesus.” Let us make that a reality.

Please join us for six **Fridays**-beginning **October 14, 2016** and continuing for the next 5 Fridays from 7:15 to 9:00 pm in the Visitation Parish Hall. Are you thirsting for an ever deeper relationship with God? Wanting to better understand the Holy Spirit and his role in your life? Longing to be more alive in your faith? You are invited to join us for music, prayer, live presentations and discussions on living life with the power of the Holy Spirit. We have an elevator for ease of access. Contact Paul Rollis at 732-255-2728 or email Dale Zanetti, Adult Faith Formation at dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.com.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

As Catechists we are being called to deeper prayer and study to benefit our own lives but also the lives of all those we teach.

Or St. Francis de Sales, who says that “every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day except when we’re busy –then we need an hour.” So don’t say you are too busy because it will mean another 50 minutes on your knees.

In the gospels we see Jesus praying as an example to us. He showed us the way and we continue to learn from him when we converse with him. In his humanity Jesus showed us it was perfectly natural for a human believer to pray and communicate with his Father.

We are all called to be saints and given this wealth or our faith to communicate with God to become those saints. We have received the call to holiness at our baptism and we enhance and enrich that call every time we talk with our God. Prayer is the opening of ourselves to the mystery of the Trinity and his will for our lives; it is our path to holiness. If we are to be holy like the Father is holy we need to get to know the Father and we do that by praying and studying his word.

Prayer makes us better people, richer in mercy, and more complete. When we pray earnestly and faithfully we fulfill our baptismal call. St. Therese of Lisieux says:

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.

Prayer fills us with the love of God and others, it fills us to overflowing with grace, it allows us a glimpse of heaven and shows us how to enter into the mystery of God and makes us better teachers of the people of God.

RUMMAGE SALE/GARDEN ART SHOW



Rummage Sale

Join us after mass on Sunday Sept. 25, 2016 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm for a rummage sale and Garden Art Show at Visitation Relief Center, 755 Mantoloking Rd. Brick. For more information

call 732-746-3456 or visit visitationreliefcenter.org or [facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter](https://www.facebook.com/VisitationReliefCenter).

YOUNG ADULT MASS

Join us for the next Diocese of Trenton Young Adult Mass hosted right here at Visitation Church, Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM. Fellowship to follow in the Parish Hall. For additional information please contact Christie Winters at CWinters@visitationRCchurch.org.

“It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives”

St. John Paul, II



Boy Scout Troop #38 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$8.00 in advance or \$8.50 at the door. They will be selling tickets in the Church Narthex the weekend of October 1 & 2.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

Join Us For Coffee, Donuts and Conversation is next Sunday, September 25 after all Masses and will be hosted by the Ushers & The Holy Name Society. Please join us downstairs for fellowship with new and old friends.

If anyone is interested in helping ease the financial burden of Community Sunday, please stop by or call the rectory office (ext. 201) and speak with Denise Patetta. You can subsidize a month with a donation of \$100 or more or you can sponsor a month for a donation of \$300. You can honor either a living or deceased loved one.

SUPPER WITH THE SAINTS

For those who are hungry or in need of friendship, the last Tuesday (September 27) of each month join All Saints Church at 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head for food and fellowship. Serving from 4:00~6:00 PM. For additional information call 732-892-5198.



That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016



To all of the good people and friends of Visitation,

As you have heard, a major campaign is underway at Visitation and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will provide a brief overview of the campaign for each of you.

Faith to Move Mountains is a **\$75 million** Diocesan-wide endowment campaign that will secure the resources needed to enable our Church to flourish for generations to come. Unlike the Annual Catholic Appeal, which addresses the day-to-day operating expenses of the Diocese, this campaign will establish endowments to respond to critical ***long-term*** needs and serve as a ***permanent and self-sustaining source*** of financial stability for the Diocese. Once established, the funds will continue to grow through the reinvestment of interest and earnings, as well as additional gifts. Through this, the endowments will provide support for the following needs in perpetuity:

- **Our Parishes: \$30 million**
- **Ordained Ministry: \$20 million**
- **Catholic Schools: \$15 million**
- **Social Services: \$5 million**
- **Catechesis and Evangelization: \$5 million**

In addition, ***30% of the campaign funds*** that we raise toward our parish goal will be directed back to our parish for our own local needs! These parish projects are outlined below:

- **Church Parking Lot Asphalt Removal and Repaving: \$162,500**
- **Church Carpeting Replacement/Floor Enhancement: \$70,000**

In the coming weeks, I will share further details about the campaign for all of you. It is my hope that our entire community will join together and participate in this extraordinary effort for our parish. In the meantime, anyone is welcome to approach me before or after Mass with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

God bless,
Father Ed



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ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY TRIP

Play: Samson **Place:** Sight & Sound

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Bus departs Visitation Parking Lot 8:30 AM and returns approximately 8:45 PM

Cost: \$117.00

For additional information or tickets contact, Terry at 732-903-7527 or Marilyn at 732-920-9763

THE VISITATION CHOIRS

Have you been thinking about joining one of our choirs at Visitation? Perhaps your children would love to sing at mass. If so now is the time to take action. If interested, please contact our Music Director Natayla Bencivenga at 732-477-7059 ext. 217. Below is listing of practice times for each of the choirs.

