

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Aug. 17th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Teresa Blund r/o The Chiridon Family
TUES.,	Aug. 18th	Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Magaret Sebastian r/o Fran & Charles Zangara
WED.,	Aug. 19th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	James Murray r/o Lottie & Family
THURS.,	Aug. 20th	St. Bernard
12:00	P.M.	Rita Milesnick r/o Emily & Joe DeScenza
FRI.,	Aug. 21st	St. Pius X, Pope
7:00	A.M.	Felicia Skowronski r/o Marion Durborow
SAT.,	Aug. 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00	A.M.	Roger T. McCreesh, Jr r/o Tony & Monique Sasso
5:00	P.M.	Carlton Lorah r/o Marcella & Family
SUN.,	Aug. 23rd	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Thomas Kuhn r/o Toni, Al & Family
10:00	A.M.	Mary Wade r/o Vicky & David Braun
11:30	A.M.	Ceil Monahan r/o Lou & Jane DeNardo
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana

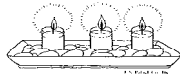
FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16—22

Altar Candles

Joseph Pakozdi r/o Barbara & Frank Suchak

Tabernacle Candles

Mary Mente r/o Lottie Murray



We offer our prayers ...

for all serving in the Military
 for unborn children
 for families around the world
 for those in need
 for those in hospitals & nursing homes..

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. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Arthur Brett, Vincent Comiskey, Ann L. Coles and William Nicholas.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6)

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34)

Second Reading — Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5:15-20)

Gospel — Jesus says, "I am the living bread...whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever (John 6:51-58)

Thank you for your donation to OLMV

Kathleen Miskewicz in memory of Florence Wysocki
 George Miskewicz in memory of Florence Wycoski
 Joseph Grzybowski in memory of Florence Wysocki

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (EXODUS 16:4)

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, God calls us to be content with a fair portion and to be willing to share the rest.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

August 8-9.....	\$9,944.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,218.00
Weekly Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:

As we continue the more relaxed season of summer, please remember that our parish, Our Lady of Mount Virgin, still depends on your weekly generosity to meet everyday expenses. Please remember to "make up" your weekly gift to our parish when you are away at your "summer home" or on a much deserved vacation. OLMV doesn't take a vacation and we are called upon to meet our financial obligations even during the summer. Thanks for your assistance each week!

Opportunities to help your Parish

Did you know that in addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

- Floral Memorial at the Altar
- Altar, Sanctuary or Tabernacle Candles
- Meditation Garden Remembrance Bricks
- A gift of cash, securities, or other assets to OLMV

Is Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church in your will?

Parishioners who wish to make a gift of a specific amount or a percentage of an estate to support OLMV are encouraged to contact Father Pat for more information.

A letter from our Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!" Today's psalm calls us to ponder the truth of Holy Eucharist. Today we are invited to meditate upon Jesus Christ as the true and living "Bread of Life!" We are invited today to consider Jesus who comes to us as a life-giving reality---sent by the Father to renew us by offering his very self as spiritual nourishment leading to eternal life.

"Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." We are very aware now, after a number of Sunday readings from the Gospel of John, that it is Jesus himself who is the very bread of life. Many of those who have been listening to Jesus are uncomfortable with this teaching. They murmur among themselves and now, even quarrel. They are taking the words of Jesus literally and they ask, how can we eat of this man's flesh?

Jesus, however, is speaking of who he is in the spiritual dimension. And even here, the crowd is troubled. Jesus reiterates that he is "the Son of Man" and that, "Yes," those who look for eternal life must come forward and consume his flesh and drink his blood.

It is not easy for the crowd to make the jump from the physical plane to the spiritual plane and to consider that Jesus is speaking a metaphor. But even as they begin to understand the metaphor, it is no less shocking. Jesus is revealing to the crowd that he is the Son, the One who has been sent by the Father, the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise over the years to the Chosen People. And today, not only does Jesus teach that he is the Messiah sent by God. Jesus goes even further; he lets the crowd (and us) know that he must be "consumed," body and blood!

