



# 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 12:30 – 1:30 for Lunch**

### 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  
**Sunday:** 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM  
**Daily:** Monday – Friday 7:30 (Daily Chapel)  
Tues., Wed., Thur., Sat. - 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 an extended period. In an emergency call Parish office anytime.

### Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 PM 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 9:15~10:30 AM in Lake Riviera Middle School, weekday classes are held 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*

**“THE JUST MAN IS A LIGHT IN DA RKNNESS TO THE UPRIGHT”**



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 4</b>
4:00 PM	Charles Buttiglieri
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 5</b>
6:45 AM	Donna Fogler
8:00 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society
9:30 AM	Walter Sitnik
11:00 AM	Anthony Bulwicz
12:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>
7:30 AM	Diane Leissing
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>
7:30 AM	Mary Baulier
8:15 AM	Patricia Jack
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b>
7:30 AM	Kitty Pranis
8:15 AM	Frank Zickar
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b>
7:30 AM	Kathleen Madden
8:15 AM	Jim Elder
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 10</b>
7:30 AM	Margaret Quinn
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>
8:15 AM	Marie Santostefano
4:00 PM	John Fcasni
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>
6:45 AM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Holy Name Society
9:30 AM	Thomas M Hussennetter
11:00 AM	Josephine Crai
12:30 PM	Kelly Elizabeth LaVoie

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 5</b>
Masses	Church
Youth Group Meeting	1:30 PM Parish Hall
Baptism	1:45 PM Church
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 6</b>
Rosary Altar Society Mtg.	12:00 PM Parish Hall
Rosary for Life	1:30 PM Chapel
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, C
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus	7:30 PM Room A
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 7</b>
Bingo	11:00 AM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Room C
Children's Choir	6:00 PM Church
Alanon	7:00 PM Parish Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 8</b>
Community Luncheon	12:00 PM Parish Hall
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A & C
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM Parish Hall
Evening Bible Study	6:45 PM Chapel
Youth Choir Practice	7:00 PM Church
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 9</b>
Bible Study	9:45 AM Parish Hall
St. Vincent DePaul	1:00 PM Room B
CCD Classes	4:30 PM Rooms A, B, & C
Adult Choir	7:15 PM Church
High School Confirmation Class	7:15 PM Room C
AA	7:30 PM Parish Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 10</b>
Children of Light Prayer Group	7:00PM Parish Hall
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>
Vigil Mass	4:00 PM Church
RCIA	5:00 PM Parish Hall

*Readings for the Week*

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 (20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)

*For the Week of February 5, 2017*



**Blessed Mother Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of Dee Lusko  
**Sacred Heart Candle** is “In Loving Memory” of John Fcasni

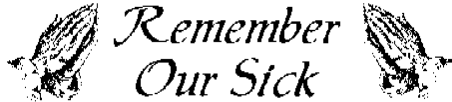
*The Blessed Mother Candle for the week of January 29<sup>th</sup> should have read: “God’s Blessings on the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Margart Tricarico*

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Welcome into God's Family

Wesley James Ehlers  
GianPaolo Costagliola  
Lukas James Timbinaris  
Maeve Ann Bennett



- I. Helen Costagliola
- II Ann Marie Blumensteel
- IV. Jacob Basilotto

“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: Antonino Bosco, Robert Meurer and Kyia Fredericks.



### HOW WILL YOU BE 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 January 29, 2017

Regular	\$ 9,458.91
On Line	692.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,150.91</b>

### END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT

If you would like an end of the year tax contribution statement, please call the rectory office at ext. 201 or e-mail your request to [info@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:info@visitationRCchurch.org). If you have received a statement in the past you should have received one this year in the mail.

## Reflections for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual [Works of Mercy](#). When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as “a city set on a mountain” that cannot be hidden!

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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 BLACK AND NATIVE AMERICAN IN THE SECOND BASKET.**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

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*FROM THE DESK OF  
Fr. Jim O'Neill*

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Unlike other years I was alone for much of the 2017 March for Life in Washington. This gave me a chance to explore the crowd and pay attention. We were peaceful and joyful, even jubilant. It wasn't so much a protest against abortion as a celebration of the gift of life that God has given us. We were patient, diverse, and encouraged.

