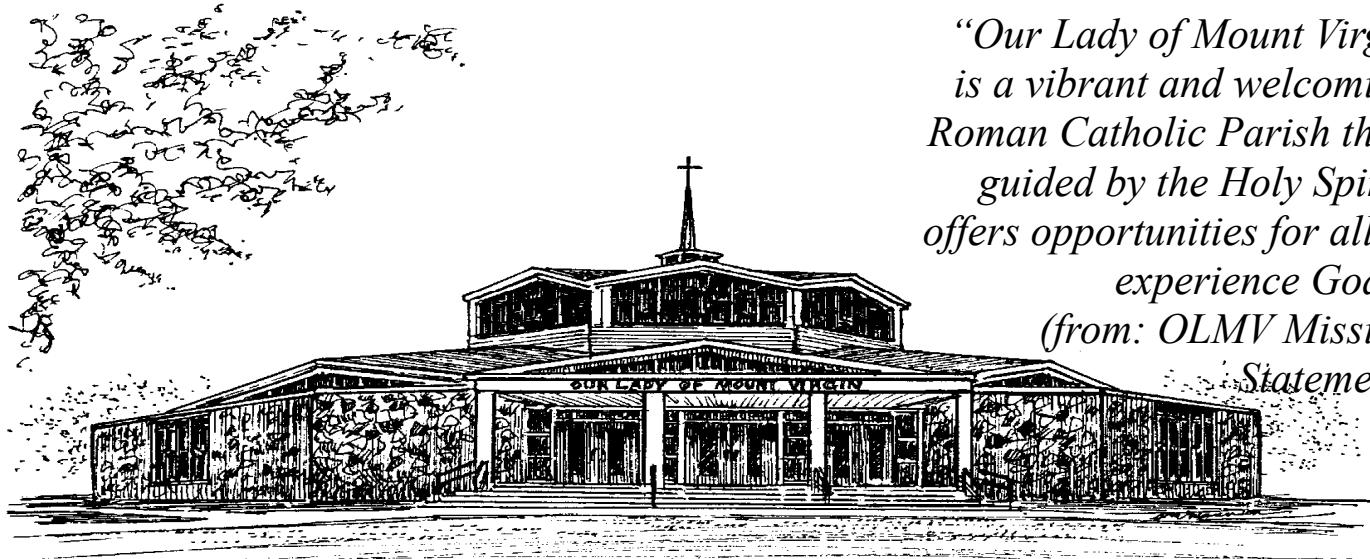


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February 2, 2014

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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

CONFESIONS:

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
parish office.

Rectory Emergency
732-667-8034

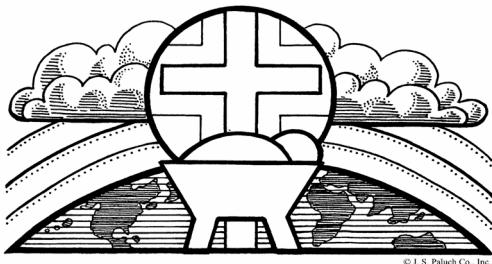
Fax
732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014



He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

-Hebrews 2:17

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Feb. 3 rd A.M.	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time James Efinger r/o 7:00 A.M. Mass Group
TUES., 12:00	Feb. 4 th P.M.	Weekday Parishioners
WED., 7:00	Feb. 5 th A.M.	Saint Agatha James DeLario r/o Chester & Clara Sadowski
THURS., 12:00	Feb. 6 th P.M.	Saint Paul Miki and Companions Cynthia Ellis r/o Sisters & Mother
FRI., 7:00	Feb. 7 th A.M.	Weekday Porfiro & Angelita & Jose Tito Goco r/o Gepigon Family
SAT., 8:00	Feb. 8 th A.M.	Weekday Robert Conway r/o Philip & Nancy Sidotti
	5:00 P.M.	Margaret Harrity r/o Husband & Family
SUN., 8:00	Feb. 9 th A.M.	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Welsh r/o Denise & Joe
10:00	A.M.	John B. Maggio r/o Carrie & Chris DiCostanzo
11:30	A.M.	Robert J. Conway r/o Michelle & John Vaca
1:30	P.M.	