We realize that we really are called to come forward to the altar of God to consume Jesus Christ in Holy Eucharist. We are taught that Holy Eucharist is the "Source and Summit" of our belief and worship. The truth of Holy Eucharist is absolutely integral to all that we believe. This is more than just the use of fancy words to explain a difficult mystery. Central to who we are as a believing community is our abiding faith that Jesus Christ remains with us, and that he nourishes us with his sacred body and blood each time we share in Holy Communion at Mass.

It was not so easy for the crowd in Jesus' day to understand the depth of meaning that is to be found in today's Gospel passage. It was even harder for many in the crowd to believe in Jesus as "the living bread." As a result, many stopped following Jesus.

Today we are reminded that we must open ourselves to and commit ourselves to the presence of Jesus Christ. We must be nourished by Christ in Eucharist and, strengthened in our spirit, we must go forth and share his presence in the world. Today we are invited, even compelled, to step forward to share in the body and blood of Christ. And then we are called to action! Nourished by the body and blood of Christ, we must go forth and proclaim him!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat.

FISH, INC., Dunellen Area

Fish is in urgent need of volunteers !

Telephone Volunteers work at home, returning calls from potential clients and scheduling appointments. Hands-on training is provided by our Telephone Chairperson. Volunteers work 9:00 am—5:00 pm one day per month.

Some additional days may be needed. To learn more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0081, and leave a message for Debbie.

Van Drivers and Ride-Along Helpers should be at least 18 years of age, and able to lift 60 pounds. People who can commit to a regular schedule and those who can be called to fill in as required are both needed. **To learn more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0081, and leave a message for Lisa.**

Thank you!!!

Pilgrimage to Rome Assisi Lanciaio San Giovanni Rotondo

*Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy
Pilgrimage to Rome For the Feast
of the Divine Mercy.*

*Sunday Mass with the Holy Father!
March 27th—April 5th, 2016*

Under the leadership of Msgr. Seamus F. Brennan, join us for the trip of a lifetime! Join us for an information meeting explaining the full itinerary at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, in the JP II Room on 8/16 @ 7PM, 8/30 @ 3PM & 7PM, 8/31 @ 9AM, 3PM & 7PM.

Our Religious Education program is outstanding in so many ways due to the leadership of *Mrs. Dorothy Zmigrodski* and a large number of dedicated and talented Catechists and Aides who work so effectively with the children of our parish. If we are to continue to successfully proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus Christ to the younger members of our parish, we need your help! Won't you consider serving the Lord and our parish youngsters as a **Catechist or an Aide for the 2015/2016 Academic Year.** Please take a few minutes to stop by or call Mrs. Zmigrodski to find out about helping to proclaim the Gospel to our youth. OLMV needs you ---the youth of our parish need you and are counting on you!!! **Please help!!!**



The Religious Education Department is in need of the following volunteers:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON (4:00-5:10PM)

- Substitute Teachers and Aides
- 7th or 8th grade students to help with students needing assistance

TUESDAY AFTERNOON (5:30-6:40PM)

- Substitute Teachers and Aides

TUESDAY EVENING (7:00-8:15PM)

- Substitute Teachers and Aides

Religious Education classes begin on September 15, 2015.

Please take a volunteer form that can be found around the church entranceways, complete and return it to the Religious Education Office.

Religious Education Office will be open on **Thursdays during August from 9-3PM.**

All re-registrations are **DUE** and regular tuition will apply. All new 1st graders to the program should register ASAP as the classes are filling up. **Families of new 1st graders** need to supply a copy of their child's **Baptismal Certificate** and be registered members of OLMV.

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTIONS
August 15-16, 2015



I know it's still summer, but school supplies need to be purchased early to get the best prices and give the organization time to distribute the items to needy families in a number of charities. These charities include the Catholic Charities of Perth Amboy, the Ozaman Family Shelter and a number of other charities that help families work towards the day when they will have their own place to live.

Items needed are the usual things children need going back to school, such as pencils, pens, binders, backpacks and other items you will see on sale in the stores.

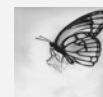
Please plan to contribute to this project if you can. Thank you for your participation.

