

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Jan., 11th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Bertha H. Bajor r/o Ann Bruggner
TUES.,	Jan., 12th	Weekday
12:00	P.M.	John Milesnik r/o Mary Ellis
WED.,	Jan., 13th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Henry Marker r/o Janet Marker
THURS.,	Jan., 14th	Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Francesco Renda r/o Filomena Renda & Family
FRI.,	Jan., 15th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Parishioners
SAT.,	Jan., 16th	Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Madeline Keselicka & Sister Joan Cherasaro r/o The Podlaseck Family & Malt Family
5:00	P.M.	Deborah Piegaro r/o Douglas & Jennifer Rothacker
SUN.,	Jan., 17th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	William Erchick, Jr r/o Rosary Fedak & Family
10:00	A.M.	Nunzio Spilletti r/o Anna Carusso & Family
11:30	A.M.	Valerie Oleary r/o Robert & Michelle Restaino
1:30	P.M.	Hijos, Padres, Madres y familias

Wedding Bans

II Richard Serafin & Stephanie Villarino

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10—17

Altar Candles

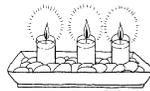
Brian Bajor r/o Ann Bruggner

Sanctuary Candles

John Bajor r/o Ann Bruggner

Tabernacle Candles

Teresa Bajor r/o Ann Bruggner



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. Prayers are also requested for the recently deceased: Paul Murphy, Florida Gallo, William Legge & Julia Erb.

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “*Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.*” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Christmas 2015 To-Date!

Regular Christmas Gifts.....\$47,673.00
 Special Christmas Gifts (Major Renovations)....\$19,050.00
 Total Christmas to date.....\$66,723.00

*Thank you, Parishioners of OLMV for your support and generosity to our Parish!
 May God bless you!!!*

Dec 20.....\$9,930.00
 Major Renovations..... \$611.00
 Simbang Gabi.....\$655.00
Dec. 27.....\$8,777.00
Jan. 3.....\$10,403.00
 Solemnity of Mary.....\$3,175.00
 Major Renovations.....\$1,745.00

Opportunities to support 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

Automatic Deposit (ACH Banking):

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish has an arrangement with Provident Bank for Automatic Deposit (ACH Banking) for our parishioners. Many parishioners tell me that the only check they write out each week is the one for our church; that they do all their other banking through automatic deposit or online. Please find applications for automatic deposit banking that are available around the church entranceways. Completed forms should be returned to Father Pat. Please contact Father Pat if you want additional information about this program.

A letter from our Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” In today’s Gospel passage, these words are a response from God our Father to the Son’s activity in the world.

Jesus has come to John so that he can participate in John’s baptism of repentance. Jesus, who has no need for repentance, joins his brothers and sisters in solidarity before God as he humbly submits to this baptism.

This is indeed a wondrous event. So much so, that the Spirit of God appears above Jesus and the voice of God can be heard. This Trinitarian scene is a manifestation of God who is now clearly present in the human condition as Father, Son and Spirit. Jesus, the Son in whom the Father is well-pleased, begins his work, proclaiming the “Good News” of salvation.

We are invited to think about today’s Gospel passage, and we are asked by God the Father to look into our hearts and souls, considering if God is be “well pleased” by our efforts to share his presence in the world.

We have now entered into a new year---2016. We watched the final moments of 2015 on television and expectantly welcomed the New Year. We shared our hopes for the future---most of us making small personal promises about how we will improve in 2016. We promise to lose weight, develop a regular exercise program, pray each day, watch our language, stop smoking, be patient---the list of resolutions goes on and on, doesn’t it?

Today, as we celebrate the “Baptism of the Lord,” we are called to consider our relationship with God our Father---and to pledge that we will strengthen it. We are reminded that God looks down on us as his beloved children. And it is by our lifestyles that God the Father can say of us: “You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased?”

It is not too late to make one more New Year’s resolution. A simple promise---made faithfully and honestly---to open our hearts to the Word of God! Listen to the Gospel as it is proclaimed each week, and then to go forward and live this message!

Promise now to read the Gospel each Sunday---to think about it---to consider how it might impact my life. Then live the rest of the week with this Gospel passage motivating my words and my actions.

If you read the Sunday Gospel each week and really think about it---God will surely speak to you: “You are my beloved; in you I am well pleased!”

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

**January 2016
Children and Youth
Ministries Updates**



**January 10— Youth Group
6:00 to 7:00 pm
Parish Center Gym**

**January 17 - 10 am Mass - Children's Liturgy
Enjoy a snack and craft with
friends
after Mass Church Basement**

**FOUNDATION FOR
CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Special Collection

The second collection next weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a diocesan fund that provides tuition assistance grants for students with financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Please be as generous as your means allow.



