

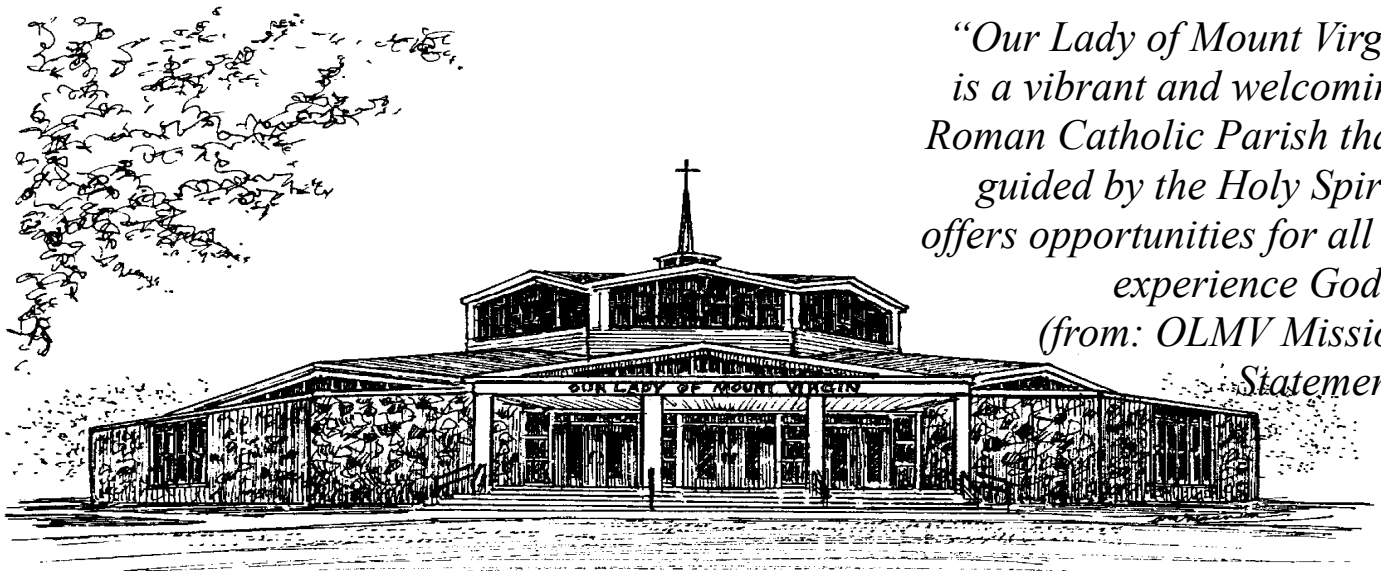
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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February 16, 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
parish office.

Rectory Emergency
732-667-8034

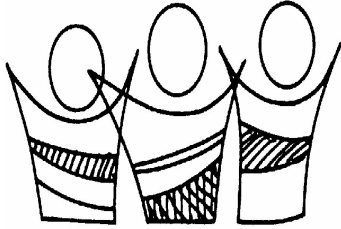
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2014



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What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love God, this God has revealed to us through the spirit.

-1 Corinthians 2:9-10

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 9:00	Feb. 17th A.M.	Weekday Porfiro, Angelita & Jose Tito Goco r/o Gepigon Family
TUES., 12:00	Feb. 18th P.M.	Weekday Walter Camuso r/o Mary
WED., 7:00	Feb. 19th A.M.	Weekday Richard Zakaskefski r/o Lottie Murray
THURS., 12:00	Feb. 20th P.M.	Weekday Thomas Francis Powanda r/o Patricia Johnson
FRI., 7:00	Feb. 21st A.M.	Saint Peter Damian Cosimo Tripoli r/o Enrico Tripoli & Family
SAT., 8:00 5:00	Feb. 22nd A.M. P.M.	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle Annette Cahalan r/o Bagon Family Peterson & Manicone Families r/o George & Carolyn Manicone
SUN., 8:00	Feb. 23rd A.M.	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Anne Bailey Eisenhower r/o Gronsky Family
10:00 11:30	A.M. A.M.	Phillip Piccolo r/o AT& T friends Anthony Meffe r/o Engo & Susan Ragucci
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana de OLMV



Memorials

Week of February 16—23

Tabernacle Candles

Anthony Costabile r/o Theresa Williams & Family

LENTEN NOVENA TO OUR LADY:

Our Lenten Novena to Our Lady takes place on Monday night, February 17 at 7:00pm, and continues each Monday night through Holy Week. Plan to attend the novena. A special indulgence is available to all who attend the novena for nine weeks.

LENT: Now is the time to begin thinking about how we plan to spend the time of Lenten preparation as we look forward to Easter! Watch next week's bulletin for information about the different worship and prayer opportunities that will be available at OLMV during Lent. **Don't forget Ash Wednesday: March 5!**

A Reminder:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION begins after the 7:00 A.M. Mass on **Friday, February 21st** and ends right at Noon. Come and enjoy the peace of a little quiet time with Jesus.

Congratulations to **Charlotte Neliwocki** who won the January "Rebuild Our Church" 50/50 Raffle.

Her prize was \$600.00

Special Thanks to everyone who continues to support our "Rebuild Our Church" program.

