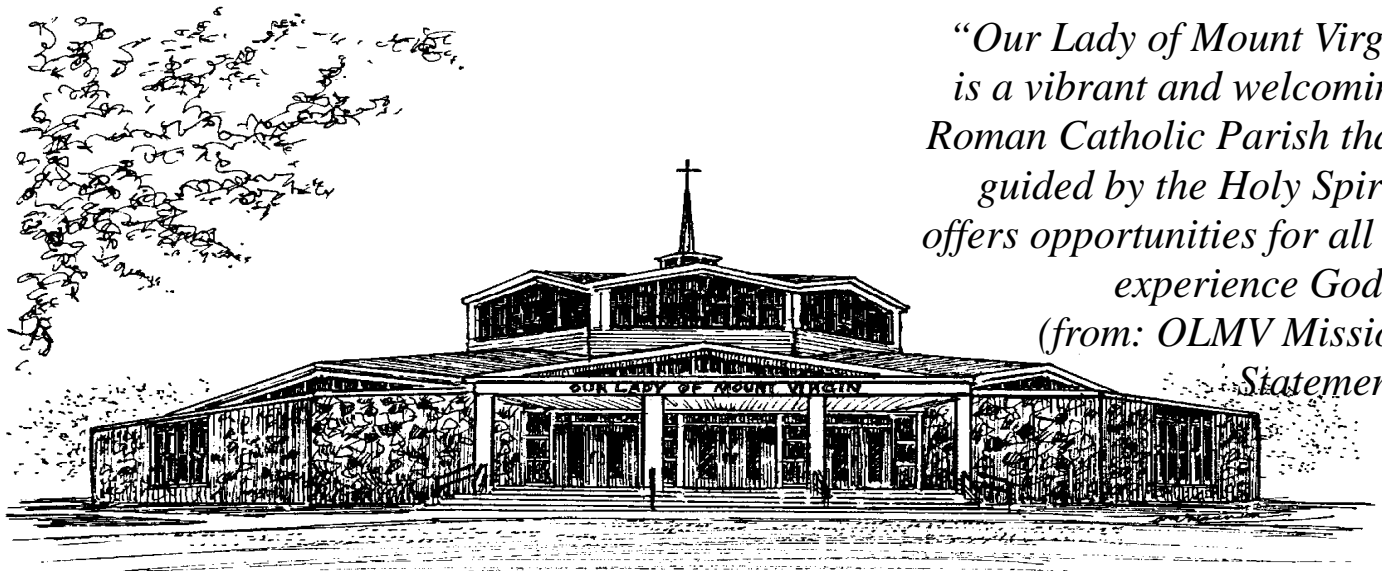


Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

Very Rev. Patrick J. Kuffner, Pastor
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Deacon John Czekaj
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January 26, 2014

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*“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:

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
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Rectory Emergency
732-667-8034

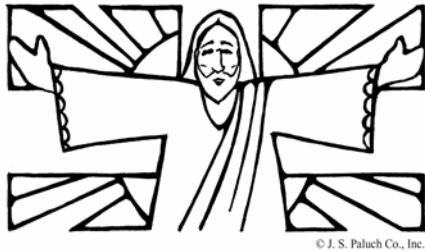
Fax
732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2014



Wait for LORD with courage; be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD.

-Psalm 27:14

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Jan. 27th A.M.	Saint Angela Merici Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	Jan. 28th P.M.	Saint Thomas Aquinas William Bohrman r/o Family
WED., 7:00	Jan. 29th A.M.	Weekday Rolando Chu r/o Gepigon Family
THURS., 12:00	Jan. 30th P.M.	Weekday Mary Venditti r/o Altar Rosary Society
FRI., 7:00	Jan. 31st A.M.	Saint John Bosco Roman Slusarz r/o Maureen, Richard, Megan & Matt
SAT., 8:00 5:00	Feb. 1st A.M. P.M.	Weekday Purgatorial Society Mass Frank & Angie Suchak r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	Feb. 2nd A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Sunday in Ordinary Time Selvetrice LaMicela r/o Enrica Tripoli & Family Dr. John B. Maggio r/o Monique Sasso Harry & Rita Lee r/o Daughter Ellen & Grandchildren Familias de OLMV



Week of January 26—Feb. 2

Altar Candles

Christopher Comune r/o Comune Family

Tabernacle Candles

Roman Slusarz r/o Maureen, Richard, Megan & Matt

Sanctuary Candles

Maria Bertida Valencia r/o The Carmona Family

Eucharistic Adoration: February 7, 7:30 am—12:00 Noon.

Everyone is welcome to spend some quiet time with the Lord!

Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart.

- Mother Teresa

Mark your Calendars:

Our Lenten Novena begins on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 P.M. in the church.

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 requested for the recently deceased: Rose M. Pennington, Judith Voorhees & Richard P. Zakashefski.

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. All of us working together make a powerful statement that Jesus is alive and present here in Middlesex! 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. They make a wonderful statement of remembrance for a loved one or to note a significant event or achievement.



