

## MASS INTENTIONS

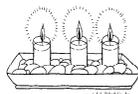
<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>The Chair of St Peter, Apostle</b> Marie Hustoke r/o Holy Savior Board
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Frank Giubleo r/o Natalie & Children
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>Feb., 24<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Theresa Marie Nelson r/o Amelia Geptigon
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>Feb., 25<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Msgr. James Cafone r/o The Maco Family
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>Feb., 26<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Capano Family r/o Henrietta, Children & Grandchildren
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00 5:00	<b>Feb., 27<sup>th</sup></b> A.M. P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Parishioners Emil Mihalek r/o Doreen Russo
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	<b>Feb., 28<sup>th</sup></b> A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Paul Murphy r/o John & Helen Evans Nunzio Spilleti r/o The Fragassi Family John J. Flesher r/o Mary Ellis Celenia Galeano

**Lenten Novena this  
Monday, February 22, 7:00 pm in the church.**

### FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21-28

#### *Altar Candles*

Deceased Members of Cerne & Skowron Families r/o Diane Grabas



**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: Vincent Napoleone, Antoinette Festa and Cheryl Anne Resch.

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (ISAIAH 6:8)*

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

### GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### Feb. 14...NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING

Sisters of OLMV.....  
Additional Christmas.....  
Major Renovations Fund.....  
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

#### 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.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! The Knights of Columbus

Will hold its Seventh Annual “Knight of Comedy”  
on Friday, April 15th at 7:30 pm, featuring

Vinnie Brand, from the Stress Factory and a professional opening comedian. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available in the parish office and after all Masses beginning 2/26. It’s a BYOB event but complimentary hors d’oeuvres are included in the admission price. Doors open at 7pm. Cocktail hour begins at 7:30.



## A letter from Deacon Tom Sommero (fills in for Father Pat)

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' temptation in the desert to Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain. The Transfiguration begins with Jesus inviting Peter, James and John up to a mountaintop to pray. Even from this first moment of the narrative, we are challenged to apply the scene to ourselves. Just as Jesus withdraws from the world to pray, we are encouraged to consider on how regularly we take time from the busyness of our lives to find opportunities for prayer.

Then, while at prayer, Jesus is shown in His glory. Of course, His disciples were fast asleep – the same three disciples who would fall sleep in the Garden of Gethsemane after Jesus had bidden them to stay awake and pray with Him. For me, it naturally calls to mind the *many* times I have fallen asleep while trying to pray.

But here on Mount Tabor, when Peter and the disciples awaken, they see Jesus transfigured. Unfortunately, I have no personal experience in my own life to connect with this scene. It's hard to even imagine what the Transfiguration looked like. We're told that "His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white," but any image of this scene that I conjure in my mind must surely fall short.

And there, surrounding the Transfigured Lord, stood Moses and Elijah! They too appeared "in glory," speaking with Christ about His impending Passion, which "He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."

The symbolism of this encounter is important.

There is Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt through the Red Sea, and gave them the Law at Mount Sinai. And there is Elijah, the great Prophet taken up to heaven, whose return was announced by Malachi before the coming of the Lord. In this scene, the Law and the Prophets find their fulfillment – their perfection – in the person of Jesus Christ.

The narrative continues with Peter offering to build tents for Jesus and the honored guests. It seems that Peter was trying to hold onto this experience, but was he focusing on the wrong thing?

Almost as a rebuke – not the first time for Peter – a theophany (*an appearance of God*) occurs: "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my chosen Son; listen to Him!'"

Peter wanted to do *something*. God's response was simply to *listen* to Him. For Peter and for us, slowing down and stopping to listen to God sounds simple enough. Yet often, it can be difficult to actually accomplish. Quieting ourselves and listening for divine direction and guidance can be challenging . . . sometimes out of fear for what God might be calling us to do.

The experience of the Transfiguration is meant to point to the sufferings Jesus will soon endure. It is meant to strengthen the disciples' faith, revealing to them in a powerful way that the divine hand is at work in the events that will take place during Holy Week.

