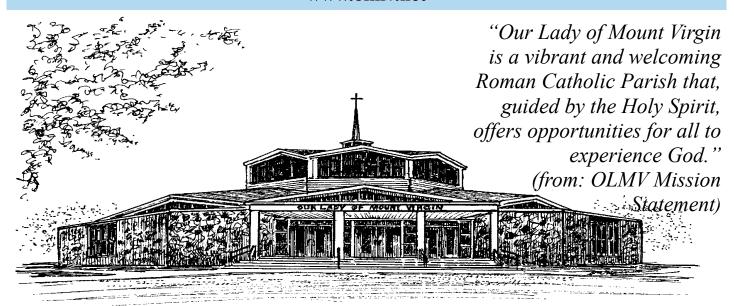
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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January 5, 2014

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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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2014



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

-Matthew 2:11

MASS INTENTIONS

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



A NOTE FROM FATHER

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.



For information, please contact the school administration at 908 - 822 - 5890.



All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 12:00 to 3:00 at the OLMV Parish Center Gymnasium.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated in the contest. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. To obtain an entry form or to get additional information, contact the Parish Office or David Langton – email: dlangton@optonline.net or call or text 732-208-9973.

Winter Bible Study...Registration Ends tomorrow!!!

Join us for a 6 session program (plus celebration) as we deepen our discipleship and more fully EMBRACE THE KING-DOM! Both morning and evening sessions are offered for your convenience: Wednesdays at 10AM or 7:00 PM in Petra House. Come to either the evening or morning sessions, which begin on January 15 (schedules are on the bulletin boards around the church). All are welcome, but <u>you must preregister</u> and there is a \$12 book fee. Please come to the parish office to register on/before January 6. Books will be given out at registration so you can prepare for the Introductory Session!

ENGAGED COUPLES: We offer two FOCCUS SESSIONS in the winter at Petra House for your convenience: Sat. Jan. 18 at 10:00 am and Mon. Jan. 20at 7:00 pm. You must pre-register in the office (732-356-2149 ext. 1001) at least one week before the session. If you plan to attend a \$40 processing fee is required.



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 x 6

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish has made available Spiritual Donation Cards, found in baskets at the entrances of the church. A donation to the Society may be made in honor of a loved one, living or deceased. Please fill out the envelope, place your donation in it and leave it in the parish office or the collection basket. The lovely card may be sent to the person of your choice. 100% of your donation is used to assist those in need in our community. Your support is truly appreciated.

OLMV SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Food Collection for Fish, Inc. January 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

Many in our parish are contributing a bag full of these items, and we are very grateful – but our collection would be "over the top" if every family would give even one item a month. Thank you for whatever you can do to help the needy in our area.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We invite you to join in this beautiful ministry of bringing Communion to those who are ill or homebound in our parish. You may receive the consecrated Hosts at Mass on Sunday mornings, or other arrangements may be made that are more convenient for you or those you serve. If more ministers could be available, then each would need to visit only one or two shut -ins weekly, requiring about a half an hour to 45 minutes of your time, on a day of your choice. Please call the Parish Office (732-356-2149) to volunteer or Sister James at 732-609-1091 for more information. Your time and presence are urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

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NOTAS DEL PADRE PAT...

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

Bautizo, Confirmación, Primera Comunión, Matrimonios llamar a nuestras oficinas de Lunes a Jueves a partir de las 8:30 am—2:00 pm (732) 356.2149 ext. 1001.

-Bautizos: Los padres DEBEN SER MIEMBROS ACTIVOS E INSCRITOS en la Iglesia OLMV. ACTIVOS significa: venir a misa y usar sobres dominicales.

Los padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicantes de alguna Iglesia donde vivan.

Los padres deben asistir a una clase de preparación para el bautismo.

-Matrimonios: Favor llamar a nuestras oficinas (732) 356.2149 ext 1001.

Clases de Preparación Bautismal (6 de Enero a las 7:30 pm en la casa Petra.)

Para registrarse llamar a las oficinas.

-Gracas a todos los que donaron un platillo de Comida para el Compartir Navideno!

Espero que hayan tenido una Feliz Navidad y que este nuevo año 2014 traiga muchas bendiciones y una vida plena en Cristo Jesús!!

Padre Pat

INFORMATION SHEET

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