

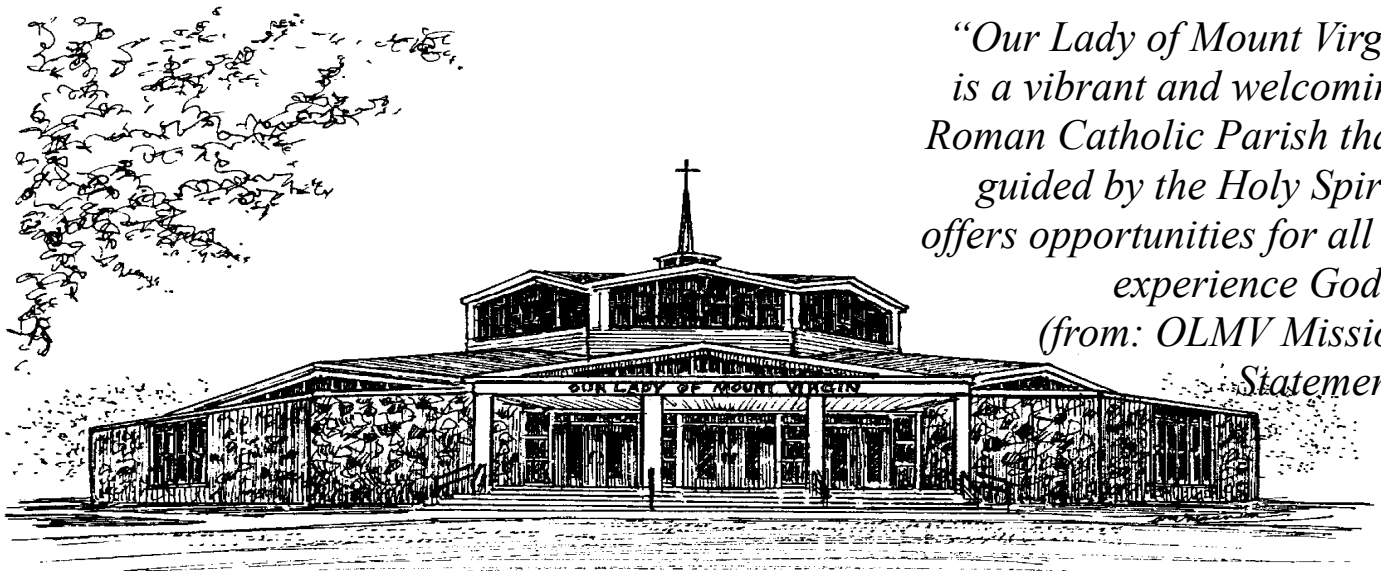
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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Deacon John Czekaj
Sr. James Xavier Landi S.S.J., Pastoral Minister
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January 5, 2014

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www.olmv.net

*"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:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
and by appointment

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd
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.

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732-667-8034

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732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

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732-609-1091

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-Matthew 2:11

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Jan. 6th A.M.	Saint Andre Bessete Vito & Ann Giambalvo r/o Joyce A. Clevett
TUES., 12:00	Jan. 7th P.M.	Saint Raymond of Penyaford Anna & Thomas Ford r/o Healey & Halloran Family
WED., 7:00	Jan. 8th A.M.	Christmas Weekday Daphne Aguinaldo r/o Gepigon Family
THURS., 12:00	Jan. 9th P.M.	Christmas Weekday John Titolo r/o Cousin Lou
FRI., 7:00	Jan. 10th A.M.	Christmas Weekday Josephine Walsh r/o McCullen
SAT., 8:00	Jan. 11th A.M.	Christmas Weekday Steven Ritcher r/o Anna Butera & Family
5:00	P.M.	Deceased Crede & Bounpane Family r/o Bud & Louise Crede
SUN., 8:00	Jan. 12th A.M.	The Baptism of the Lord Steven Richter r/o Lottie Murray
10:00	A.M.	Mary Karaman r/o Angelo Petrone, Sr.
11:30	A.M.	The Colasuonno & Doria Families r/o John Colasuonno
1:30	P.M.	Familias de OLMV



Week of January 5—12

Tabernacle Candles

Anthony & Antoinett Puppo r/o Janet & Charles

Kroposky

CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

The blood Drive for OLMV is scheduled for **Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church Hall.** The holiday season is a particularly difficult time to keep the blood supply at a sufficient level due to busy schedules & potential of inclement weather. We specially need RH negative donors but all types are needed.

