

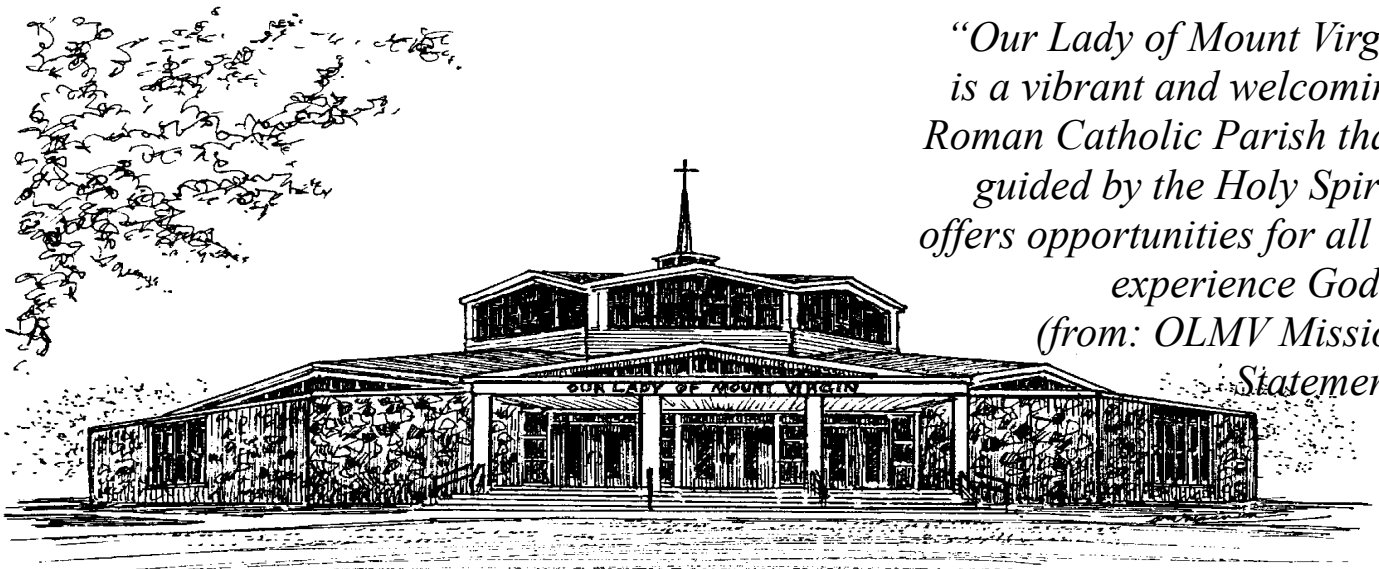
# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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September 21, 2014

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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

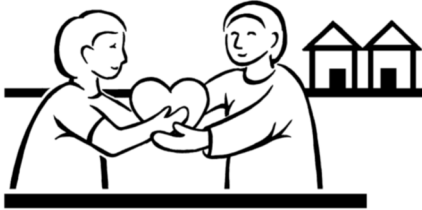
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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 21, 2014



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Turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God, who is generous and forgiving.

-Isaiah 55:75b

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Mildred Adams r/o Children & Grandchildren
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b> Mary Greiner r/o Mary Rodzinak
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>Sept. 24<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Parishioners
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Helen Eckert r/o Susan & Enzo Ragucci
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> John Struzinski r/o Joyce & Dominic Musto
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</b> Emma Cuccurullo r/o Gayle Troia
5:00	P.M.	Louise & James DiSalvo r/o Daughter, Genevieve
<b>SUN.,</b>	<b>Sept. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00	A.M.	Parishioners
10:00	A.M.	Richard Zakashefski r/o Wife, Mary Ann, sons & Grandchildren
11:30	A.M.	Diana Kizis r/o Scott, Bernadette & Nina Danner
1:30	P.M.	Carlos Castelblanco

**Week of Sept. 21—28**

***Altar Candles***

Vincenzo & Maria Teresa Renda r/o Sister Filomena

***Sanctuary Candles***

Joseph Comune r/o Comune Family

***Tabernacle Candles***

Rena DeScenza r/o Emily & Joe DeScenza

**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: Cecilia V. Murphy and Elizabeth D. Bolanowski.

**TODAY'S READING'S:**

**First Reading** — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalms** — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20-24, 27).