**Altar Rosary Society
Super Bowl “Bake Sale” weekend of
February 6—7 after all Masses
Please mark your Calendars!!!**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION... begins after the 7:00
A.M. Mass on this Friday, January 15, 2016. Adoration ends
right at noon.**

**Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy
Opportunities at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish**

**Merciful Like the Father Hymn for the
Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**



Refrain:

Throughout all ages the Father shows us mercy,
for he is gracious, slow to anger, full of love.
And in his mercy he sent his Son to save us.
May we be **MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER.**

This hymn was written for use here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. The text of the refrain is based on the first paragraph of *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction (or Proclamation) of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in which Pope Francis says:

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The father, "rich in mercy," (*Eph 2:4*) after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Ex 34:6*) has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time," (*Gal 4:4*), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. *Jn 14:9*). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

The final line of the refrain incorporates the motto of the year, "Merciful like the Father," from Luke 6:36, where Jesus says, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

The verse changes each week and states an idea from the Gospel for the day. This idea reveals a small fact about Jesus, which is then used to present a small goal that we can incorporate in our life. This goal ends with the phrase "and to be merciful like the heavenly Father" which leads back to the refrain.

The melody is an original melody written to go with the text.

May we use this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to shape our lives to be "Merciful like the Father."

Rives Cassel



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their business meeting this **Monday, January 11th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Church Hall.

Saint Vincent DePaul Meeting Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 P.M. at Petra House.

**THE DEANERY SCHOOL-
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**



Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield (www.holysavioracademy.com)

Holy Savior Academy accepts students coming into pre-kindergarten through grade 8. Please contact the school at **908-822-5890** to arrange an interview or to have a tour of the facility.

The OLMV Book Club met and discussed the book "The Shack" by Wm. P. Young. Fr. Pat was our special guest during the meeting. Our next meeting is January 25th where we will discuss the book "Until Lily: The First in the Trilogy" by Sherry Boas. Please call or e-mail Dorothy Zmigrodski at dzmigrodski@olmv.net if you would like further information or would like to join our group.



A 1-1 Catechist is needed for Tuesdays from now until May for a 4th grade student. Please contact Dorothy Zmigrodski (732-356-2149 x 2011) if you would be interested in this volunteer position. The 1-1 student meets for approximately 45 minutes each week. Volunteers must be background checked, fingerprinted and attend a one-time workshop.

Food Collection for Fish, Inc. January 16—17. 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. Our last month's collection yielded 102 packages of food. Thank you and God bless you!



**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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS...

are about to begin! Join this group who gather to deepen their love and commitment to Jesus and their understanding of the Catholic faith. If you are over 18 years of age and have celebrated Baptism and Communion, but not Confirmation, you are welcome to our **FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11 at 7:00 PM in PETRA HOUSE.** Please call Sister James to register or for further information (732-609-1091).

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal Grace, Mercy & Peace

The *Maria Regina Residence* provides a suitable home for our retired priests in recognition of faithful service to God and His Church.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is another way to thank these men who have dedicated their lives to the people of God.

MIDDLESEX AND BOUND BROOK LITTLE LEAGUE:

The Middlesex/Bound Brook Little League will hold registration for the up-coming season on the following dates:

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 5 – 9pm at Wendy's in Middlesex
Saturday, Jan. 16, 10am – 2pm at Bound Brook Club House
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 5 – 9pm at Burger King in Bound Brook
Saturday, Jan 23, 10am – 2pm at Middlesex Club House
Wednesday, Jan. 27, 5 – 9 pm at Wendy's in Middlesex

*Children ages 4 – 14 are welcome to participate,
Register in person or online*

*at: MIDDLESEXLITTLELEAGUE.ORG
See poster by the side entrance of the
church for additional information.*

JOIN US to Pray for PEACE during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016
At 7:15 P.M.**

**Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church
600 Harris Avenue
Middlesex, NJ 08846**

**Prayer...Song...
Scripture...Reflection
Followed by Fellowship**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
OLMV youth specially invite
young people of other faiths to
join them to pray for PEACE!**

Lazarus Ministry:

Lazarus ministers are members of our parish community who support families immediately following the death of a loved one. Lazarus ministers meet with family members to assist in the planning of the funeral and are available during the Funeral Mass. Lazarus ministers also are available to reach out to the family during the grief process and support them during the time of bereavement. If you think you might be available to assist with this very important ministry at OLMV, please contact Sister James. Training sessions will be held in February here at OLMV and also at the Saint John Neumann Center.

