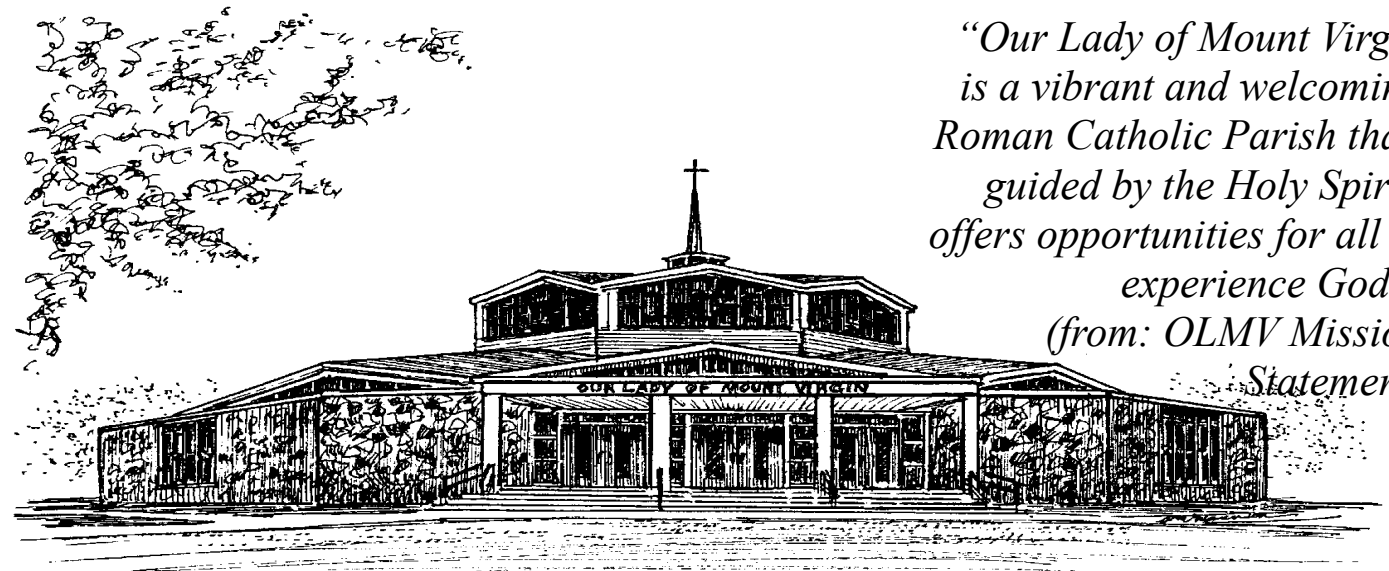


# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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*“Our Lady of Mount Virgin is a vibrant and welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that, guided by the Holy Spirit, offers opportunities for all to experience God.”*  
*(from: OLMV Mission Statement)*

## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturdays:** 8:00 a.m. &

5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Sundays:** 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30

a.m.

1:30 p.m. (Misa en Español)

**Weekdays:** 7:00 a.m. (M, W, F)

12:00 Noon (Tu, Th)

**Holy Days:** 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

## ADORATION:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday after the Morning Mass – until 12:00noon

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

## MARRIAGES:

Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance.

## INFANT BAPTISMS:

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated after the 11:30am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month. Parents must be registered and active members of the parish, and must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

## VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Eucharistic Ministers are pleased to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or for a pastoral visit.

## APPLICATION:

New members are welcome at OLMV Parish and must complete an application form and interview process. Forms are available at the parish office.

Rectory Emergency  
732-667-8034

Fax  
732-356-1302

Religious Education  
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation  
732-609-1091

# The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2014



Christ Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.

-Philippians 2:7

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b> Frank Artelli r/o Rich & Linda
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>Sept. 16<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Saint Cornelius, Pope</b> Parishioners
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> John Bereheiko r/o Tom & Joann Ritcher & Family
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>Sept. 18<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Therese Boyd r/o Carmella Bradley
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Angeline Podlaseck r/o Podlaseck Family
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>Sept. 20<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Saint Andre Kim Tae-gon</b> Joseph J. Bergen r/o Bergen Family
5:00	P.M.	Jeanne V. Mooney r/o The Mooney Family
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Twenty—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Galle Family r/o Emidio & Dolores Griguolo
10:00	A.M.	John Rigney r/o Patricia Johnson
11:30	A.M.	Carl J. Hambrick r/o Schnappauf Family
1:30	P.M.	Por todos los niños del mundo

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—FRIDAY FROM 8:30 AM—4:00 PM.

Para asistencia en Español: Lunes—Jueves 8:30 am—2:00 pm.