Week of February 2—9

Altar Candles

Robert & Loretta Goodman r/o The Goodman

Family

Tabernacle Candles

Noel P. & Mary Orane r/o Daughters & Family

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

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: Erika Peckhardt & Tom Mendelson.

A Prayer for Marriage

Heavenly Father,
through the intercession of the Holy Family,

Help us treasure the gift of marriage that reflects the love of Christ for the Church, where the self-giving love of husband and wife unites them more perfectly and cooperates in your plan for new life created in your image.

Help us support men and women in their vocation of marriage, especially in difficult times when they join their sufferings to Christ on the Cross.

Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society as the place where love is nurtured and family life begins.

Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love and on your providential care for us. Amen

Please pray daily for the vocation of marriage.

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who supported our monthly **Collection for FISH**, we collected 195 bundles of food and 2 cases. Our next collection will be: **February 15—16**. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

THANK YOU to everyone who was so generous in supporting last week's Annual Collection for Catholic Education.

The weekend of Feb. 8—9



5:00 P.M.—	Katelyn Carmona Amelia Casale Taylor Anthony
8:00 A.M.—	Jonathon Massarelli Tommy McNulty
10:00 A.M.—	Alexis Labrada Lorenzo Troia T. Sviderskis-Carroll
11:30 A.M.—	Arista Parillo Jackie Mai Christina Mai



"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 25—26.....	\$7,669.00
Additional Christmas.....	\$235.00
Spanish Mass (Jan. 12).....	\$450.00
Major Renovations.....	\$493.00
Catholic Education.....	\$2,361.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Faith, Family, Community

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.

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!

NAOMI TEA...Sunday, February 9...12:30—2:00 pm in

Petra House...we welcome ALL WIDOWS to join us for a gathering 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. Remember to bring someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated!

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

When a loved one dies, our world is forever changed. For the heartbroken, daily life is overwhelmed with sadness. The simplest of tasks becomes a monumental challenge as our minds and hearts are clouded with tears, loneliness, fear and possibly anger. If you are suffering over the death of someone you loved, perhaps the 8 week Bereavement Group at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, in Metuchen, may help you during this painful time. Their experienced, caring and trained facilitator will help guide you on your **Journey Through Grief**.

Wednesday evenings for 8 weeks beginning February 19 –

April 9, 2014

7: 00 PM

**Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
(Parish Center)
45 Library Place
Metuchen, NJ**

Please call Jessie Flynn 732-895-2563 or Jo Flanigan 732-548-0100 x. 225 for further information. Pre-registration is required.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL AND CHAMBER CHOIRS are currently seeking new members for the spring diocesan liturgies including the Rite of Election and Chrism Mass. The choir is conducted by Thomas DeLessio, Diocesan Director of Liturgical Music, with group vocal technique by Matthew LaPine, choral music teacher of Bernards HS. Festival Choir serves as an extension of the Ministry of parish choirs. We strive to provide an experience that is affirming and enriching to our members. For full schedule and further information, contact Thomas DeLessio at 732-562-1990 ext. 1636.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, we move out from the ordinary days of the year as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Today we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It has also been a long tradition of our Church to bless the candles that will be used at liturgical events throughout the year on this date.

The Mosaic Law required the parents of a first-born male child to "redeem" him forty days after his birth by the presentation of a lamb for a holocaust offering at the temple. The poor were allowed to substitute two turtle doves as their offering. In addition, the mother would present herself to be purified. After the holocaust offering and the prayers of the priest for her, she was cleansed. The parents of Jesus complied with the Law of Moses; Jesus was presented and Mary was purified.

In today's Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus' presentation takes place in the presence of Simeon, the "just one," and Anna, the "prophetess." It is very powerful to consider Jesus' first solemn introduction to the house of God in context with Simeon and Anna who represent all that is best in the hopes and traditions of the House of Israel. These "ancient ones" seem to have an instinctive awareness that Jesus is, indeed, the Messiah who has been expected for so long. The ancient holy ones confirm that Jesus is the "Holy One of God."