CALL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: 4th GRADE AND UP



Boys and Girls in grades 4 and above are invited and encouraged to become altar servers here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. Altar servers assist the priests and deacons at Mass and at other important Liturgical actions that take place here in our church. The ministry of Altar Service is a truly special way to honor the Lord and also to share in the work of the church. Please take an altar server sign up form that can be found around the church entranceways, complete it and return it to the parish office. Contact Father Mark at mkehoe@olmv.net if you have questions about altar service.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF:



Have you lost of loved one? This is about joining our "Journey Through Grief." Our mission is to find healing, comfort and peace. When a loved one dies, our world changes. Our hearts are broken and the simplest things of life become an enormous challenge as we are faced with sadness, loneliness and, even anger.

Place: Petra House (610 Harris Avenue, between OLMV Church and the Meditation Garden)

Date: Sept. 24 through Nov. 12, 2015 (Thursdays)

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Contact: Monique at 732-356-9001; Pat at 732-356-8886 or Parish Office at 732-356-2149

Note: There is no fee; Pre-registration is required. Form are available on tables around the perimeter of the church or in the Parish Office.

Few Notes from our Pastor:

OLMV "e-blast" communication initiative:

If you haven't already done so, remember to log on to the parish website: olmv.net and sign up on our home page to be part of our new communication initiative ---parish e-blast" system. We already have over 60 parishioners on board. Sign up and receive OLMV news in a timely fashion. Takes only a couple of minutes.

Thank you Andrew,

Thank you Andrew Ledonne for your time and talent in continuing to repair our concrete areas as well as the steps around our church property. Andrew has devoted a lot of time and effort in re-pointing and repairing areas around the church and our other buildings. It is very tedious and time-consuming work. We thank him whole-heartedly for his diligence in keeping our walkways and steps safe, and our bricks and mortar sturdy and weather resistant. Thanks, Andrew!!!

Thank You and Good Luck:

Thank you to our "summer" maintenance staff who joined Ed and Sean to keep our facilities in good shape: Ryan Langton has been with us for several years now. He graduated from Notre Dame University this past spring and will begin a "year of community service," working with the disadvantaged in Camden, NJ. Ryan has been a great asset to OLMV and we wish him "Godspeed" as he begins his professional journey. This is Kevin Meier's second summer with us here at OLMV. He has proven to be a most valued employee. We wish him well as he begins his college journey. Joe Cella joined our summer staff this year and has also proven to be a solid addition to our maintenance crew. Joe will also be beginning his college career and we wish him the best as continues his education. Thank you, guys, and best of luck this coming year!!!

"Kool Kars" Show cancelled:

It is with regret that the "Kool Kars" Show committee has to cancel this year's proposed show in September. Unfortunately, there is an unavoidable conflict with the scheduled dates and it is not possible at this time to find other suitable dates. Thank you to all who participate in this "fun event" each year. We look forward to the next "Kool Kars" Show.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...will hold their business meeting this Monday, August 17 at 7:00 P.M. in the Church Hall. Mark your Calendars!!!

"Uproarious interactive theatre!"

- New York Times

Entertainment Events, Inc. presents

**Late Nite
Catechism™**
by Vicki Quade & Maripat Donovan



**Our Lady of Mount Virgin
600 Harris Avenue
Middlesex, NJ**

**Saturday, October 17, 2015
At 7:00 pm**

Tickets \$30 per person

**Available in the parish office beginning 9/8
After all weekend Masses beginning 9/12**

Contact: 732-356-2149

Uproarious integrative theater, Late Nite Catechism is coming to OLMV (Parish Center Auditorium) on Saturday night, October 17 at 7:00pm.

Tickets are a bargain at only \$30.00 each for an evening of live theater.

"Sister" is a professional actress who will guide you down memory lane as we visit the Catholic school classroom of our youth.

Tickets go on sale beginning **Tuesday, September 8** at the parish office and also after all weekend Masses.

Late Nite Catechism is exceptional theater entertainment right here in our parish!!! It is a show not to be missed!!! Parishioners and members of the business community are invited to support *Late Nite Catechism* by "underwriting" the show at various levels. Please see the "Underwriter Invitation" which can be located at the church entranceways.

Thank you for your support of OLMV!

**REGISTRARSE EN LA PARROQUIA
ES IMPORTANTE!!**

Para calificar para la preparación sacramental (Bautizo, Eucaristía, Confirmación, Matrimonio) AQUELLOS QUE NECESITAN REGISTRARSE...