Just like other years, I stumbled upon a number of people that I know. This year, I met up with the diocesan staff at the rendezvous point. No one else joined us because they all wanted to see the speakers including Vice President Mike Pence. I saw Fr. Allain Caparas from the Diocese of Camden and three priests from the Diocese of Arlington. We were in seminary together. I bumped into Fr. Brian Woodrow from Allentown who directed me to Bishop O'Connell. He was with Fr. Alberto Tamayo who was ordained a few seconds after me. I spoke with Fr. Al and Brother Nick about the Oratory in Red Bank. Near the end of the March, I saw Fr. Ed Jawidzik and talked with him about Respect Life in the Diocese of Trenton. He's the chaplain for Monmouth County while I'm the chaplain for Ocean County.

I think I saw Christopher & Joan Bell from Good Counsel Homes. They were marching just like the rest of us. I was impressed by their humility. We have a Good Counsel Home in Riverside where homeless, pregnant women can live, learn, and grow.

To my pleasant surprise, a beautiful family connected to my previous parish found me. Jess recognized me right away, but I wasn't sure which identical twin she was. Her husband, Gabriel Miravalle, found a new job at Mount St. Mary's. He enjoys teaching seminarians. You may have heard of his father, Mark Miravalle, who is known for his work in Mariology.

Speaking of Mary, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is coming up on Saturday. Back on 11 February 1858, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette for the first of eighteen times. On her March 25th visit, she identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. That's doubly significant for the pro-life movement. First, Mary was immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother St. Ann. Second, Mary revealed this name on the feast of the Annunciation when she conceived Jesus in her own womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the conceptions of Jesus and Mary. We ought to respect the lives of all human beings from the moment of their conception until their natural death. In between, we can also appeal to Our Lady of Lourdes for healing of the sick.

On the way home from the March for Life, I enjoyed a number of deep, philosophical, and theological conversations about life issues, the Church, and evangelization. Fellow Catholics from around here recognize the challenges we face and are enthusiastic about proclaiming the truth in love.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

This meal packaging program is on an international scale with a local interfaith base of support. At this Meal Packaging Event we *plan to pack over 10,000 meals to be sent to those who need it.* It will be held on **Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 PM.** Volunteers are needed and the Community invited is help. There is no admission charge but you are invited to make a voluntary donation at the door and help sponsor the meals being packed (29 cents each) or bring nonperishable food items for a local Brick food pantry. This event is sponsored by the Brick Clergy Association (an interfaith group of local clergy). It will be held at Church of the Visitation Roman Catholic, 730 Lynnwood Avenue, Brick. For general information about Stop Hunger Now visit [www.StopHungerNow.org](http://www.StopHungerNow.org).

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**



The feast of St. Blaise was February 3, 2017. Throats will be blessed at all weekend masses this weekend (February 4 & 5) as well as the Mass on Friday, February 3, 2017. Saint

Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**



The Community Luncheon program is open to all every Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. The third Wednesday of the month they serve a hot luncheon;

on the remaining Wednesdays of the month soup, salads or sandwiches are served. Members of this ministry will be accepting monetary donations after all masses next weekend.

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Are you looking to grow and deepen your faith in Catholicism? All between the ages of 18 to 39 are welcome to join our local Catholic young adult community. Meetings are every other Tuesday. The next meeting is February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Daily Chapel.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org).

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be Monday February 6. Members meet in the Church Worship Space at 11:30 to recite the Rosary. The meeting will begin at 12:00 in the Parish Hall.



**YOUTH GROUP**

Visitation Roman Catholic Church is pleased to announce the formation of our youth group. We invite all youth from 8th grade to high school to join us every other Sunday, 1:30pm to 2:30pm starting on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will take place in the Parish Hall.

