

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 12, 2015



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*Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
-1 John 5:5*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	April 13th	Easter Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Michael Adamczyk r/o Mother
TUES.,	April 14th	Easter Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Henry & Helen Marker r/o Janet Marker
WED.,	April 15th	Easter Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Barbara Kelton r/o Barbara Lally
THURS.,	April 16th	Easter Weekday
12:00	A.M.	Margaret Sebastian r/o The Martino Family
FRI.,	April 17th	Easter Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Margaret Sebastian r/o Joseph Sebastian
SAT.,	April 18th	Easter Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Edward & Anna Shebol r/o Marie & Jim Golden
5:00	P.M.	George P. Cerebe r/o Family
SUN.,	April 19th	Third Sunday of Easter
8:00	A.M.	Rose & John Miller r/o Rich & Linda Miller
10:00	A.M.	Giuseppe LaMicela r/o Tripoli Family
11:30	A.M.	Anna M. Simmons r/o Son, Joe & Family
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and find Him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

WEEK OF APRIL 12—18

Altar Candles

Christopher E. Roy r/o Roy Family

Memorials



PRAY FOR THE SICK...In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Eleanor Palir and Joseph Simmons.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35)

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118)

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6)

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31)

WEDDING BANNERS

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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF APRIL 18 -19

5:00 pm— Natalie Zychlinski

James Lawrence

8:00 am— Jonathon Massarelli

Tommy McNulty

10:00 am— Jordan McEvoy

Lorenzo Troia

11:30 am— Mikaehla Pineda

Rhiana Pineda



NAOMI TEA...Sunday, April 12th ...12:30 - 2PM in Petra House... We welcome **ALL**

WIDOWS to join us for a gathering to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register; just come and **bring a friend**, or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. **Small bite-sized desserts** to share are also appreciated!

Our Weekly Offering

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities – these are all gifts from God. We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

March 28—29 (Palm Sunday)	\$12,219.00
Hispanic Mass (Palm Sunday).....	\$805.00
Hispanic Mass March 22.....	\$643.00
Major Renovations.....	\$414.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$2,822.00
April 4 -5 (Easter Sunday)	\$34,202.00
Hispanic Mass (Easter Sunday).....	\$961.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$2,059.50
Good Friday.....	\$2,248.50
Major Renovations.....	\$963.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

The Knights of Columbus Council 12700 will be holding their 6th Annual Knight of Comedy on Friday, April 17th at the Parish Center. All tickets are \$25.00. They will be on sale after all weekend masses and will also be available Monday thru Friday at the Parish office. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:30 pm with two comedians to follow at 8:00 pm. Vinnie Brand, owner and comedian of the "Stress Factory" will headline the show. There will be door prizes, and attendees are encouraged to BYOB. This has been one of our most popular events at OLMV and came close to selling out last year so get your tickets early. Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more will be honored. Please contact Steve for tickets and table reservations at 973-390-5532.



OLMV PARISH MINISTRY FAIR—2015... offers all of us a joyful and exciting opportunity to share our gifts and talents, and to learn about the goals and activities of each ministry group in our parish. Be sure to participate by visiting the Parish Center Gym after Masses on **Saturday/Sunday, April 18th and 19th**. Our **PARISH MINISTRY FAIR** is a great way to share food and fellowship while learning how OLMV Parish lives out Christ's command:

THAT ALL BE ONE. We hope to see you there!

Join the Youth Groups at OLMV:

Come and join the excitement as OLMV re-establishes Youth ministries and organizes Youth Groups once again!!!

Young people in grades 5 – 8 are invited to be part of our **Middle School Youth Program** and young parishioners in grades 9 – 12 are invited to become part of our **High School Youth Program**. We are planning a variety of activities for both groups, including open-gym nights, movie nights, field trips, service projects and spiritual events. Youth and their parents who are interested in finding out more about our Youth Ministry are invited to contact Kelly Rooney at krooney@olmv.net or 732-356-2149 x 1108. Parents and other adult members of our parish who might be interested in assisting with either group are invited also to contact Kelly.

A Youth Ministry table will be set up at our Parish Ministry Fair which will be held in the Parish Center after all the Masses on **April 18 and 19, 2015**. Please stop by to find out more information or to ask questions.

Children's Liturgy:

The next Children's Liturgy will take place on **April 19, 2015 at the 10:00am Mass**. Children in Pre-k through grade 5 are invited to the sanctuary to listen to a homily specially prepared for them. After Mass the children are invited to the church hall to participate in a craft and to enjoy a snack. Parents and all adult members of our parish are invited to share a cup of coffee and some light refreshments---and to mingle with other terrific parishioners. This is a great way to meet other parishioners---people who have the same hopes and values as you do. Hope to see you there!

A **Pauline** thought for the week:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience". (Col. 3: 12)



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Didn't God bless us with a most beautiful Holy Week and Easter? God, in His goodness, even provided a few spring-like days to refresh us after our recent harsh winter. Our liturgical services – from Palm Sunday through our last Mass on Easter Sunday—were beautiful expressions of the sincere and prayerful worship here at OLMV. The large crowds certainly are a testament to the spiritual vitality of our Middlesex community.

As we celebrated Christ's Resurrection, our Choirs, with the assistance of our professional musicians, enlivened our celebrations as, together, we proclaimed the salvific experience of Jesus. In song and prayer we joined Jesus on his journey: entering Jerusalem in triumph, entering into holy service with the washing of the feet, sharing in the gift of Holy Eucharist, dying just a little ourselves as we stood at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday. Finally, we joined the risen Lord as we heard the powerful words: "He has risen, he is not here!" And with the entire Catholic Church around the world, we responded with hope, faith and joy: ***"Alleluia, the Lord is risen. He is risen, indeed."***

Our Easter Vigil here at OLMV, as it always is, was a powerful culmination of our Lenten preparation. We entered into our preparation of forty days by wearing ashes on our foreheads. We prayed, fasted and gave alms as we looked toward Holy Week. We attended weekday Mass, walked the Stations of the Cross, prayed our novena and meditated on many beautiful and inspiring Lenten reflections.