**Gospel** — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16).



The following couples were married on

Friday, September 12, 2014

John Rerecich & Gina Briggs

Bradley King & Kelly Rice

We pray that our Lord will bless them with every grace as they begin their married life.

**WEDDING BANNERS**

I Alexander Petrone & Cathleen Ludwig

I Steven Rossi & Theresa D'Addio



The following "little ones" were Baptized on **Sept. 7, 2014**

Joseph M. Lepski Jr., son of Joseph & Danielle Lepski

Skylar J. Logan, daughter of Nicole Moscetti & Jason Logan

**September 14, 2014**

Austin G. Stanton, son of Jamaal & Jessica Stanton

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**  
**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27—28**

5:00 pm—	Jonathon Massarelli
	Erin Rooney
8:00 am—	Katie Schlip
	Mary Schlip
10:00 am—	Jackie Mai
	Christina Mai
	Jordan McEvoy
11:30 am—	Isabel Martinez
	Connor Fitzgerald
	Gavin Fitzgerald



**Our Weekly Offering**

"So the last will be first and the first last" - Matthew 20:16  
You've heard the saying "it's not where you start but how you finish." We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!

September 13—14.....	\$8,881.00
Hispanic Mass .....	\$403.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$683.00
Additional Daughters of Mary.....	\$700.00
ACH Banking for September 15.....	\$1,972.50
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00



## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2005, a major study funded by the Lilly Foundation examined the faith lives of American teenagers. This study found that many adolescents do identify with a particular religious congregation. The study also found, however, that many were not able to speak articulately about the beliefs of their faith, many considered faith and religious practices to be relatively unimportant to their daily lives and many subscribed to a very watered-down belief system that can be best described as moralistic and therapeutic Deism. Essentially what this means is that many adolescents believe that religion is mostly about being helpful and kind to others, feeling good about yourself and seeing God as some distant creative force that doesn't really impact one's daily activities. Many see God not as a divine person who demands from us, but rather a being from whom we can make "reasonable" demands.

Christian Smith, a professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, has been engaged in this Lilly Foundation study and is highly respected for his research analyzing the religious and spiritual lives of young adults in the United States. His latest book, **Young Catholic America: Emerging Adults In, Out Of and Gone From the Church**, examines how some young Catholics are different from others (concerning religious practice) and why this is so.

As a result of his research, Smith has found certain trends that, I suggest, are worth mentioning and thinking about. He discusses a variety of social and cultural changes, particularly in the 60's and 70's that have made the transition into adulthood more complex, disjointed and confusing than in the past. The first one is certainly obvious to people who have been engaged in youth ministry: there has been little change in the beliefs, attitudes and spiritual practices of youth in the last forty years. The changes really came about in the 60's and 70's and coincided with the cultural changes that were so much a part of our society at that time. A second trend suggests that during the past four decades, young Catholic "emerging" adults look and act in ways remarkably similar to their non-Catholic contemporaries. There is a strong "there really is no difference" understanding for many young adults when they think about different faith communities. A surprising statistic of this study suggests that there is a greater drop off in church attendance among young Catholic adults than young adults of other faith communities.

Young adult Catholics today seem for the most part to have been assimilated into mainstream American culture. While many Catholics from immigrant communities have maintained distinctive social and cultural practices associated with their faith, most mainstream young adult Catholics seem to have lost many of the cultural and social practices that help to transmit orthodox beliefs and faith traditions from generation to generation.

Sociological and cultural changes along with the secularization of our country had had a profound impact on the transmission of faith. Professor Smith holds out hope for the future of faith and belief in the Catholic community. Children and teenagers who are well-formed in the faith and whose faith becomes personally meaningful tend to practice their faith as adults.