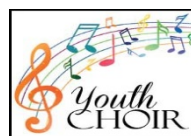
CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Practice will be held in the church every Tuesday from 5:30 ~ 6:00 pm beginning September, 13. The Children's Choir will sing on the 4th Sunday of each month at the

11:00 AM Mass.

YOUTH CHOIR



Practice every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the church beginning September, 14. The Youth Choir will sing every Sunday at 11:00 AM

Mass.

ADULT CHOIR



Practice every Thursday at 7:00pm in the church beginning September, 8. The Adult Choir will sing every Sunday at 9:30 AM Mass.

We are also looking for additional musicians to play at the 12:30 PM Mass. If you are interested, please contact Jim Daniels at 732-703-3280.



Over 110,000 homes were damaged by recent catastrophic floods in Louisiana August 12-15. Over 11,000 residents were forced into shelters by August 15 and 13 people or more were confirmed dead. This flood is considered the worst natural disaster in the United States since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, which affected many of us in the Diocese of Trenton. Free will contributions to relief efforts can be made directly to: Diocese of Baton Rouge, ATTN: "Disaster Assistance Fund" P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 79821-2028.



FLU VACCINE Walgreens Pharmacists will be administering vaccines at the September 25 Community Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Vaccines are free with

Medicare or discounted to \$25 cash. Other insurances can be billed. (Must have insurance cards with you). Don't miss out on this opportunity! We hope to see you there!

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MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Liturgical Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHOIR see Youth Ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION distributes Holy Communion at Masses, as well as to the homebound, hospitalized, nursing home, and Senior Housing residents. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

LECTORS enhance the community's celebration of the Mass by meaningful reading of God's Word and by providing direction and overviews during the Liturgy. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell or vcottrell@visitationrcchurch.org*

LITURGY TEAM meets monthly to plan liturgical and worship services that are meaningful and spiritual.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM visually enhances the celebration of the Mass by providing decorations that highlight the liturgical seasons. – *Fr. Ed 732-477-9672, ext. 201*

MUSIC MINISTRY spiritually enhances the celebration of the Liturgy. We are always seeking individuals who would like to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. **Adult Choir** assists and encourages the congregation in singing. Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Church. Adult choir sings on Sundays at 9:30 am Mass. **Youth Choir** welcomes all from ages 13 – 18 years of age to share their gift of music through songs and prayers. The Youth Groups sings on Sundays at 11:00 AM Mass.

Bell Choir is open to all ages. 732-477-9672, ext. 217 - *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

USHERS promote hospitality by assisting parishioners, taking up collections and preparing Offertory gifts for presentation at Mass. 732-262-4186 – *Kathy Cifelli*

VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM see Youth Ministry

Sacrament Preparation

BAPTISMAL TEAM assists the Priests and Deacons with Baptismal Formation Sessions, as well as the actual ceremony. 732-477-9028 - *Donna Stawicki or SewSimple@aol.com*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process used to welcome those who wish to complete some or all of the sacraments of initiation in the Church. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

Education and Evangelization Ministries

ADULT FAITH FORMATION provides educational and growth opportunities for parish adults. 732-477-9672, ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

BIBLE SHARING offers day sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 9:45 AM in the Parish Hall. 732-477-9672 ext. 214 - *Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

EVANGELIZATION TEAM promotes and fosters evangelization in all ministries by reaching out and encouraging all to live life as active Catholics. 732-477-9672, ext. 218 - *Deacon Salvatore Vicari or ext. 214 - Dale Zanetti or dzanetti@visitationrcchurch.org*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) meets on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Lake Riviera Middle School and weekdays in the church rectory during the school year. Pre-registration is required. 732-477-5217- *Nancy Grodberg or ngrodberg@visitationrcchurch.org*

Prayer Groups

CHILDREN OF LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday at 6:30 PM at the VRC to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

ROYAL HEART OF JESUS & MARY CATHOLIC PRAYER GROUP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Room A. All are welcome. 732-742-2600 – *Joellen Arrabito – 732-262-3938*

PRAYER CHAIN is for anyone who feels the need for prayer or would like to join the group. 848-373-4239.