For any further information please contact our Youth and Young Adult Minister Christie Winters at 723-477-7059 ext. 105 or email [cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@visitationRCchurch.org)

**ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIP**

The Rosary Altar Society is running a bus trip to Caesars Atlantic City. Please join us on Wednesday, April 5. The bus will leave Visitation parking lot at 12:30 pm and return at 9:30 pm. There is an \$105 per person (non-refundable) fee which includes the cost of the bus, a play, dinner buffet and bonus \$25.00 slot. For additional information or to make reservations, please call Terry 732-903-7527 or Rosemarie 732-551-4691.

**AL-ANON**

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon members are people just like you and me-people who have been affected by someone else's drinking. They are parents, children, spouses, partners, brothers, sisters, other family members, friends, employers, employees, and coworkers of alcoholics. Al-Anon is anonymous, the meetings are confidential, and we do not disclose whom we see or what we hear at meetings to anyone. Many who come to Al-Anon are in despair, feeling hopeless, unable to believe that things can ever change. We want our lives to be different, but nothing we have done has brought about change. In Al-Anon, members share their own experience, strength, and hope with each other. You will meet others who share your feelings and frustrations, if not your exact situation. We come together to learn a better way of life, to find happiness whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. If you would like more information, join us Tuesday's at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall or call Ann at 732-861-9051 or [annern508@comcast.net](mailto:annern508@comcast.net).

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We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. To sign up or for more information, please visit the church website [www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org) or contact Vicki at [vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org) or 732-477-7059 ext. 216.

However you choose to give your time, talent, and treasure, we thank you! Visitation's facilities and ministries thrive only with your help.

**PRAYER/INTENTION BOOK**



There is a book located on the "Gifts" table at the break of the church. This is for **ALL** to enter any personal prayer requests for those who are ill, have died, prayers of thanksgiving,

or people who have asked for prayers. Prayer being all powerful, everyone is invited to take advantage of this opportunity to enter requests into this book.

**CONCERT AND FEAST**

Saint Mary of the Lake is offering a concert – Return to Love – and a Saint Joseph's Feast on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Ocean County College. The concert is a fundraiser for their parish as well as a way to give something back to the community. Along with this concert they will be celebrating a *St. Joseph's Feast* at the Brooklyn Bistro in Toms River. Tickets for the Feast and Show are \$55, or, just \$35 for the Feast. Questions and info: please call Cori, 732-363-0139 Ext. 411.

**MEN'S PRIESTLY VOCATION  
DISCERNMENT MEETING**

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about an exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Priestly Vocation Discernment meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 p.m. (Mass) – 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd. in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallach, Father Dan Swift and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment and vocations, and dinner. Please RSVP (or for further information) by contacting Father Dan at [father\\_dan@smlparish.org](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org).

**RETROUVAILLE**  
***Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!***



**Is your marriage going down the right road ... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship.* Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**DONOVAN CATHOLIC  
WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

February 16, 2017 from 7-9:00PM. Registration for accepted students is March 11th. High School is a Choice~Choose Donovan Catholic....It Makes A Difference.

**HOLY LAND TRIP**

Join Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Fr. Daniel Peirano & Fr. Anthony Sirianni, on a trip to the Holy Land November 12-20, 2017. For complete details please join us for a meeting on March 27, 2017 at 7:00pm at St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Road, Freehold, or contact Graycar Travel - 800-214-6723.

**ATTENTION MEN!**



Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ**

**Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ.**

The theme of this year's conference is "Into the Breach". The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell, as well as inspiring talks by U.S. congressman **Chris Smith**; **Tim Staples**, a nationally renowned Catholic apologist and evangelist; and **Marie Joseph**, Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. A youth breakout session will also be offered for young men from 8th grade to college age.

Cost is \$25 per person in advance (\$30 at the door); \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org). To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and **a self-addressed stamped envelope** to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067.

## FEBRUARY 5, 2017



### It's not too late to get your Monthly 50/50 Annual Subscriptions for 2017

Annual subscriptions make great, Birthday, Anniversary or thank you gifts. The proceeds from this major fundraiser are used for a wide variety of maintenance and renovation projects including upgrades to the parking lot and church carpeting. A **\$20** annual subscription gives you **12 tickets** for monthly drawings of your choice throughout 2016.