Altar Rosary Super Bowl Bake Sale: Feb. 1—2.

Join us as we celebrate Mass together at 8am on Sunday, February 2nd. Our next meeting will be in the church hall at 7pm on Monday, February 3rd.

Baptismal Preparation Class: February 6, 7:30 pm (Petra House). Families must register in advance prior to attend the baptismal class by calling the parish office.

THE YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAX PURPOSES CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.



The weekend of Feb. 1—2

5:00 P.M.—	Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue
8:00 A.M.—	Kevin Meier Joey Meier
10:00 A.M.—	Sydney Kukoda Nicky Kukoda Katelyn Carrmona
11:30 A.M.—	Katie Schilp Mary Schilp



"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.

January 18—19.....	\$10,968.00
Additional Christmas.....	\$65.00
Spanish Mass (Jan. 12).....	\$305.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,035.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO OLMV !!!

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community

Your contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to sustain the ministry of the *Office of the Diaconate* which extends its efforts in the recruitment, selection and training of men who, through prayer and discernment, have recognized their calling to the permanent diaconate. Please consider making a gift today.

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.


THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES:

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the Feast of the Purification or Candlemas Day, is celebrated on February 2, 40 days after Christmas. According to tradition, Jewish parents would bring new-born male children to the temple to be "presented" to God 40 days after birth. So, today we celebrate the "Presentation of the Lord" at the Temple. We also celebrate Mary's obedience to the Law of Moses as she also presents herself at the Temple for the ritual of purification.

Catholic communities have also blessed the candles that will be used during the year for religious services on this special day. According to tradition, members of the congregation process through the church with lighted candles, while candles that are at least 51% beeswax and will be used at different liturgical ceremonies are placed in the sanctuary. We will bless candles we use at the Altar, Sanctuary Candles, devotional candles used in the chapels, baptismal and RCIA candles, candles used for the Easter Vigil and candles used on Holy Thursday. When the congregation and the presider reach the sanctuary, special prayers are recited and the candles are blessed. Members of the congregation are invited to bring candles from their homes--candles that will be used for family devotions within the household, such as "Advent candles" devotional candles and candles used in association with the sacraments.

OLMV Parish will bless candles during the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at the vigil Mass on February 1 and at all the Masses on February 2.

INTERFAITH GATHERING...Join us on Wednesday, February 12 at 12:30 pm for an **ABRAHAM'S TABLE Presentation and Luncheon**. We will have speakers representing the 3 Abrahamic Faiths, and our own Deacon Candidate, Thomas Sommero, will be our Catholic representative. This is a wonderful opportunity to express and live out what we experienced during the Year of Faith. Please sign your name on clipboards on the tables around the church so we can have an estimate of how many people will be coming to share in this gathering. All are welcome...bring a friend!

 **Religious Education:** First Penance Service, Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm in the Church.
February 18: NO CLASSES.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Baptist has been arrested, Jesus has gone off to pray and when he returns, he begins to preach a powerful message, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus travels around Galilee preaching and curing the sick. When he is by the Sea of Galilee, he calls his first disciples to follow him. Peter and Andrew, and James and John become "fishers of men" as they stop what they are doing and follow Jesus immediately.

Jesus preaches a new and powerful message and begins to journey with those who will one day bring his message to a wider world. Even as Jesus begins his mission to the people of Israel, we already have a sense that this mission is destined for a wider audience. Repent your sinfulness and enter into the Kingdom of God! When we think about it, isn't this just such a simple message of faith and love that Jesus brings--to his disciples, to his people, and finally to the world?

Last week, Pope Francis visited the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus near the Termini railway station. This is an active parish in Rome that attracts a mainly immigrant people who come from all over Rome to worship there. In his homily, Pope Francis reminded all present that "even truckfuls of sin can be forgiven. Faith is the key to success in life." He reminded the parishioners that Jesus truly is the Lamb of God, and that Jesus finds his very strength in his meekness and love. The Pope reminded them that if we wanted to rise above the hold of sin, we need to trust in the one person who is Jesus Christ, the true Lamb. And that there is no amount of sinfulness that can keep us from the Lord if we are honestly repentant! Pope Francis continues by pointing out that the key to being successful in life is to trust in the Lord, for it is the Lord who brings us peace. The Pope urged everyone to "gamble on the Lord."

A simple, yet powerful message that should give us so much hope! I think that the Pope's advice to the parishioners of that church in Rome is just as necessary for us.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus invited his followers to turn away from sin and to "repent." Today we need to also repent our sinful ways--our greed, lust, gluttony, deceitfulness, anger, cheating and gossip. We need to trust in the Lord, and realize that no matter how terrible our sins, no matter how many, that the Lord will always forgive, if only we repent.

Today, let us repent. Let us "gamble" on the Lord. Let us trust in him--he will not disappoint!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their business meeting this **Monday, January 27th at 8:00 P.M.** in the Church Hall.

THANKS to our **Knights of Columbus** for the success of our Blood Drive. Thanks to everyone who donated blood here at OLMV.

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