Please take an hour out of your schedule on **January 12** to save a life! To be eligible you must be at least 16 yrs. old and weight 110 lbs. Some form of ID is required. If you have any questions, please stop by the drive.

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 and vestibule.

THE WISE MEN COME TO BETHLEHEM

Today the Wise Men see the little child and Mary his mother.

With them, Lord,

we wish to discover you in the midst of our brothers and sisters.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today they prostrate themselves before you

With them, Lord,

We wish to adore your holy will for us.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

JESSIE TREE UPDATE - A big "Thank you" for your continued support of the Jessie Tree. The recipients were delighted at your response. We delivered a number of bags of gifts to nine different organizations like Ozanam Center, Great Expectations, Roosevelt Hospital, Vincent DePaul Organization and FISH. This is a wonderful parish - your response to the three collections we take up yearly is always overwhelming. Thank you again.

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO GROW IN OUR FAITH! ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS:

are about to begin! Join this small group who gather to deepen their understanding and commitment to Jesus and to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are over 18 yrs. of age and have celebrated Baptism and Communion, but not Confirmation, you are welcome to our **FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY JANUARY 6 AT 7:00 PM IN PETRA HOUSE.** Please call Sister James to register or for further information (732-609-1091).

The weekend of January 11—12



- 5:00 P.M.**— Kevin Meier
Joey Meier
- 8:00 A.M.**— Madison Logue
Haley Logue
Hunter Logue
- 10:00 A.M.**— James Lawrence
Katie Schlip
Mary Schilp
- 11:30 A.M.**— Jordan McEvoy

Our Weekly Offering

"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever." (Psalm 16:11) Jesus has shown us the path to abounding joy. It comes when we give generously of ourselves. It comes when we love and serve one another. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we don't always recognize Jesus' way. Or maybe we just try to ignore it.

Dec. 21-22.....	\$13,071.50
Major Renov. Fund.....	\$892.00
Spanish Mass (Dec. 15).....	\$344.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners for your generosity at Christmas. Especially in these challenging economic times, your generosity to our parish, to the poor among us, to our diocese, and in response to the many challenges that present themselves is truly Christ-centered and living proof that core Gospel values are the backbone of our parish community.

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community

The *Office of Family Life* empowers families to accept and embrace Catholic values by courageously modeling those values for society by the joyful acceptance of cultural diversity, the compassionate outpouring of love for those who are hurting or in need and for the ongoing affirmation of the dignity of all human life. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports these vital ministries.

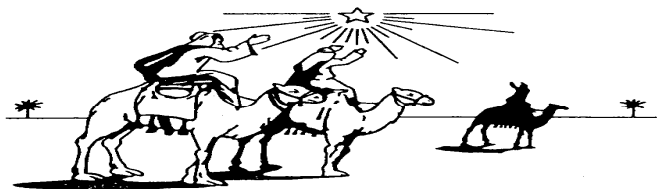
THANK YOU to our generous parishioners for your generosity to our parish this year at Christmas. Your financial support at this time of the year enables OLMV to flourish and to remain a beacon of hope and faith here in our community. Beyond financial support, so many parishioners give of their time and talent. Many "Stewards" of OLMV ensure that the "Good News of the Kingdom of God" is proclaimed and lived here in Central New Jersey. During this past Christmas season, so many parishioners supported our Annual "Giving Tree," "Used Coat Drive," FISH Monthly Food Collection, FISH Christmas Party, Knights of Columbus efforts to "Keep Christ in Christmas" and support their scholarship program. Many parishioners quietly presented "gifts" to our Saint Vincent de Paul Society and also to your pastor, and with these gifts we were able to assist a number of our less fortunate parishioners during this special "Christ-centered" time of the year. Christ is really present here at OLMV---and there are so many who do so much to share his presence. Thank you and God bless you!!!