Pasar por las oficinas y recoger un formulario de inscripción y un sobre de bienvenida.

INFORMACION SACRAMENTAL..

Bautismos: Las clases Pre-Bautismales serán el primer jueves de cada mes a las 7:30 pm. Toda familia interesada en participar deberán llamar a la oficina parroquial.

Bautismos se realizan el ultimo Domingo de cada mes en la Misa de 1:30 pm en Español

- Retiro de hombres *Renovacion Catolica Carismatica de la Diocesis de Metuchen*. Fin de semana de **Agosto 21, 22 y 23**. Costo \$85. Para mas información por favor de llamar a la Oficina Parroquial.
- **El 25 de Octubre** la Comunidad Hispana de esta parroquia estará cumpliendo 3 años de Aniversario. Tendremos una Misa en celebración del Aniversario y un compartir después de Misa. Les pedimos su colaboración reservando la fecha y a la misma vez donando un plato de comida para ese día. Mas información por venir en futuros boletines.
- Recuerden que la Comunidad tiene compartir el último Domingo de cada mes.
- Bodas deben llamar a la oficina parroquial durante horas de trabajo (Lunes a Jueves 8:30 am—2:00pm).
- Reserven la fecha...
20 de Octubre: Novena de Adviento, 1:0 pm en la Iglesia
20 de Diciembre: Misa y compartir Navideño

Si tienen preguntas con referencia a la Comunidad Hispana de esta Parroquia pueden ver a Joaquín y Ana, Líderes de la Comunidad Hispana!

RCIA

How does one become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church?

The Church now uses a pastoral process for initiating new members into the Church, forming them into Disciples of Christ. The process, referred to as RCIA, is more than a welcome; it is an invitation to undertake a spiritual journey that is focused on Jesus Christ and His Kingdom of salvation, love, justice, and mercy. Jesus reminds us that this Kingdom is already in our midst, and as His disciples we are asked to assist Him in bringing it to its Fullness. (US Catholic Catechism for Adults, pgs 6,7)



**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY "HELP LINE"
732-356-2149 ext. 6**

**All calls for assistance are confidential
VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:
donate a vehicle to help the less fortunate.**

To do so please call the help line: 732-356-2149 ext. 6

**The St Vincent de Paul Society,
thanks our parishioners for their support.**

**Donations cards can be found at the church entranceways.
God bless you!**

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday, August 21, 7:30 am—12:00 Noon.

Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart. - Mother Teresa.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ **Annual Altar/Rosary Mass and Communion Breakfast** --- Sunday, October 4, 2015
- ◆ **Late Nite Catechism** --- Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center Auditorium (tickets go on sale on Tuesday, September 8, 2015)
- ◆ **Oktoberfest** --- Saturday, November 14, 2015 --- Church Hall --- following 5:00pm Mass
- ◆ **Annual Artisan Craft Fair** --- Sunday, November 15, 2015 --- Parish Center Auditorium
- ◆ **K of C "Knight of Comedy"** --- Friday, April 15, 2015 -- - Parish Center Auditorium

**Reserve these dates on your calendar.
These are events that you
do not want to miss!!!**

WILL YOU HELP ?



The members of our parish's **LAZARUS MINISTRY** are grouped into four teams each reaching out, in a special way, to meet the needs of a family who has lost a loved one.

- ✝ **FIRST RESPONSE TEAM**
- ✝ **FUNERAL DAY TEAM**
- ✝ **FOLLOW-UP TEAM**
- ✝ **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

If you or someone you know, would like to learn more about this Ministry and help in one of these areas, please contact the Parish Office at 732-356-2149 or Sister James at: sjxavier@olmv.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry.

All knitters and crocheters are warmly invited to join our prayer shawl ministry. Prayer shawls are handcrafted with love and prayers, and given to those in need of God's comfort. To learn more about this wonderful ministry, please call Patty Reents at 732-356-2913.

BRICKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

for our Remembrance Walkway. What a beautiful way to remember loved ones, to memorialize a special occasion such as a graduation or wedding, or to offer thanksgiving to God for a favor received or a prayer answered. Bricks are available at \$150.00 for a 4 x 8 and \$250.00 for an 8 x 8 size brick. Please contact Father Pat if you have questions or if you want to place and order.