We want our young adults to remain active in our faith and we must all be involved in their formation!

Father Pat

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 **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults 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.**

**REACHING OUT...Our Lazarus Ministry is alive and well at OLMU!** Come and learn the many ways in which you can be a part of this heartwarming ministry to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. On **Saturday, October 18 from 9 to Noon**, join us in Petra House as we welcome Kathleen Detlet, who will lead us in a morning's retreat with our Lazarus Ministers and others interested in ministering to the grieving. Kathleen is an experienced group leader who will share aspects of the ministry, discuss ways to continue our outreach, and help us all be more compassionate as we reach out to those affected by death and loss. We welcome any new members who wish to join us. Please call Sister James (732-609-1091) or ask any member of the Team for further information. Do come... whether you decide to join or not, you will have learned how all of us are called to **support one another during our times of loss.**

### JOIN A GREAT TEAM...EVANGELIZATION!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, from 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Joseph's Shrine for our **Second Annual Picnic-Retreat Session**. Become part of a strong group with good ideas, action plans, and lots of spirit-filled desire to spread the GOOD NEWS to those inside and outside our parish boundaries: *That All May Be One!* PLEASE CALL Sister James (732-609-1091) to let us know if you want to join our team on this retreat and get to know us as we grow as disciples. Perhaps you will decide to become a permanent member of our group. **WE NEED YOU...COME & SEE!**



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



The Knights of Columbus will install their new officers on Monday, **September 22, 2014**, at **7:00 PM** in the church. A social meeting with refreshments will follow in the church basement. All are welcome.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their **Third Oktoberfest October 11, 2014**. It will be held in the **Parish Center at 6:00 pm**. It will feature incredible German food make the old fashion way and great music. Adult tickets are \$15, Seniors \$13, children 5-12 are \$5.00 and children under 5 are free. Cash beer bar. The first two **Oktoberfest** were huge successes. Don't miss out this year! **Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting this weekend.**

*OLMV thanks* all who came to support the Annual Kool Kars Show last Sunday. *Special "Thank you"* to the winner of our raffle who chose to donate their winnings back to our church.

*Thank you* to all who supported our Monthly Collection for FISH. We collected 66 bags of food and 1 case.  
**Next Collection: October 18—19.**

*Thank you* to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Sviderskis for their generous donation to our Major Renovations Fund.  
*Thank you* to Michael Zabawsky for his donation to the church in memory of Theresa Zabawsky & Wanda Valent.

**LIFE CHAIN (October 5, 2-3:30 pm)** is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. All are invited to participate in the Somerville Life Chain, which will be taking place between Somerset Street and Mountain Avenue. **For more information, contact Kevin Dugan at (908) 788-7736.**



**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!!*

*Altar Rosary Society "Fall Clothing Drive:"* Our annual Altar Rosary Society Fall Clothing Drive will take place on **Sunday, September 28, 2014 8:00am – 12:00noon**. Clothing can be dropped off at the Parish Center parking lot during those times only. Please do not leave bags of clothing outside the gym doors prior to the clothing drive and please don't leave bags of clothing after the drive has been completed. The company that sponsors the drive accepts shoes at a higher rate than clothing provided they are separate and put in their own bag. The company will accept plush toys, pocketbooks and belts as well. The Altar Rosary Society thanks our parishioners for supporting the Fall Clothing Drive. Funds collected by the Altar Rosary Society are used to enhance our beautiful worship space. Special thanks to Adrienne Sviderskis-Carroll and her committee for their hard work at the Fall clothing Drive each year!



**Handcrafting Justice Sale:** Members of the Cultural Diversity Ministry will again sponsor a *HandCrafting 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 sell fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. Your support of HCY'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).

**ESL PROGRAM AT OLMV:**

*Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* will offer an **English As A Second Language Program** beginning on **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**. This class will meet each **Wednesday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**, in the **Parish Center Cafeteria** at 450 Drake Avenue. Please contact Gabriella at the parish office to sign up for the class.

**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.  
Oktoberfest: 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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