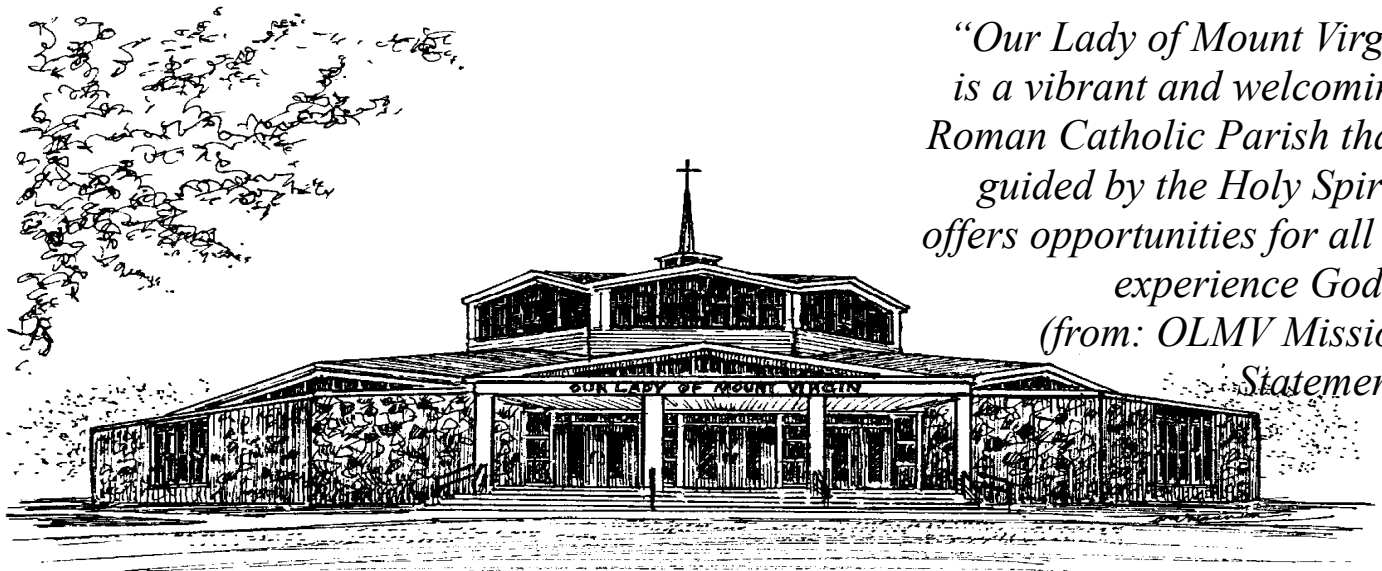


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is a vibrant and welcoming
Roman Catholic Parish that,
guided by the Holy Spirit,
offers opportunities for all to
experience God.”
(from: OLMV Mission
Statement)*

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

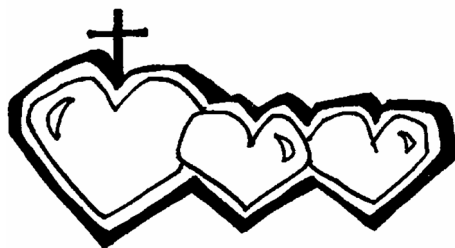
Fax
732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

-Leviticus 19:2

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Feb. 24th A.M.	Weekday Theresa A. McKinney r/o Husband & Children
7:00	P.M.	Novena
TUES., 12:00	Feb. 25th P.M.	Weekday Parishioners
WED., 7:00	Feb. 26th A.M.	Weekday Deceased of The Capano Family r/o Henrietta, Children & Grandchildren
THURS., 12:00	Feb. 27th P.M.	Weekday Dolores Romancheck r/o John & Pat Romancheck & Lorraine Curnow
FRI., 7:00	Feb. 28th A.M.	Weekday Steven Richter r/o Helen & Frank Sorzickas
SAT., 8:00	March 1st A.M.	Weekday Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	David Barbara r/o Mom & Dad
SUN., 8:00	March 2nd A.M.	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jack & Claire Donovan r/o Kevin & Alicia Donovan
10:00	A.M.	Robert J. Conway r/o Marie Sillib
11:30	A.M.	Dominic Franzoso r/o Family
1:30	P.M.	Familias e hijos de OLMV

LENTEN NOVENA TO OUR LADY:

Monday, February 24, 7:00 pm in the church.

