

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Jan., 25th	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
7:00	A.M.	Jean Tauriello r/o Helen & Ron Scarpitti
TUES.,	Jan., 26th	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
12:00	P.M.	Julia H. Erb r/o Pat & Jim Benson
WED.,	Jan., 27th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Marcia Borge r/o Karen Gallagher
THURS.,	Jan., 28th	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest
12:00	P.M.	Parishioners
FRI.,	Jan., 29th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	OLMV Deceased Parishioners
SAT.,	Jan., 30th	Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Antonio LaRocca r/o Enrica & Ignazio Tripoli Family
5:00	P.M.	Alejandrina Serrano Rios r/o Bill & Maria Kuhrt
SUN.,	Jan., 31st	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Anthony Piazza r/o Richard & Linda Miller
10:00	A.M.	Patrick & Agnes Daly r/o Bob & Agnes Paulis
11:30	A.M.	Patricia T. Sweeney r/o Ellen Fleming
1:30	P.M.	Hijos, Padres, Madres y familias

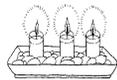
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Lenten Novena: Monday, January 25, 2016
7:00 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome!

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24—31

Altar Candles

Special Intention for her 100th Birthday
 Amelia Zuccarelli 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.

MEDITATION GARDEN AND REMEMBRANCE WALKWAY

It has been a great grace to see so many members of our parish stop by and visit our new Memorial Garden and Remembrance Walkway. Even on a cold clear day, it is a wonderful place to spend a minute or two in prayer. As you know, bricks are available for purchase. Each brick that is purchased assists our parish as we plan to address areas of our facility that need updating. Contact Father Pat to arrange the purchase of a brick. Bricks are available in three colors and two sizes (4" x 8" for \$150.00 and 8" x 8" for \$250.00). Memorial bricks are a powerful expression of our love for God and for OLMV Church.

“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

Jan. 16-17.....	\$10,479.00
Major Renovations.....	\$940.00
Christmas Additional.....	\$120.00
Together in Charity Additional.....	\$112.00
Foundation for Catholic Education.....	\$2,413.00
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 entranceways. Completed forms should be returned to Father Pat. Please contact Father Pat if you want additional information about this program.

Few Notes from our Pastor:

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.

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.



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!

**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.

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



In *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction (or Proclamation) of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (#16), Pope Francis speaks of today’s gospel, saying:

“In the Gospel of Luke, we find another important element that will help us live the Jubilee with faith. Luke writes that Jesus, on the Sabbath, went back to Nazareth and, as was his custom, entered the synagogue. They called upon him to read the Scripture and to comment on it. The passage was from the Book of Isaiah where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and freedom to those in captivity; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (*Is 61:1-2*). A “year of the Lord’s favour” or “mercy”: this is what the Lord proclaimed and this is what we wish to live now. This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus’ mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed. The preaching of Jesus is made visible once more in the response of faith which Christians are called to offer by their witness. May the words of the Apostle accompany us: he who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness (cf. *Rom 12:8*).”

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

2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Grace, Mercy & Peace

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.

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 24 de Enero del 2016
III Domingo Ordinario

**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.

- **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*, the Bula de Indicción (o Proclamación) de el Jubileo de la Misericordia (#16), el Papa Francisco habla en el evangelio de hoy:

“En el Evangelio de Lucas encontramos otro aspecto importante para vivir con fe el Jubileo. El evangelista narra que Jesús, un sábado, volvió a Nazaret y, como era costumbre, entró en la Sinagoga. Lo llamaron para que leyera la Escritura y la comentara. El paso era el del profeta Isaías donde está escrito: «El Espíritu del Señor sobre mí, porque me ha ungido para anunciar a los pobres la Buena Nueva, me ha enviado a proclamar la liberación a los cautivos y la vista a los ciegos, para dar la libertad a los oprimidos y proclamar un año de gracia del Señor» (61,12). “Un año de gracia”: es esto lo que el Señor anuncia y lo que deseamos vivir. Este Año Santo lleva consigo la riqueza de la misión de Jesús que resuena en las palabras del Profeta: llevar una palabra y un gesto de consolación a los pobres, anunciar la liberación a cuantos están prisioneros de las nuevas esclavitudes de la sociedad moderna, restituir la vista a quien no puede ver más porque se ha replegado sobre sí mismo, y volver a dar dignidad a cuantos han sido privados de ella. La predicación de Jesús se hace de nuevo visible en las respuestas de fe que el testimonio de los cristianos está llamado a ofrecer. Nos acompañen las palabras del Apóstol: «El que practica misericordia, que lo haga con alegría» (*Rm* 12,8).”

Espero que podamos usar este Año de la Misericordia para 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 mas 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 Maria.

- **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...

**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!