To: Rives Cassel, our adult and youth choirs, our young adults who come back each year to enhance our worship, our musicians, our banner bearers, our youth lectors and our many lectors and cantors who make our Christmas celebrations such powerful worship experiences. We have a very powerful Ministry of Sacred Music and Liturgical Arts here at OLMV, and much of its success is due to Mr. Cassel's talent, diligence, patience, and creativity.

To Our Leadership Team: Deacon John Tietjen, Deacon John Chekaj, Sister James Xavier, Father Peter Suhaka, Dorothy Zmigrodski, Rives Cassel and Ed Kura who help me to bring the presence of Christ to our parish each and every day.

Thanks also to our fine support staff: Ellen, Gabriella, Carol, Anita and Sean are true "unsung" heroes here at OLMV. With smiles, graciousness, compassion and professionalism, they try every day to meet the needs of all who come to OLMV hoping to find Christ.

On a personal note, *I want to thank you* for the many kindnesses shared with me as your pastor during this Christmas season. I am always humbled by the outpouring of thoughtfulness and good will. I am honored and privileged to serve as your pastor. During this "New Year" of 2014, I will try always to share the presence of the Lord with you as we come together in prayer and worship. **Fr. Pat**



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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A happy and holy New Year to everyone! May God's presence shine before us as a light for all to see.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is now past and today we have already arrived at the great feast of the Epiphany. The preparation and anxiety to complete all of our "Christmas tasks" seemed to take over our lives. By the time we arrived at Christmas morning, exhaustion competed with the joy and wonder of the day. It was hard to sit back, relax and really enjoy the presence of the Christ-child as well as to spend time with family and friends. Already we are looking back on the recent days of Christmas and thinking about all the energy we expended on the "earthly" elements of this special time.

Today we are invited to spend time with Jesus as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The word "epiphany" means "a manifestation" of some kind. And we know from today's Gospel that the "star" manifested itself to the Wise Men from the East. They were compelled to follow this star and look for a "King." As we come together in worship today, we need to consider how well we are following our "King," Jesus Christ. We need to look within and ask ourselves if Christmas was really just a "day" for us, or is Christmas an ongoing event which we enter and experience throughout the season. All of us probably spent some quality time preparing to welcome the new-born baby Jesus into our hearts. We need to ask ourselves if we are still experiencing and sharing "Christmas grace" in word and action. As we put away our Christmas decorations, we need to ask ourselves if are still living the "Christmas spirit" now that we have entered into a "new year."

On this Feast of the Epiphany we are invited to ask ourselves how Jesus is manifested in our lives. Is Jesus powerfully present in our hearts? Do our words and actions reflect the love of the Christ-child to others? Now that Christmas season is over, is Jesus still central in our lives? Is Jesus, the Christ-child, made manifest to others when they meet us?

We have begun a new year. May this year be a year of grace and hope as we continue to make known the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and in the world! Let us, you and I, pray for each other that we remain faithful to God our Father and that we remain always open to the love and grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

May we continue to worship together as a community of faith, and as we live our faith, may we, the Catholic Community at Our Lady of Mount Virgin really be a manifestation of Jesus alive among us!

Father Pat

LAZARUS MINISTRY: General Meeting on Monday, January 13, at 7:00 PM in Petra House. All parishioners are welcome to this meeting to learn how just a little of your time can mean a great deal to those who have lost a loved one. There are many aspects to the ministry; one will enable your gifts to be used for the good of others! Join one of our four teams and learn how you can help. Please call Sr. James (732-609-1091) if you have any questions or ask a member of our Ministry.

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