Simply mail back, bring to the rectory or place in the collection basket. A **certificate with your raffle number (for yourself and/or gift recipients)** will be mailed to you. For questions or more information, call 732-477-7059 ext. 216 or e-mail [vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org](mailto:vcottrell@visitationRCchurch.org).

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### **FEBRUARY DINE TO DONATE**

**When:** Every Wednesday in February (1, 8, 15, 22)  
Lunch and Dinner - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Famous Dave's Legendary Pit Bar-B-Que**  
950 Cedar bridge Avenue  
732-262-7485

**What:** Award-Winning Ribs! Plus, a full menu of Soups and Salads, Bar-B-Que Classics, Sandwiches, Burgers, and a Famous Dave's kids menu.  
Every Wednesday is Slowdown Lowdown. Enjoy your choice of Sizzlin Deals, Smokin Deals or Famous Deals (3 course Meal Deals include side salad, or cup of soup, entrée and side, and mini dessert). For a limited Time Specialty Drink Menu is being offered.



#### **Present this coupon to Famous Dave's**

Every Wednesday in February (1, 8, 15, 22)  
and 10% of your total food purchase will be donated  
to the Church of the Visitation Covering Fund  
(parking lot and carpet replacement)  
Excludes tax and gratuity



## ***FEBRUARY 5, 2017***

### **STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES, MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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#### **Liturgical Ministries**

**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. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationRCchurch.org*

**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. 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 and evening sessions to all who wish to deepen their understanding of Scripture. 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 weekly to pray and work for spiritual renewal. 732-255-2728 - *Paul Rollis or paulr63@juno.com*

**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** is in the process of reforming. Contact Fr. Ed at the rectory or info@visitationRCchurch.org.

**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*

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### **Social Ministries/Activities**

**BINGO** is held in the church auditorium on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM 732-477-9672 ext. 201 – *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@visitationRCchurch.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*

### **Social Concerns**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** provides lunch Wednesdays each week to members of the parish and community. 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 weekly 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 less fortunate in our parish and the surrounding community. Donations of nonperishable food are accepted at the doors of the Church to assist the hungry of the community. 732-477-9672, ext. 160

### **Youth Ministries/Activities**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** welcomes all from 3 to 12 years of age to share their love for Jesus through music. No tryouts are required. 732-477-9672 ext. 217 – *Natalya Bencivenga or nbencivenga@visitationrcchurch.org*

**CYO BASKETBALL TEAM** practices at Lake Riviera Middle School. They were the 2007 Ocean County CYO champs. *Artie* [732-965-4802](tel:732-965-4802) or [ahhvacr@yahoo.com](mailto:ahhvacr@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 Straneri or stranieri.sue@gmail.com*

**VISITATION YOUTH 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@visitationrcchurch.org*

**VISITATION YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** provides an opportunity for all between the ages of 18 to 39 looking to grow and deepen their faith in Catholicism to join our local Catholic young adults community. For additional information please contact 732-477-7059 ext. 105 – *Christie or cwinters@visitationrcchurch.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*

### **Organizations**

**AA MEETINGS** are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the parish hall.

**ALANON MEETINGS** are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the parish hall.

**CUB SCOUT PACK #38** is sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, *Kim Gorman or kimmyg627@aol.com*

**BOY SCOUT TROOP #38** is sponsored by the Holy Name Society. 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 and meet monthly 732-239-2449 – *Deacon Nick Stranieri or deaconnick@visitationrcchurch.org*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #836** work with the local parish and contribute many hours of volunteer work to our community annually.

**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 and meet monthly. 732-232-7132 – *Dee DeTuro or ddeturo@visitationrcchurch.org*

Consult the Parish Events Calendar on our parish website ([www.visitationRCchurch.org](http://www.visitationRCchurch.org)) for the most current schedule of meeting dates, times, and locations. Information in the Calendar of Events section of the bulletin is current as of bulletin publication.