The revelation of the Transfiguration is that it is *not only* Jesus who must take up the cross. The apostles and *each one of us* must do likewise.

This is why the apostles traveled back down mountain and walked with Jesus up to Jerusalem. We too are to follow Jesus from the mountaintop into our families, neighborhoods, workplaces and everywhere we encounter others. While we must find times of solitude for prayer, our lives are not meant to be lived in isolation.

The wonderful and at times overwhelming responsibility of being a follower of Christ means accepting the truth and embracing everything it entails. It means to agree each day to sacrifice to help others, to be kind, to serve, to speak out against injustices, to speak up for Catholic truths, and to be disciplined in our prayer habits. These are the ways we live out our transfiguration.

God's peace.  
Deacon Tom

## Lenten Schedule at OLMV:



### Lenten Activities at OLMV:

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursday from 6:30—7:30 pm (during Lent)

Lenten Novena is each Monday at 7:00pm in the Church

**February 8 – March 21**

Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm in the Church

**February 12 – March 18**

“Living” Stations – **March 25 at 7:00– pm** in the Church

Mass of Anointing – **Saturday, March 5 at 11:00am** in the Church

## Lenten Prayer Service for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

On Sunday, February 28 at 7:00pm, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church will offer a Lenten Prayer Service for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy entitled “Merciful like the Father” (the motto for the Jubilee). In the soft glow of candlelight creating a peaceful, prayerful atmosphere, this prayer service will feature readings from sacred scripture with accompanying icons (stylized paintings of Jesus or another holy figure on wood) paired with readings from *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis’ Bull of Indiction (proclamation) for the Jubilee Year, and repetitive chants in the style of Taizé and other songs. Everyone is invited to attend this unique prayer service.

## IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL LENTEN BABY SHOWER



The baby shower is to benefit the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan, New Jersey. This is an all volunteer organization dedicated to helping women in crisis pregnancies. They have helped hundreds of women choose alternatives to abortion. Their motto is "Give life a chance." The volunteers at the Center stress the need for basic items such as undies, receiving blankets, diapers, sleepers and baby food.

Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the Blessed Mother Chapel the weekend of March 5-6, 2016. Delivery will be March 7th.

## Employment Opportunities:

**Pre-school teacher: Must have Early Childhood Certification. Part time ( 4 hours per day, 5 days per week)**

**Teacher assistants: Part time and full time.**

Please e-mail your resume to  
[brightbeginnings1995@gmail.com](mailto:brightbeginnings1995@gmail.com)

## DIOCESE OF METUCEN Lenten Instructions – 2016

Lent allows each of us to let our Catholic tradition of fasting and abstaining be an important reminder of what it means to suffer or to be without. This liturgical season is a blessed opportunity for us to unite with our brothers and sisters who are hungry, poor, homeless, or living on the fringes of society and to draw near to all those who suffer from illness, affliction, addiction or other serious burden. The following is a reminder of the Lenten instructions to use as a guide as we unite with those who suffer, near and far.

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast is suggested so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the *Rites of Holy Week* and the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

My faithful brothers and sisters, in our fasting and abstaining this Lent, I pray that we each may choose to embrace this small suffering rather than accept it with misery or complaint. For, if we are joyful in our Lenten observances, we will be granted an opportunity to more fully understand the true sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for all humanity by accepting death on the cross in order to gain our eternal salvation.

+Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski  
Bishop of Metuchen

**Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**



In *Misericordiae Vultus*, the Bull of Indiction (or Proclamation) of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (#17), Pope Francis speaks of the season of Lent in the paragraph below:

“The pages of the prophet Isaiah can also be meditated upon concretely during this season of prayer, fasting, and works of charity: “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not” (58:6-11).”

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

**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.



**THANK YOU** to our Knights of Columbus who generously donated their Special Needs collection to the OLMV Religious Education program. With the funds, we were able to buy an entire curriculum for our Special Needs Students with a few extras for the students to use in their sacramental preparation!!!!!!

**Our Lady of Mount Virgin Religious Education Program is on Facebook!!!!** Please “LIKE” our page. Search for us at: **OLMV Religious Education, Middlesex, NJ.** We will post information weekly.