### Week of Sept. 14—21

#### Altar Candles

Joseph DeScenza Sr. r/o Emily & Joe DeScenza

#### Sanctuary Candles

Phyllis Yannuzzi r/o Larry Yannuzzi

#### Altar Flowers

Lawrence Amorge Jr, r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren

#### Memorials



## TODAY'S READING'S:

**First Reading** — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

**Psalms** — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus, through he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

### Celebration: Deacon John and Deacon John—20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 5:00pm:

It is with great joy that we congratulate **Deacons John Tietjen and John Czekaj** at they celebrate the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Ordination to the Diaconate**. Deacon John Tietjen is from our parish and has served here since his ordination. Deacon John Czekaj is from Immaculate Conception Parish in Somerville and has served at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Three Bridges and Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville. Today Deacon Czekaj divides his diaconal ministry between Immaculate Conception, Somerville and OLMV! Our parish is certainly fortunate to have the ministerial services of two outstanding deacons in our diocese. OLMV Parish will celebrate with Deacon John and Deacon John (and their wives, Bonnie Tietjen and Barbara Czekaj) on **Saturday, September 20 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:00pm**. Deacon John Tietjen will serve as Deacon of the Word and will preach, and Deacon John Czekaj will serve as Deacon of the Eucharist. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass (which is also the Vigil Mass) and to share their good wishes with the deacons and their wives after Mass.

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20—21

<b>5:00 pm</b> — Kevin Meier Joe Meier	<b>10:00 am</b> — James Lawrence Lorenzo Troia Jordan McEvoy
<b>8:00 am</b> — Richie McNulty Tommy McNulty	<b>11:30 pm</b> — Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”  
John 3:16

God gave us the gift of His son so we can enjoy eternal salvation. Of all our gifts, our life, is the most precious. We belong to God. This is why we must take time every day to ask Him how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

September 6—7.....	\$11,356.50
Hispanic Mass .....	\$364.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$2,209.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

**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.

Our *Adult Formation Groups* will meet again in the fall in Petra House on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM.. We will use the books that were given to all parishioners last Christmas: **REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM**. We have a few books on hand which can be purchased (\$3) in the parish office if you have misplaced yours, or did not receive one. Please be sure to bring a copy to the FIRST SESSION which is on Wednesday, October 1. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you have already read the book...that is a great head start! Now you can rediscover its riches, and discuss and share them with other members of the parish. Fliers with more information are located on bulletin boards in church. **Registration is required no later than Monday, Sept 22! Everyone is welcome!!!!**

### **What does RCIA mean?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the title of the process designed to prepare adults for entrance into the Catholic Church by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Through this process, the Church helps seekers in their search for a deeper awareness, knowledge, and experience of God and what it means to be a Catholic in today's world. (US Catholic Catechism for Adults, page 525)

**WELCOME EVENING: TUES., SEPT. 23, AT 7 PM IN PETRA HOUSE ...732-609-1091 CALL SISTER JAMES FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

### **NEW COLLECTION PROCEDURES:**

Don't forget that beginning this week, our ushers will be taking any "**second collections**" immediately after the regular collection --- during the "Rite of Preparation."

### **Children's\* Ministry and Mass:**

OLMV Children's Ministry will begin the 2014/2015 Spiritual Year with a Children's Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, September 21, 2014. Children in Grades 1-5 are invited to come to the sanctuary during the homily to listen to Father Pat speak to them about our faith. There will be a craft afterwards in the Church Hall for all the children. Refreshments will be available. Adults are invited to come down to the Church Hall as well to enjoy a cup of coffee, a Danish and some quality time with other terrific parishioners!!! Plan to be there on the 21<sup>st</sup>!



**Handcrafting Justice Sale:** Members of the Cultural Diversity Ministry will again sponsor a *Hand-Crafting Justice pre-holiday sale* on the weekend of October 18 and 19 in the Parish Center. *Handcrafting Justice* is a project of the **SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**, who distribute and fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. Your support of HCJ's partners makes a tremendous difference in their lives, supporting their efforts to live a dignified life. Please join us in promoting fair trade at this sale before and after all the Masses. We had a tremendous response last year and expect to have a larger assortment of Christmas items, as well as toys and other beautiful items. You can also shop online at [www.handcraftingjustice.org](http://www.handcraftingjustice.org).



## **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of pastoring a Catholic parish today is the religious formation of children, youth and young adults. Here at OLMV we are challenged, as are parishes throughout the Western world, to both attract and maintain young people in our worshipping community. We are challenged daily to proclaim the truth of the dynamic presence of Jesus Christ in the world, and among us, with creative presentations that will grab the attention of the young and will also excite them to share more completely in the life of the Church.

Religious formation includes but is not limited to our religious education programs. There is no doubt about the importance of our Religious Education program here at OLMV and we are fortunate to benefit from the excellent leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Zmigrodski, Parish Catechetical Leader and Mr. Rives Cassel, the Director of Music and Liturgical Arts. We are also privileged to have a core of dedicated Catechists and Catechetical Aides who return year after year to share our faith with the younger members of our parish. Each year our young parishioners also benefit from the many fine parishioners who step forward and volunteer in our religious education program as Catechists, Catechetical Aides and volunteers. Our Religious Education program gets underway this coming week, and our children will grow in their faith with the assistance of a very dedicated Catechetical team!

As good as our Religious Education program is, and it is good, it is only one part of an overall program of religious formation. Religious Formation is and overall program that includes education, but also provides avenues whereby persons can become engaged in faith through worship and social experiences as well as justice and peace initiatives and ongoing educational opportunities.

