

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 9:00	<b>Jan., 18<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</b> Parishioners
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>Jan., 19<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Richard & Richie Zakashefski r/o Wife & Mother
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>Jan., 20<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>St. Fabian, Pope &amp; Martyr</b> Salvatrice LaMicela r/o Tripoli Family
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>Jan., 21<sup>st</sup></b> P.M.	<b>St. Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> Julia H. Erb r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>Jan., 22<sup>nd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>USA Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> William & Pirrko Wanat r/o Family
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>Jan., 23<sup>rd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> William & Mary Golden r/o Marie & Jim Golden
5:00	P.M.	Frank & Angie Suchak r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>Jan., 24<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Members of our Military
10:00	A.M.	Tom Mendelson r/o Dianne, James, Savannah & Sami
11:30	A.M.	William Hoznor r/o Eleanor Hoznor & Family
1:30	P.M.	Hijos, Padres, Madres y familias

### *Wedding Bans*

III Richard Serafin & Stephanie Villarino

### **FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17—24**

#### *Altar Candles*

Norma Micca r/o Mrs. John B. Maggio & Daughter



#### *Tabernacle Candles*

Special Intention for Amelia Zuccharelli on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
r/o Dianne Mendelson

**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: Mr. John Flesher.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 9:00 A.M. MASS ONLY.**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**in recognition of Martin Luther King.**

*“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

<b>Jan. 9-10.....</b>	<b>\$9,080.50</b>
Major Renovations.....	\$1,402.00
Christmas Additional.....	\$1,860.00
Together in Charity.....	\$2,651.00
Weekly Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

#### **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
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#### **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 entrances. 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,

There is something sad about endings. Last Monday, we began our liturgical ordinary time in 2016, and we looked forward to a year full of hope and faith as we considered how we would be impacted by the Church's **Jubilee of Mercy**. At the same time, we experienced real sadness as we removed the beautiful poinsettias and wreaths from the church, took down the trees that so beautifully represented the "Light of Christ" and carefully put away the indoor and outdoor crèche scenes.

There is always something special about the celebration of Christmas--especially within our parish setting! And every year there is a real "let-down" as we begin to take down and put away our decorations and all those special signs of Christmas. We continue think about the Christ-child, the shepherds, the wise men, the "host of angels" and that powerful scene in the Temple as Simeon and Anna recognize that the Messiah is present to them in the special child! This "Christmas" experience has invigorated our faith and, hopefully, has strengthened us as we continue now to live our faith in ordinary ways.

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Solemnity of Mary, Baptism of the Lord--these are those special times over the past many weeks in which we have come together to share our faith in a profound and joyfully expectant manner. And we are truly alive in faith as we support each other---in church, in our homes and in so many places where the presence of the baby Jesus is recognized. Our Church, in its wisdom takes time each year to provide special experiences for us to consider that we are persons who share faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. These times are designed to boost our "spiritual stamina" so that we continue to find our way on the journey along the path to salvation. Special seasons are added to our ordinary calendar so that we can take a step back and assess where we are as we continue our journey and to provide an opportunity to adjust our path if we have lost our way. Other special seasons are also added so that we can be inspired by the presence of Christ who is always with us.

Ordinary times are not always so easy for us as we try to keep our focus on the Lord. When we are caught in traffic jams, pressured to meet deadlines at work, overwhelmed by the course load we have at school---it is not so easy to "take time out to rest in the Lord." When we don't always see the baby Jesus in the crèche scene or the risen Lord, triumphant before the Sepulchre.

Our challenge, my brothers and sisters, is to continue faithfully on the journey toward salvation. As we experience the highs and lows, the joys and challenges of everyday living, we are invited by Jesus to have him always as our spiritual companion. When we journey with the Lord, we keep focus on who we are and what we are about.

Let each of us try always to keep the Lord at the center of our being and to journey with him today and always!

In peace and prayer,  
Father Pat

**NAOMI TEA...** Sunday, January 31...12:30—2:00

**PM in Petra House...**We welcome **ALL WIDOWS** to join us as we gather to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register; just come and bring a friend or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation.

Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated!

**LAZURUS MINISTRY:** General meeting on *Monday, February 8, 7:00 PM in Petra House*. COME AND LEARN how just a little of your time can mean a great deal to those who has lost a loved one. The many aspects of the ministry will enable your gifts to be used for the good of others at their time of grief! We specially invite members of the MARTHA'S TABLE MINISTRY to join us for this annual meeting. Please call S. James (732-609-1091) if you have any questions or speak to a member of our Ministry.

**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!**

**Few Notes from our Pastor:**

**Looking to the future:**

**Easter Novena:**

Our **Easter Novena** begins early this year: **Monday, January 18, 2016** is our first novena in preparation for Easter. Easter is very early this year: Sunday, March 27, 2016. So, even now, it is not too early to begin that wonderful transition from thought about the Christ-child to thoughts about the Risen Lord!

**First Penance:**

Our second grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday evening, February 1, 2016.. During this beautiful ceremony the children are encouraged to open their hearts and souls and encounter the Living and forgiving God. At the end of the confession experience the children receive a simple penance and then are presented with a “soft heart” to remind them that through God’s loving forgiveness, their souls are no longer deadened by sin---and are open to God’s love. Let us remember our youngsters in prayer as they continue to grow in wisdom and grace before the Lord.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Our Lady of Mount Virgin celebrates Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Advent and during Lent. This year our Lenten Mass of Anointing will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 11:00am. All who are suffering from sickness or infirmity are invited to attend this special healing Mass. Mark your calendars. At other times, when a parishioner is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office to arrange for a visit by one of our priests.

**Lenten Penance Service:**

Our annual Lenten Penance Service for our Parish will take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00pm here in our church. All members of our parish are invited to celebrate the powerful Sacrament of Reconciliation---particularly during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mark your calendars.

**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 25<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:dzmigrodski@olmv.net) if you would like further information or would like to join our group.

**THE DEANERY SCHOOL-  
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**



Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield ([www.holysavioracademy.com](http://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.

**Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy  
The Holy Door**



The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis began on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the pope opened the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy began in the Diocese of Metuchen on December 20 when Bishop Bootkoski opened the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. An article in the Catholic Spirit by Editor-in-chief, Joanne Ward, described the event and the significance of the door as follows:

“Before opening the Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi on December 20, Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski stood at the Baptismal font where prayers were said, and a Gospel passage as well as a section from the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee were read. The bishop then processed into the vestibule of the Cathedral and pulled open the Holy Door—the inner right door that had been shut December 13, and putting his hand over his heart, crossed the threshold signaling the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Metuchen.”

“Since the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Holy Doors have been used as a ritual expression of conversion during jubilee years. Today, passage through the Holy Door still signifies the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish. Jesus said, “I am the door” (John 10:7), in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through him.” Further discussing the door, the caption on the picture on the front page says: “By fulfilling certain conditions, pilgrims who go through the Holy Door can receive a plenary indulgence.”

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



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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

January 17, 2016

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Financial Report for Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish for the period of time: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, is presented here. This report reflects revenue and expenses for our parish. The report, in its entirety has been submitted for review by the Parish Trustees and by members of both the parish Pastoral Council and Financial Council. The report has been submitted to and accepted by the Office of Finances, Diocese of Metuchen. I invite you, our parishioners, to review the information contained in this report.

In today's uncertain and secular times, OLMV endeavors to live and proclaim the Gospel and to be a haven of hope for all who choose to remain faithful to the Lord. There can be no doubt that Jesus is present and active among us!

I hope and pray that you will continue to worship here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, and I hope that OLMV will always be your spiritual home. I pray that you will continue to be a vital and active presence here in our parish, and that your words and actions will proclaim the truth of Jesus to the wider community. It is the active support of the People of God that has made our parish that special place where people live in peace and hope, recognizing that Christ is present among us. We continue to share the mission of our parish: "Together we proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ by our words and by our actions!" This is particularly true in this "Jubilee Year of Mercy!"