REMINDER

Mass schedule change for Monday February 17th
Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. only.

The weekend of Feb. 22—23



Altar Servers

5:00 P.M.—	Kevin Meier Joey Meier
8:00 A.M.—	Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue
10:00 A.M.—	Katie Schlip Mary Schilp Taylor Anthony
11:30 A.M.—	Natalie Zychlinski



Our Weekly Offering

"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.

February 1—2.....	\$10,418.50
Additional Christmas.....	\$10.00
Spanish Mass (Feb. 2).....	\$291.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,468.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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

Next weekend, February 22—23, we will having a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. All proceeds will help people living in poverty in the United States. Please visit their website: www.usccb.org to read more about CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.

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 by the recently deceased: Betty Huda.

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community

Our goal is to have 100% participation in the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

OLMV UPCOMING EVENTS:

K of C "Pasta Night" March 22 in the Church Hall from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm.

Altar Rosary Society "Quilt" raffle—Coming soon!!!

Fifth Annual Knights of Columbus "Knight of Comedy:"

Once again, Vinnie Brand, star of TV and Radio, will headline our annual K of C "Knight of Comedy." Reserve Friday evening, April 4th, 2014 – 7:30pm, and plan to attend this incredibly funny yearly event that takes place in our parish center auditorium. For only \$25.00 per person, patrons enjoy a great show with two professional comedians, and partake of a truly "gourmet" BYOB Cocktail Hour with complementary hors d'oeuvres. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses in the vestibule, and will also be available in the parish office. Watch for additional information in upcoming bulletins.



SAINT PATRICK'S
DAY BAKE SALE:

The OLMV Cultural Diversity Ministry will sponsor our **Annual International Night** this year on **Saturday, May 31, 2014**. In anticipation of this special yearly parish event, the Ministry will sponsor its annual "*Saint Patrick's Day Bake Sale* after all Masses on **Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16**. The members of the *Cultural Diversity Ministry* thank you in advance for supporting this event that raises funds in support of *International Night*.

Altar Rosary Society upcoming event: Retreat at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Sterling, NJ, Thursday, April 10, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm: \$35.00 each which includes hot lunch. Transportation is not included. We will car pool from the church. For more information please see an officer of the Altar Rosary Society. This retreat is open to all parishioners, as long as seats are available. The maximum is number 50 people.

CROCHETIERS AND KNITTERS:

For those of you who are new to Project Linus, we are a national non-profit organization and we offer comfort and security to children going through a crisis through the gift of handmade blankets. Blankets are needed for all age groups from infant to adolescents. The blankets are distributed to hospitals in the area and given to police for children involved in the accidents.

We have expanded the Linus project to include baby blankets to our new-born children on the occasion of their baptism into our church. We are looking for pastel colored knitted or crocheted blankets. Blanket can be dropped off in the parish office. *Special thanks to all who participate in this beautiful ministry.*

"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor." -Pope Francis.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"If you choose, you can keep the commandments. They will save you." These words, from our first reading today, from the Book of Sirach, are a compelling reminder that humans are responsible for our actions. This has been understood from the earliest of times in our faith tradition. If we look to the Genesis accounts of creation, didn't our "first parents" freely choose to disobey God and give in to the temptation presented by the "serpent?" And because they freely choose to disobey God, they had to accept the loss of "Paradise" and all the unpleasant consequences that went along with this loss.

Our first reading today continues, to remind us that we are responsible for our actions. God invites us to be faithful and is aware of our every deed. Indeed, it is never the desire of God that we act unjustly or that we enter into sin!

The other day I was watching one of the "self-help" videos that are designed to remind us to become the best persons we are called to be. The speaker made one very powerful statement: "We protect what we fall in love with." I have been thinking about this quote for the past few days. Certainly God protects us---we know that God loves each of us powerfully, completely and without reservation. His protection of us is such that he sent his own divine Son into the world – as one like us – to redeem the human family and allow us to once again enter into his presence for all eternity. The strength of God's protective love for us, his children, actually has a depth that is beyond our imagination.

So great is God's love for us that this love comes with the gift of "freedom." And freedom is at the center of the message we have today in our first reading. We, you and I, have been given the freedom by our Creator to choose "rightly." This means that God has given us the power to freely respond to his powerful love by following his plan for us. In other words, God has given us the power to freely return his love for us with our love for him!

Unfortunately, it is no easy task to remain faithful to God's love. If we truly love God, we must freely choose to follow his "commands." As Catholic believers, we know that Jesus, through the mandate first given to the apostles, desires that "we go forth into the world, baptizing and sharing the Good News of the Kingdom of God."

In a few weeks many of us will visit the church on Ash Wednesday to receive ashes as a reminder of our mortality. The priest or deacon will place the ashes on our foreheads in the Sign of the Cross and will say the words: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Traditionally the season of Lent is a time when we are invited to look within, recognize areas of imperfection and to work on overcoming them. Today Sirach invites us to freely "choose to keep the commands of God." Is there a better way to show that we really do truly love God than by "turning away from sin and remaining faithful to the Gospel?" And we can begin today!!!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

**The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow
Monday, February 17 in honor of President's Day.**

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