

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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March 9, 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

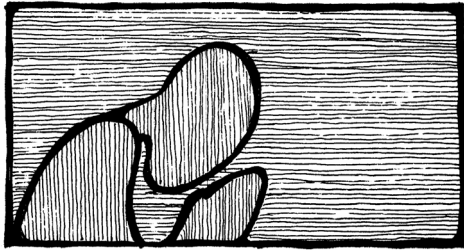
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732-356-2149 ext. 2010

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732-609-1091

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2014



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“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

-Matthew 4:10

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	March 10th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Bernard Salvatore r/o Family
7:00	P.M.	Novena
TUES.,	March 11th	Lenten Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zabczyk r/o Ann Sowa & Family
WED.,	March 12th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Michael Adamczyk r/o Parents
THURS.,	March 13th	Lenten Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Joe Scarpa r/o Juana Dobkowski
FRI.,	March 14th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Joseph Borin r/o John & Arlene Hanna
SAT.,	March 15th	Lenten Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Joyce Ariyan r/o The McCrone Family
5:00	P.M.	Mary & Joseph Lynch r/o Children & Grandchildren
SUN.,	March 16th	Second Sunday of Lent
8:00	A.M.	Felice D'Alessandro r/o Angelina D'Alessandro, wife
10:00	A.M.	Tom Mendelson r/o The Calandra Family
11:30	A.M.	James Straub r/o Bart & Ginny DeNato
1:30	P.M.	Carlos Alberto Cabezas Vargas r/o Family

LENTEEN NOVENA TO OUR LADY:

Monday, March 10, 7:00 pm in the church.

OLMV UPCOMING EVENTS:



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS "PASTA NIGHT"
ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT BOY SCOUT TROOP 148 IN MIDDLESEX.

MARCH 22, 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

ADULT TICKETS: \$10, CHILDREN: \$6

3 AND UNDER: FREE.

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: Lucjan Bartkowski.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EACH FRIDAY at 7:00 pm.

LENTEEN 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 following "little ones" were baptized on March 2, 2014
 Jayden Christopher Dow, son of Michael & Luz Dow
 Isabella Maria Carollo, daughter of Girolamo & Adrienne Carollo
 Joseph Carlomusto Jr., son of Joseph & Vanessa Carlomusto

The weekend of March 8-9



5:00 P.M.— Jonathon Massarelli
 Taylor Anthony

8:00 A.M.— Richie McNulty
 Tommy McNulty

10:00 A.M.— Eliza DeGuzman
 Lorenzo Troia

T. Sviderskis-Carroll

11:30 A.M.— Natalie Zychlinski



"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.

March 1-2.....	\$11,835.00
Spanish Mass (Feb. 23).....	\$353.00
Major Renovations.....	\$3056.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00
Christmas (to date).....	\$51,510.00
Major Renovations Fund (to date).....	\$55,883.00
Special Gifts to Renovations Fund (to date).....	\$19,000. 00

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

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Faith, Family, Community

Our parish will be conducting an In-Pew campaign for the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal on March 22—23. If you have not yet contribute to the appeal, please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider a gift. If you have already given, please know how much your gift is appreciated.

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.



IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL LENTEN BABY SHOWER

to benefit the Pregnancy Aid Center. Volunteers at the Center stress the need for basic items such as undies, receiving blankets, diaper bags, sleepers and other practical items. With all of the sales in the stores now is a good time to pick up baby items at a good price. Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the Blessed Mother Chapel the weekend of

March 22-23, 2014.

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

The "Immaculate Conception Icon" sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be at Our Lady of Mount Virgin from March 22 to March 29. Our Lenten Novena on Monday, March 24 will be dedicated to the Immaculate Conception Icon."

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.

Looking ahead:

**Wednesday April 2 - PARISH LENTEN PENANCE 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,

Lent has begun and we have been invited to enter into a time of preparation. We will spend the next six weeks getting ready to meet the Lord on Easter morning. Traditionally, the Catholic Church enters into this sacred period, centering on the three areas of prayer, penance and almsgiving. We are reminded that during the holy season of Lent, we are encouraged to enter a period of more intense prayer as we seek to become more intimately present with the Lord. We are also reminded that we are called to view the holy season of Lent as a time when we need to become more disciplined in our everyday lives. We are encouraged to spend certain days practicing the disciplines of fasting and abstaining from certain enjoyable foods and actions. We are invited to consider denying ourselves certain desirable activities during Lent, but also we are invited to consider engaging in activities that discipline both the body and soul. As an example, we might give up chocolate, but also plan to attend Stations of the Cross each Friday. Finally, the church invites us to be faithful in our almsgiving, especially during this holy season. We are reminded of our responsibility to make a return of our "first-fruits" to the Lord, because all we have is finally a gift from our heavenly Father. Especially during the holy season of Lent we are encouraged to be generous and cheerful givers as we thank the Lord for all that he has given us.

As we begin the season of Lent this year, I wanted take a moment as your pastor to thank you for generous response to the needs of our parish. While I am charged by Bishop Bootkoski to serve as a faithful steward of Our Lady of Mount Virgin parish with the assistance of our Financial and Pastoral Councils, I am totally dependent on the faithful support of our many parishioners. The response of our parishioners to our Christmas appeal this year was very gratifying. Many of our parishioners have responded generously each month to our Major Renovations Fund initiative. Your generosity has allowed the parish to begin to address areas of our facility that are in great need of upgrades. Certainly we have had some success with upgrading our physical plant. Clearly we still have much to accomplish!

I met with a few of my brother pastors recently and the "winter weather" was a major topic for discussion. Most of my colleagues have or are planning to have a special "snow removal" collection. OLMV will not be having a special snow removal collection. While this winter has been very challenging with storms and very cold weather, it has been hard on all of us. It is my hope and prayer that during this holy season of Lent, you might be able to find a few extra dollars to put in to the regular collection or into the Major Renovations Fund as we all continue to work together to meet our financial obligations and continue to proclaim the presence of Christ.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the many parishioners who make OLMV possible. I consider myself blessed to serve as your pastor and I really do appreciate your support. Thank you for all you do!

Father Pat

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Support Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowl" Program and help feed the poor around the world. "Rice bowls" can be found by the Sanctuary.

INFORMATION SHEET

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