We are challenged now---more than ever before---to live, every day, this Easter event, that is, the reality that the risen Jesus is here an present among us!. Hopefully, you and I worked hard during our long Lenten journey to peel away those areas of sinfulness and shame---those deep recesses of our hearts where we had become hardened to the Love of Christ. On Easter Sunday we entered the church ready to re-commit to our risen Lord and Savior! We now continue our Easter experience, and we need to be diligent in maintaining the living Christ in our hearts and souls each day.

Let us, the Catholic Community of Our Lady of Mount Virgin, enflame our brothers and sisters with the truth that we are, indeed, an Easter people. Emboldened by our experience of sharing in Jesus Christ's Resurrection, let us go forth and share our Easter Faith. ***"Alleluia, The Lord is risen. He is risen, indeed."***

In peace and prayer,

Fr. Pat

"MEMORIAL GARDEN BRICKS"
are still available to remember a loved one or to recognize a special experience in our lives. **Next order will be placed in August.** Reasonably priced at \$150.00 for a 4" x 8" brick or \$250.00 for a 8" x 8" brick, they can be ordered through the parish office.



THE DEANERY SCHOOL:
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Come tour the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school and ask about plans for the upcoming school year, including our Academic Power Hour and the year-round pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Visit with our faculty and staff as well as with school parents and students. For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit www.holysavioracademy.com.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD: Holy Savior Academy, a pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade Catholic school, will hold an open house Thursday April 16 from 6-8 p.m. Additionally, every Wednesday, the school will open its doors for Welcome Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to anyone wanting to tour the facility.

Holy Savior Academy, located at 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, uses technology as an integral part of learning with an emphasis on science, math and religion. The school offers an active athletic program, including cheerleading, and financial aid for qualifying families. To learn more, come to our open house, visit our website, www.holysavioracademy.com or call 908-822-5890.

Holy Savior Academy Spring Splendor Tricky Tray: Holy Savior is hosting its Spring Splendor Tricky Tray Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the school. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are limited and will be sold at Holy Savior on February 20 (2:00—7:00pm). All proceeds will benefit educational programs. For more information call 908-822-5890.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENT: Retreat at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Sterling NJ, **Thursday, April 23, 9:30 am—3:00 pm (\$35.00)**. Includes hot lunch. We will car pool from OLMV. Open to all parishioners. For more information, call **Jane DeNardo 732-469-2468**.

Thank you to all who participated in our Holy Week Services and Masses: such beautiful celebrations of the presence of the Lord here in Middlesex!

THANK YOU to our parishioners who have supported Operation Rice Bowl. Returns can be placed in the receptacle by the Blessed Mother Chapel, can be placed in the collection or can be dropped off at the office.

Special recognition and thanks also to **Rives Cassel** and our Music Ministry for spectacular worship music.

THANK YOU also to all who sent in Easter Flower donations. Envelopes are placed by the tabernacle, and loved ones are remembered at Masses during the Easter Season.



OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"HELP LINE"

732-356-2149 option 6

All calls for assistance are confidential

VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:

donate a running or non-running vehicle to help the less fortunate.

To do so please call the help line at 732-356-2149 option 6

2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Life-Changing Faith

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen assists individuals and families who are hungry, need shelter, or lack the financial resources to meet their basic needs. Over 20 programs are available to provide short term assistance that will lead to self-sufficiency and an improved quality of life.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to provide a "hand-up" to those most in need. Please consider making a gift today.



FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE:

Group A: April 27 (4:00—6:15 pm)

Group B: April 29 (4:00—6:15 pm)

FIRST COMMUNION: May 2 (9:30 & 11:30 am)

THE BOOK CLUB completed "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See. Our next meeting will be May 11th where we will discuss the book, "These Fragile Things" by Jane Davis.

Ministry to Veterans and Military Families:

Resume Building Workshop for Veterans: Thursday, April 23, 2015 at St John Neumann Pastoral Center from 6:00—9:00 pm.

Jobs for Veterans: Thursday, May 7, 2015 (St John Neumann Pastoral Center from 5:00—9:00 pm)

On Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the 11:30am Mass, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Ministry to Veterans and Military Personnel will honor men and women of our community (parishioners and members of the wider community) who are currently serving in the military, veterans who have served our country and family members and friends. A reception in the church hall will follow Mass. We ask that members of the military and our veterans who will attend to bring a picture (in military uniform - no larger than 8.5 by 11) that can be placed by the altar as we honor the members of our community who are now or have proudly served our country. More to follow!!!

The Cultural Diversity Ministry at *Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* is sponsoring our **5th Annual International Night** on **Saturday, May 30, 2015**. The International Night will take place in our *Parish Center Auditorium*, beginning at **6:00pm**. Participants will enjoy food and festivities expressing the many cultures that come together at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. Tickets will be available for sale after all weekend Masses – in the vestibule of the church, beginning with the weekend of **April 18—19**. Tickets will also be available at the Parish office during regular hours. This event usually sells out, so plan to purchase your tickets early.

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. This weekend- April 18—19.

We are asking each family to consider donating one or more of the following:

- A box of cereal or
- A package of rice or pasta or
- A canned good item or
- A can of coffee or
- A box of tea bags or

Any single non-perishable food item Thank you!