Please review the facts and figures contained in this report, and prayerfully consider your weekly gift to our parish. It is with the generous assistance of all our parishioners that we are able to "bridge the gap" between revenue and expense.

We must be committed to our parish's mission and to the Lord--that is to spread the "Good News." It is only as we share our time, talent and treasure---each of us---that we will be able to transform our community. Let us, together, serve as vehicles of God's mercy!

In peace and prayer

Very Reverend Patrick J. Kuffner, Pastor

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses:  
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

**REVENUES:**

**Ordinary Revenue:**

Weekend Collections	\$ 552,341
Holydays	\$ 17,304
Christmas (regular)	\$ 47,304
Easter	\$ 37,813
Gifts/Donations	\$ 13,787
Fund Raising (net)	\$ 16,673
Rental Income	\$ 20,405
Offerings	\$ 46,302
Dividend Income	<u>\$ 1,808</u>
(Ordinary Revenue)	\$ 753,737

**Extraordinary Revenue:**

Major Renovations Fund	\$ 159,534
Religious Education Fees	\$ 48,442
Diocesan Collections	\$ 9,347
National Appeals	\$ 28,297
Other Income	\$ 27,047
Rebates	\$ 9,397
Loss on Securities	<u>\$ -4,227</u>
(Extraordinary Revenue)	\$ 277,837

**Total Revenue: \$ 1,031,574**

**EXPENDITURES:**

**SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

Salaries	\$ 351,745
Medical Insurance	\$ 54,952
Social Security	\$ 18,354
Pension	\$ 28,377
Food/Household Expense	\$ 21,619
Total	\$ 475,047

**ADMINISTRATION**

Office Supplies and Expenses	\$ 30,935
Contracted and Professional Services	\$ 35,054
Bank Charges	\$ 1,587
Administration	\$ 3,999
Total	\$ 71,575

**OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Contracted Services	\$ 30,244
Repairs (under \$ 5,000)	\$ 6,964
Supplies	\$ 9,895
Equipment (under \$ 500)	\$ 1,582
Insurance	\$ 106,432
Utilities	\$ 88,274
Total	\$ 243,393

**PARISH LIFE**

School subsidy	\$ 30,900
Religious Education	\$ 16,308
Liturgy and Worship	\$ 41,224
Charities and Social concerns	\$ 3,691
Other Ministries	\$ 8,148
Total	\$ 100,271

**EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES**

Major Renovations (over \$ 5,000)	\$ 28,595
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 12,000
Diocesan/Mission Appeals	\$ 36,909
Total	<u>\$ 77,504</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 967,790**

Note: The parish is in arrears to the diocese in the amount of \$ 409,031 for unpaid Insurance and Assessments. \$79,000 is also held in the parish savings account: Major Renovation Fund donations to be used in the spring of 2016 for replacement of the exterior doors of the Church.

*Boletín en Español*  
*Domingo 17 de Enero del 2016*  
*II Domingo Ordinario*

**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 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.

- **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**



En *Misericordiae Vultus*, la Bula de Indicción (o Proclamación) de el Jubileo de la Misericordia, El papa Francisco dijo: Jesucristo es el rostro de la misericordia del Padre. El misterio de la fe cristiana parece encontrar su síntesis en esta palabra. Ella se ha vuelto viva, visible y ha alcanzado su culmen en Jesús de Nazaret. El Padre, « rico de misericordia » (*Ef 2,4*), después de haber revelado su nombre a Moisés como « Dios compasivo y misericordioso, lento a la ira, y pródigo en amor y fidelidad » (*Ex 34,6*) no ha cesado de dar a conocer en varios modos y en tantos momentos de la historia su naturaleza divina. En la « plenitud del tiempo » (*Gal 4,4*), cuando todo estaba dispuesto según su plan de salvación, Él envió a su Hijo nacido de la Virgen María para revelarnos de manera definitiva su amor. Quien lo ve a Él ve al Padre (cfr *Jn 14,9*). Jesús de Nazaret con su palabra, con sus gestos y con toda su persona revela la misericordia de Dios.

**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.

*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!**