Memorial Floral Arrangements at the Altar:

Families are invited to arrange to have flower arrangements placed in front of the Altar in remembrance of a loved one. Arrangements are placed before the altar prior to the Vigil Mass on Saturday Evening and remain during the following week. Please contact Gabriella Rosales at the parish office for additional information.

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

To date, parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish have pledged \$ 52,000 to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consider making a pledge to this important and necessary appeal of our diocese. Our parish is still quite short of its goal for the 2015 Appeal and your support is a true gift for the good work of the Church. Envelopes for the appeal can be found around the church entranceways.

Registration of New Parishioners:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin welcomes all visitors to share in the presence of the Lord. Persons who have recently moved into our area are invited to contact the parish office to receive registration information. Please call the parish at 732-356-2149 to speak to one of the parish secretaries.

Sacramental Sponsorship Letters:

Canon Law (Church Law) mandates that candidates who wish to serve as a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation be **ACTIVE Catholics** who have been Confirmed in the Church. An **ACTIVE Catholic** is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass regularly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage and leads a life that is compatible with the tenets of our faith. The parish can complete letters of suitability to serve as godparents or sponsors only for persons who meet these criteria.

Boletín en Español
Domingo 10 de Enero del 2016
El Bautismo del Señor

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

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

Passar 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** (1er Jueves de cada mes 7:30 pm en la casa Petra.) Familias que deseen participar deben llamar a la Oficina parroquial, ser miembros registrados y activos de la parroquia.
- **Clases de Catecismo:** Las inscripciones se han cerrado para este año 2015-2016. Gracias!

**AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA
JUBILEO DE LA
MISERICORDIA**



El Papa Francisco ha proclamado el Jubileo de la Misericordia. El lema del año es “Misericordiosos como el Padre,” Lucas 6:36, donde Jesús dijo, “Sed misericordiosos, como el Padre vuestro es misericordioso.”

El Jubileo de la Misericordia empezó en la solemnidad de la Imaculada Concepción de la Virgen María (8 de Diciembre de 2015), cuando el Papa abrió la puerta Santa en la Basílica de San Pedro en el Vaticano. Esa puerta entonces “*será una Puerta de la Misericordia*, a través de la cual cualquiera que entra podrá experimentar el amor de Dios que consuela, que perdona y ofrece esperanza.” (*Misericordiae Vultus*). El 20 de Diciembre, el Arzobispo Bootkoski abrió una *Puerta de Misericordia* en la Cathedral de San Francis en Metuchen.

Espero que podamos usar este Jubileo de la Misericordia para ordenar nuestras vidas a ser “Misericordiosos como el Padre”.

**Actividades y anuncios de la parroquia
Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen**

- **Adoración al Santísimo:** Primer y tercer Viernes de cada mes, de 7:30 am—12:00 medio día, son todos invitados a pasar un tiempo en devoción y en oración con el Santísimo.
- **Collecta de alimentos para los más necesitados FISH:** Tercer Domingo de cada mes. Las bolsas de comida las pueden dejar en la capilla donde se encuentra la estatua de la Virgen María.
- **Proxima Clase Bautismal:** Jueves 4 de Febrero 7:30 pm. Familias que deseen participar deben llamar a la oficina parroquial.
- **Gracias** a todos los niños que participaron en el coro para el compartir navideno, se prepararon por más de un mes e hicieron un excelente trabajo! Agradecimiento en especial a el Señor Rives Cassel Por su tiempo con la preparación del coro de niños.

**FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 2016!!!
Que Dios los bendiga...**

ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD!

**Clases de Inglés como segunda lengua:
Los miércoles de 6-8 pm en el Centro Parroquiano.**

**UNA INVITACION ESPECIAL PARA
TODOS LOS FELIGRESES!!!**

Dios nos ha dado tantos dones y talentos que pueden ser compartidos con la Iglesia. Si deseas ser voluntario en la Iglesia de alguna manera, puedes tomar en cuenta algunas de las siguientes áreas en las cuales podríamos necesitar de tu ayuda:

- Ministro Eucarístico
- Monaguillos
- Lectores
- Ministros de Hospitalidad
- Lectores
- Sirviendo una mes al mes en el café social
- Visitando a los enfermos

Recuerden que somos una Comunidad nueva y estamos trabajando en el desarrollo de la Comunidad el pueblo de Dios, invita a un familiar o un amigo a asistir a Misa y hasta parte como miembro activo de esta gran tarea para todos que es el crecimiento de nuestra comunidad. Gracias!