

# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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[www.olmv.net](http://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:

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.  
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 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



## 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### Faith, Family, Community

The role of the *Office of Evangelization* is to continue the work Jesus entrusted to the Church 2,000 years ago but with newness in terms of the methods, ardor and expressions used. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the diocesan Evangelization Team is able to serve both individuals and parishes, the clergy and laity alike, and invite all to a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ.

To date, 334 parish families at OLMV have pledged \$59,181.00 and paid \$55,153 to the current Bishop's Annual Appeal. Bishop Paul has asked me to thank all the families who have responded so far to the appeal. Bishop Paul asks that all parish families prayerfully consider a donation in support of the necessary work of the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity in responding to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**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.

**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. 20 at 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 re-



**OLMV Religious Education:** First Penance Service—February 10, 7:00 pm in the Church.

**Our First Communion Classes** are preparing to receive First Penance on Monday evening, **February 10**. Let us keep these wonderful youngsters in our prayers as they continue to experience the presence of Jesus Christ in their lives here at OLMV.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** begins after the 7:00 A.M. Mass on this Friday, January 17. Adoration ends right before the noon Mass.

**Bus to MARCH FOR LIFE:** Washington DC, January 22, 2014. For more information contact Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville or call Kevin Dugan 908-788-7736.

**RALLY FOR LIFE**—Trenton, NJ State House steps, January 22, 2014 from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Call New Jersey Right to Life (732-356-0562).



**Parish Basketball—** The OLMV parish basketball teams began the season in winning fashion, with the Junior Varsity Boys team and the Varsity Girls team taking one of two games to start the season. The Junior Varsity girls and Varsity Boys played extremely well in losing efforts, as did the High School Boys who faced tough competition in the Our Lady of Fatima Christmas Tournament in Perth Amboy. The 2014 season continues on January 12.



## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of the “Baptism of the Lord.” Right before Jesus begins his public ministry he meets up with John the Baptist by the Jordan River. John has been preaching a message of repentance and has been challenging the people of Israel to come forth and enter his Baptism of Repentance.

Much to John's surprise, Jesus appears and enters the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by John. For both Jesus and John this is a powerful sign of solidarity with God's chosen people. Jesus is without sin. He enters into a baptism of repentance to show his love for, and his commitment to God's people. John didn't want to baptize Jesus. He felt unworthy! Jesus, however, insisted because it was such a powerful sign of his total commitment his Father in Heaven!

Certainly, we all know the story as it continues to unfold. Jesus comes up from the waters of the Jordan and the heavens open. The Spirit of God descends upon him and the voice of the Father can be heard: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Like the visit of the Magi which we contemplated last week, our three-personed God is manifested for us today. As a true “Epiphany!” We are invited to worship God's presence before us as Father, Son and Spirit. Now, as we return to the ordinary days of the year we are reminded that we as Catholic Christians must participate in the manifestation of God in our midst every day. We are reminded by both the feast of the Epiphany and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord that God makes his presence known in the lives of His people, that God loves us and wants to be present to us. It is now for us to respond to the Lord and to enter into his love and presence in our everyday lives.

For us who believe, God is not the stumbling block to our regular participation in his presence---but we must be conscious that **we** don't become stumbling blocks to the presence of God by our lack of faith, hope and love. It is all too easy for us to fall into patterns of sin and disassociation from God. God doesn't force himself on us; rather, God waits, lovingly and patiently, until we are open to his presence. It is up to us, each of us, to invite him into our hearts and souls. The Spirit already resides within us---a special gift from God at the time of our baptism. We, however, must be open to Divine Love and accept it into our hearts and souls, only then can it flow out freely from us!

Now it is time to move forward in our spiritual journey. In these cold, dark and sometimes dreary days of winter, if we really want to keep the “Spirit of Christmas” alive, we need to take a few minutes each day and consider of the presence of God---the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! You and I must be willing to take a little time each day to acknowledge God's presence and allow God to manifest himself to us! God speaks to us today and reminds us that Jesus is his beloved Son. God's Spirit responds to us also, sharing his loving presence to the depths of our souls.

Let today be a continuing “Epiphany.” Let us continue to be open, heart and soul, to the Presence of God!

In peace and prayer,

*Father Pat*



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL:  
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

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

Now is the time to be thinking about “School” for the 2014/2015 academic year. Consider Holy Savior Academy, our Deanery School. Holy Savior Academy endeavors always to inspire students to strive for excellence in academics and technology, and in “Catholic” lifestyle. The staff and administration seeks to inspire students to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century in a solid Catholic atmosphere. **Open House** is scheduled during Catholic School Week, on Sunday, January 26 – 12:00noon to 3:00pm, and Tuesday, January 28 – 9:00am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Interested families are encouraged to contact the school at **908-822-5890** to find out more information or the schedule a tour of the facility. Check out our website: [www.holysavioracademy.com](http://www.holysavioracademy.com)

**CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE**

The blood Drive for OLMV is scheduled **TODAY Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church Hall.** There is a need RH negative donors but all types are welcomed. Some form of ID is required.



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](mailto:dlangton@optonline.net) or call or text 732-208-9973.



**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.

**Jesus, the Way: The Path to Discipleship**

All the decorations are tucked away...perhaps you need some time to relax, listen and pray? You are cordially invited to come and experience the path that leads us to a better understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. This 3 part series will be held on Tuesdays, January 14, 21 and 28, 2014 at the **St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway**; 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come for one, two or all three presentations and bring a friend! This is a free event and refreshments will be served. For more info and to RSVP: [pmartin@diometuchen.org](mailto:pmartin@diometuchen.org) or 732 562-1990 X 1310.

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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 sobros 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.

-Collecta de Comida para Programa FISH: Fin de semana de Enero 18—19.

-Proximo compartir: 26 de Enero después de Misa.

-Si desea llevar a la Virgen a su hogar lo puede hacer inscribiéndose después de Misa.

Padre Pat les gustaría agradecer a la Comunidad Latina de Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen por su apollo a la Iglesia especialmente en las festividades!

Que Dios le bendiga!

Padre Pat

## INFORMATION SHEET

### CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS

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