**OLMV in the Electronic Age:**



Don't forget to visit us and like us on Facebook: Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church Middlesex.

If you haven't already done so, sign up for our parish's e-blast e-mail system. Information and directions can be found on our parish web-site: [olmv.net](http://olmv.net).

**Coffee with a Cop**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2016**  
**10:00AM-12:00PM**



**Middlesex Elks**  
**545 Bound Brook Road**

The Middlesex Borough Police Department encourages community members to come together with members of the police department, in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, eat breakfast and drink coffee.

**Altar Rosary Society**  
**Upcoming Event**  
**Retreat at Shrine of St Joseph**  
**April 28, 2016**



**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!

**JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF:**

Have you lost of loved one? This is about joining our "Journey Through Grief." Our mission is to find healing, comfort and peace. When a loved one dies, our world changes. Our hearts are broken and the simplest things of life become an enormous challenge as we are faced with sadness, loneliness and, even anger.

**Date: April 7 through May 26, 2016**

**Time: Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:00 P.M.**

**Place: Petra House, 630 Harris Avenue, Middlesex (between the Church and Meditation Garden) parking and entrance in the back of the building**

**Moderators: Monique Sasso (732-356-9001)**

**Pat Oeskovic (732-356-8886)**

*Boletín en Español*  
*Domíngo 21 de Febrero del 2016*  
*II Domíngo de la Cuaresma*

**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 Comuni3n, 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.

Los padrinos tienen que ser Cat3licos practicantes de alguna Iglesia donde vivan.

Los padres deben asistir a una clase de preparaci3n para el bautismo.

-Matrimonios: Favor llamar a nuestras oficinas (732) 356.2149 ext. 1001.

- **Clases de Preparaci3n 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 a3o 2015-2016. Gracias!

**AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA  
JUBILEO DE LA MISERICORDIA**



En *Misericordiae Vultus*, la Proclamaci3n de el Extraordinario Jubileo de la Misericordia (#17), el Papa Francisco habla de la temporada de la Cuaresma en el p3rrafo abajo:

Las p3ginas del profeta Isaías podr3n ser meditadas con mayor atenci3n en este tiempo de oraci3n, ayuno y caridad: « Este es el ayuno que yo deseo: soltar las cadenas injustas, desatar los lazos del yugo, dejar en libertad a los oprimidos y romper todos los yugos; compartir tu pan con el hambriento y albergar a los pobres sin techo; cubrir al que veas desnudo y no abandonar a tus semejantes. Entonces despuntar3 tu luz como la aurora y tu herida se curar3 r3pidamente; delante de ti avanzar3 tu justicia y detr3s de ti ir3 la gloria del Se3or. Entonces llamar3s, y el Se3or responder3; pedir3s auxilio, y 3l dir3: « ¡Aquí estoy! ». Si eliminas de ti todos los yugos, el gesto amenazador y la palabra maligna; si partes tu pan con el hambriento y sacias al afligido de coraz3n, tu luz se alzar3 en las tinieblas y tu oscuridad ser3 como al mediodía. El Se3or te guiar3 incesantemente, te saciar3 en los ardores del desierto y llenar3 tus huesos de vigor; t3 ser3s como un jard3n bien regado, como una vertiente de agua, cuyas aguas nunca se agotan » (58,6-11).

Usemos este Jubileo de la Misericordia para ser “Misericordiosos como el Padre.”

**Actividades y anuncios de la parroquia  
Nuestra Senora del Monte Virgen**

- **Adoraci3n 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 devoci3n y en oraci3n 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 feligreses que de una u otra ayudan cada semana para el crecimiento de la Comunidad y por escoger a Nuestra Senora del Monte Virgen ser su lugar donde puedan servirle a Dios.

*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 areas en las cuales podríamos necesitar de tu ayuda:

- Ministro Eucarístico
- Monaguillos
- Lectores
- Ministros de Hospitalidad
- Lectores
- Sirviendo una mes al mes en el caf3 social

**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.**