While the "Feast of the Forty Days" has been celebrated in the Church since the early part of the fourth century, the tradition of blessing candles was not commonplace until the eleventh century.

The blessing of candles can take place within the context of Mass or at a separate time during the day. Special prayers are recited and the different candles that will be used in various liturgical celebrations during the year are blessed. Prayers are recited and usually the candles are sprinkled with holy water and then are incensed. Members of the congregation, carrying lighted candles, join the presider in procession throughout the church while other candles are displayed. During the procession, the prayer of Simeon, the "Nunc Dimittis," is recited.

The procession and blessing of the candles reminds us that we share the "Light of Christ," the light first recognized so long ago by both Simeon and Anna.

A question: Have you been reading the book, **Rediscovering Catholicism**? Today as we consider Jesus as the true light – presented in the Temple as a light for all to see, shouldn't we be doing all we can to re-kindle within ourselves the bright light of the Lord? Shouldn't we be sharing the light beyond ourselves?

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

Catholic School Tuition Assistance: Applications for financial aid through the Diocese of Metuchen Tuition Assistance Program for the 2014–2015 school year are now available at all diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Completed applications must be mailed to Private School Aid Service, postmarked no later than Monday, March 31, 2014. Please visit the diocesan website at: www.diometuchen.org, for further information.



THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

For more information contact the School's Office at 908-822-5890 or log on to the school's website at: holysavioracademy.com.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:

Today we celebrate the Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. As we honor the many Sisters, Brothers and Religious Priests who serve our diocese, Bishop Bootkoski will lead Evening Prayer today, Sunday, at 4:00pm in the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi. Please plan to attend and join Bishop Bootkoski in honoring those who serve us so faithfully in our diocese.

Annual Knights of Columbus "Knight of Comedy:"

The OLMV Knights of Columbus, Council 12700, will once again sponsor a "Knight of Comedy" here at our parish. Please mark your calendars, and reserve Friday, April 4, 2014 and plan to join in great entertainment, delicious hors d'oeuvres and camaraderie in our Parish Center auditorium. Watch future bulletins for more information. Tickets will be available after all Masses during the weekend and at the Parish office.

OLMV UPCOMING EVENTS:

K of C "Pasta Night"
Altar Rosary Society "Quilt" raffle

FIRST PENANCE:

Our Second Grade student will celebrate the Sacrament of First Penance on Monday evening, February 10, 2014 at 7:00pm here in our church. Let us pray for our youngsters as they continue to grow in "wisdom and grace" before the Lord, and as they advance in the Sacramental Life.

Spreading the Word

"...they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." Luke 2:22

Do we give the Lord the first fruits of our time every week by attending Mass? Do we set an example for our children and grandchildren by attending Mass and joyously participating in the celebration of Mass each week? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we communicate with Him?



**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.

World Marriage Day Celebration

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014

"Love One Another"

World Marriage Day, which is held each year on the second Sunday in February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. The commandment given to us by Jesus in John 15:12 is to love one another. Loving one another as husband and wife is a daily decision, simple but challenging. It is an ongoing process of learning about each other and how to accommodate differences so that both spouses can feel satisfied and grow in love for each other. For helpful insights and suggestions on how to love one another more fully log on to the Catholic Bishops (USCCB) marriage resource website: www.foryourmarriage.org. Be prepared to find videos along with interesting articles for couples in every stage of marriage including the challenges facing couples today: unemployment, parenting, balancing work and family, care giving, etc.

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.

The Dunellen High School Exodus Yearbook is sponsoring the 8th Annual Gently Used Book/CD/DVD Sale. If you have used books, CD's, or DVD's that would like to donate please bring them to Dunellen HS as soon as possible. The book sale will take place Thursday, March 13 through Saturday, March 15, 2014. We appreciate your support.

<<<<<<RINCÓN ESPAÑOL >>>>>>

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 sobres dominicales.

-Proximo compartir: 23 de Febrero.

Que Dios le bendiga!

Padre Pat

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