Clearly, the leadership team at OLMV recognizes the importance of establishing comprehensive, engaging and professional formation experiences for the younger members of our parish---from our youngest children and including our youth and young adult communities. OLMV is committed to the "New Evangelization" and the parish leadership is exploring initiatives to both excite the hearts and souls of our young parishioners and to invite them to become more actively engaged in worship and parish life. Watch for future bulletin announcements about future events for youth and young adults!!!

Parish life and Religious formation are responsibilities of the pastor and the parish leadership team; but they are also the responsibility of each member of our parish. Each person---each member of our parish---is called by the Lord to become engaged in living, experiencing and sharing our faith, to evangelize others!

Remember, Jesus really loves us. Jesus loves all of us, and he calls us to follow him, just like he called the first Apostles---and he ask each of us to Catechists to others---sharing the "Good News!"

**In peace and prayer,**

**Father Pat**



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR  
ACADEMY NEW REGISTRATIONS  
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.**

Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Come tour the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school and ask about plans for the new school year, including our Academic Power Hour and the year-round pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit [www.holysavioracademy.com](http://www.holysavioracademy.com).



**Religious Education Classes (CCD)** begin on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. The Religious Education Office will NOT be able to take any new or returning registrations that day.

**SPECIAL NEEDS CATECHIST NEEDED FOR A 1-1 CLASS WITH A 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHILD.**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:**

Sunday, September 21 is Catechetical Sunday. Father Pat will commission and bless our Catechists and Aides as they get ready to share our faith with the children of our parish. Please be there in support of these outstanding parishioners who work so diligently with the youngsters as they open their hearts to the Lord!

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** New parishioners (parishioners who completed forms after July 1, 2014) will meet with the Evangelization Team on **Sunday, September 14 after the 10:00am Mass**. New Parishioners are invited to meet in the Church Hall (below the church) for a brief introduction to who we are as "The Catholic Community of Our Lady of Mount Virgin." New parishioners should receive an invitation in the mail during the next week or so. Please be sure to attend this important meeting and have the opportunity to find out about our parish community.



**Calling All who Like to Sing**

The choir of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church is looking for new members in all voice parts. The choir sings primarily at the 10:00am Sunday Mass and is open to all men and women, high school age and up. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00pm in the choir room (in the church basement). If you love to sing and can carry a tune, we would love to have you join us. See Rives Cassel after any Mass if you have questions.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 AM—12:00 NOON.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**



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

**EN ESPAÑOL: 732-356-2149 ext.1001  
All calls for assistance are confidential.**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Bake Sale after all Masses the Weekend of September 27 – 28.  
Clothing Drive: September 28, 8:30 am—Noon  
Altar Rosary Society Annual Communion Breakfast.  
Sunday, October 5th, 2014 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
in the Parish Center.  
Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting September 7th  
We thank you in advance for your support!!**

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF** ~ Have you suffered the passing of a loved one, a spouse, a child, a parent, a companion, a friend? The Bereavement Ministry is to comfort those who grieve. In the aftermath of loss, moments of joy and normalcy are often mixed with moments of sadness, denial and even anger. We hope that Journey Through Grief will help you to heal and find your way toward peace. Our second session will begin on Thursday, October 2, through November 20, 2014 from 2:30 pm—4:00 PM at Petra House, 613 Harris Ave, Middlesex (between OLMV Church and the Mediation Garden) with parking at the back lot. Registration is required and forms are available in the Parish Office and on the tables around the perimeter of the church. For additional information, you may call Monique at: 732-356-9001, Pat at 732-356-8886 or Mary at 732-331-6147.

**VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

Our Lady of Mount Virgin will be hosting the Veterans Administration on **Sunday, September 28**, beginning after the 8:00am Mass and continuing until 12:30pm. "All Veterans and Families are invited to stop by **the Parish Center Cafeteria** across from the church, and learn about your VA benefits. Members of the VA will be available to answer questions concerning veterans benefits. Stop by and see if you are receiving all that you are entitled to receive!!! Refreshments will be served. The OLMV Veterans and Military Personnel Ministry will be on hand to offer support to all those who have served and to their families. The OLMV Veterans and Military Personnel Ministry will hold its first meeting on **Monday, September 22 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center cafeteria (450 Drake Avenue)**. The Ministry is looking for new members. Come to the meeting and find out how we hope to support our Veterans, Military Personnel and their Families.

**IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Religious Education Begins: Sept. 16.  
Catechetical Sunday: 10:00 am Mass: Sept. 21.  
Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale: Sept. 27—28.  
Clothing Drive: September 28.  
Veterans Administration: September 28. Veterans, come learn about your benefits, at OLMV.  
Blessing of the Pets: October 5.  
ARS Communion Breakfast: October 5.  
Octoberfest: October 11.  
Handcrafting Justice Sale: October 18—19.  
Artisan Fair: November 16.  
Winter Coat Drive: November 29—30.  
OLMV Winter BLOOD DRIVE: January 11, 2015.

## INFORMATION SHEET

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