Rebuild Our Church Raffle:

The February drawing of Our monthly "Rebuild our Church" raffle will take place on **Friday, February 28**. Please remember to send in your "Rebuild Our Church" raffle tickets to the parish office. Thank you for your continued support of this important fund-raising activity.

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— April 4.

JUST A REMINDER: The Sacrament of Penance is available each Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 P.M.

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: Carl J. Hambrick,



ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5TH) SERVICES

Mass with distribution of ashes
7:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes
10:00 am and 5:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 7:00 pm.

LENTEN INSTRUCTION



The days of **fast and abstinence** are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All Fridays of Lent are **days of abstinence**. The **Easter Fast** begins at the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

FASTING- to limit yourself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE- to abstain from meat and all meat products applies to all Catholics 14 and over.

May our Lenten prayers, fasting and works of mercy help us prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with renewed minds and hearts.

The weekend of March 1—2



- 5:00 P.M.—** Katelyn Carmona
Amelia Casale
- 8:00 A.M.—** Alexis Labrada
Sheridan Hoyt
- 10:00 A.M.—** Jordan McEvoy
Jordan Mai
Christina Mai
- 11:30 A.M.—** Arista Parillo
Mikaehla Pineda

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



"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 15—16.....\$8,292.00
Spanish Mass (Feb. 9).....\$341.00
Major Renovations.....\$780.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....\$19,246.00

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community

The *Office for Catechesis* works to train and nourish parish leaders and catechists who teach and echo the faith, build up the life of the worshipping community, and lead others to commit themselves to living our Christian values in everyday life, according to age and ability. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports this vital ministry.

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.

CROCHETERS 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.*

Looking ahead:

Wednesday April 2 - PARISH LENTEN PENCE SERVICE
7:00 P.M.

reserve the date and plan to spend quality time with the Lord as you continue to prepare for Easter!



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Do not the pagans do the same?" This is a very interesting rhetorical question that Jesus asks his listeners to consider as he continues to give a "new" interpretation to the laws that pious Jews were expected to follow. Today we continue the theme from last week as we review Jesus' special teaching on the Commands of God our Father as found in the Holy Scriptures.

Jesus continues his examination of the laws of God and how we should interpret them. Jesus is very clear that he is not challenging any of the laws. Jesus assures his listeners that he is not about to change even smallest component of the law. The law comes from God our Father and we are required to follow it. Jesus is, however, questioning the interpretation that has been placed on God's law---especially as this interpretation has been given by the scribes and Pharisees.

Jesus is clear that the leadership among the Jews has interpreted the Law of God without a loving heart and, as a result, has slowly drained the law of its spirit.

As Jesus re-interprets the law, it becomes clear that Jesus is imposing so much more on his followers. Anyone who is really willing to follow Jesus must now be prepared to enter into the law with a sense of love and with open hearts.

For Jesus it is not enough to look to the law and seek to interpret it in its most restrictive manner. For a follower of Jesus a person must be willing to do more than just love his neighbor. Jesus teaches that it is wrong to "hate" ones enemies. If we are to really follow Jesus, we must realize that we must be ready to assist not only our friends and acquaintances, but we must reach out even to those we might not like so much. In the same way, if we follow Jesus, we can no longer treat only our friends with goodness, we must be willing to reach out in friendship even to our enemies.

Jesus challenges his listeners today, and also us, to really consider how we look to the Laws of God. Jesus is inviting us to live God's Law in our hearts first and only then to live it in the public square. Jesus points out that even the pagans are good to those who are part of their circle of life. Jesus says we are called to be more than that. Jesus invites us to love those who are loveable---and this really isn't so hard. But he also asks us to love the unlovable---and this is a real challenge. But isn't this the difference between a follower of Christ and a pagan?

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

Altar Rosary Society Sponsored "Quilt" Raffle:

In support of our "Major Renovations" Project, the OLMV Altar Rosary Society will be offering chances on a handmade "full-size" quilt (on display in the vestibule!) after all weekend Masses beginning March 8 and continuing through April 4. Tickets are also available in the parish office after March 8. Tickets are available for a donation of \$5.00. The Altar rosary Society thanks you for your support of this activity.

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