Pastoral Care Ministries

BEREAVEMENT TEAM provides support and meets Spring and Fall. 732-477-9672, ext. 221- *Deacon Richard Johnston.*

On-going support to grieving families is available- *Linda Conroy 908-902-2741 or lconroy2741@gmail.com*

FUNERAL LITURGY MINISTRY helps plan liturgy for funeral masses. 732-367-5329 – *Rosemary Russell.*

VISITATION CAREGIVERS provide supportive services to the frail elderly and homebound in our community such as friendly visits, food shopping, transportation to medical appointments and respite care for families. 732-505-2273 ext. 211- *Mary Malagiere or marym@caregivervolunteers.org*

Services

ANNULMENT TEAMS are available to assist a parishioner in rectifying his/her marital status in accordance with the law of the Catholic Church and enable parish members to participate in a full Christian life 732-477-7059 ext. 218 – *Deacon Salvatore Vicari 732-477-7059 ext. 103 Arnold Vicidomini*

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is offered to anyone in the community who yearns to deepen their relationship with God. 732-477-9672, ext. 221 *Deacon Richard Johnston*

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Social Ministries/Activities

BINGO is held in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM - 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – Tuesday *Cindy Maguire*
EVENT DEVELOPMENT TEAM meets as needed to develop and implement social activities (such as the Gift Auction and Wine Tasting/Art Auction) for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Vicki Cottrell-vcottrell@visitationrchurch.org*

Social Concerns

COMMUNITY LUNCH (SOUP KITCHEN) provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community in the Parish Hall. 732-255-2835 - *Isabel Kronicz or fkronicz@comcast.net*
RESPECT LIFE focuses on pro-life issues and needs through education and support of other organizations in support of pro-life issues. The group gathers every Monday in the church at 1:30 PM to recite the Rosary. 732-262-2047 – *Charles Pocher*
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL operates the Thrift Shop in the old church and manages the funds from the poor boxes to assist the needy in our parish and the surrounding community. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM. 732-477-9672, ext. 160
VISITATION FOOD BANK accepts donations of nonperishable food at the VRC location and in Church. These donations assist the hungry of our community. 732-746-3456 - *Visitation Relief Center*

Youth Ministries/Activities

CHILDREN'S CHOIR welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. The choir practice's Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:00 PM and sings the 4th Sunday of the month at the 11:00 AM Mass and performs at various community events. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrchurch.org*
CYO BASKETBALL TEAM practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. 201-522-3679 – *Coach or doug_roman4@yahoo.com*
VISITATION ALTAR SERVERS TEAM provides assistance to the Priest in celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations Open to all adults and boys and girls third grade and higher who have received their Holy Communion. 732-458-1492 - *Sue Stranieri or stranieri.sue@gmail.com*
VISITATION TEEN MINISTRY provides a safe place for high school teenagers to come together, meet new people, and have fun while serving God and the community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Christie or cwinters@visitationrchurch.org*

Temporal Welfare

BUILDING AND GROUNDS TEAM works to improve and enhance the appearance and safety of the existing church, former church, rectory building, and the associated grounds. The goal of this team is to adhere to all current safety and building codes and ensure that the house of God is maintained in an appropriate manner. - *Fr. Ed* 732-477-9672, ext. 201
FINANCE COUNCIL oversees the financial aspects of the parish 732-477-9672, ext. 216 – *Karen Smith*
FUTURES TEAM assesses and implements the needs of the parish to ensure that we are prepared for the future. The various teams coordinate all activities pertaining to the development of the Faith Formation Center. 732-477-9672, ext. 216 - *Vicki Cottrell-vcottrell@visitationrchurch.org*

Organizations

AA MEETINGS are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
ALANON MEETINGS are held Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall
CUB SCOUT PACK #38, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. No meeting during July & August. 732-451-0252 *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*
BOY SCOUT TROOP #38, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Old Church. 732-262-8977 - *Matt Powell or matthewapowell@verizon.net*
HOLY NAME OF JESUS SOCIETY promotes respect for the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Catholic Church. Society members attend the 8:00 AM Mass the second Sunday of the month and meet the Tuesday following the second Sunday at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrchurch.org*
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836 work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Council Home on the corner of Cedarbridge Avenue and Route 70 East.
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY honors the Blessed Virgin Mary to secure her patronage through the daily recitation of the Rosary for the spiritual benefit of the parish community. Members attend the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month and meet the Monday following the first Sunday at 11:30 AM in the Church Worship for the Rosary, followed by the meeting at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. There are no meeting July & August, however members still attend mass. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrchurch.org*

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin & Announcement Deadline: Ten days prior to publication weekend as space allows.