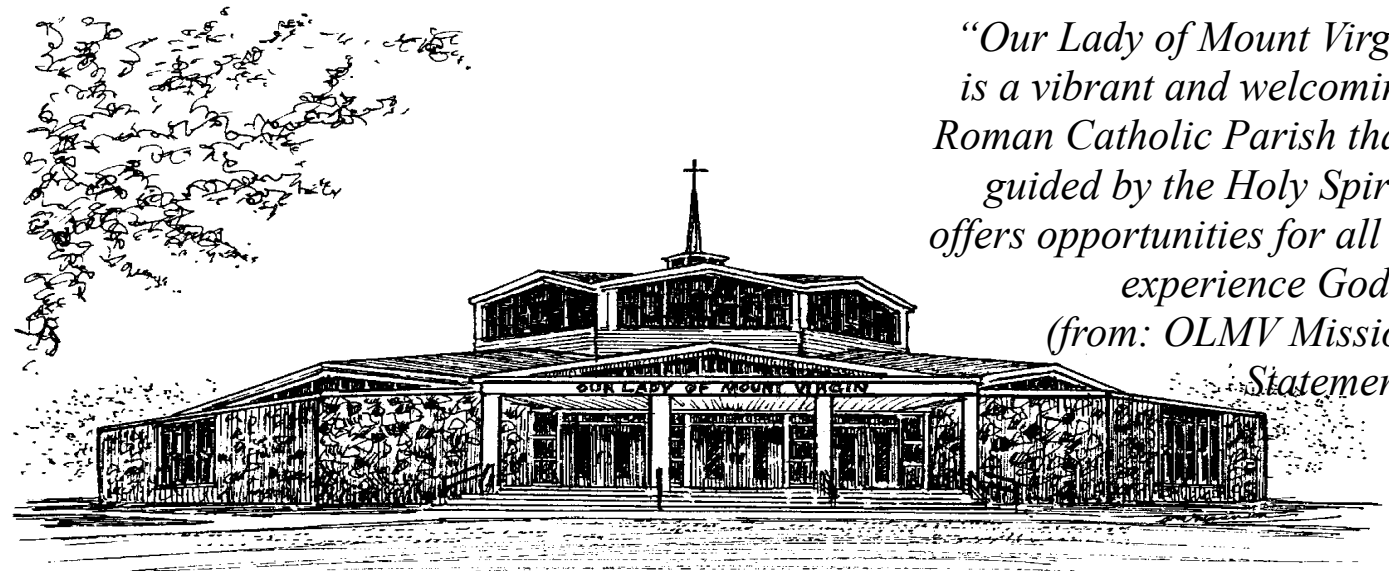


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Roman Catholic Parish that,
guided by the Holy Spirit,
offers opportunities for all to
experience God.”
(from: OLMV Mission
Statement)*

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
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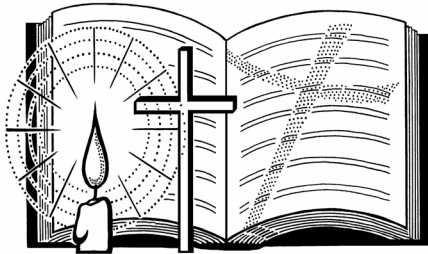
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Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2014



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Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

-2 Timothy 1:10

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	March 17th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Romeo & Julia Camuso
7:00	P.M.	Novena
TUES.,	March 18th	Lenten Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Joseph & Mary Fleshner r/o John & Ceil Fleshner
WED.,	March 19th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Florence Kura r/o Son, Ed
THURS.,	March 20th	Lenten Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Catherine & Joseph Maco r/o The Maco Family
FRI.,	March 21st	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Genevieve Pentland r/o Jeanne & Walter Niziol
SAT.,	March 22nd	Lenten Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Parishioners
5:00	P.M.	Richard Johnson r/o The Brennan Family
SUN.,	March 23rd	Third Sunday of Lent
8:00	A.M.	Judith Voorhees r/o Kevin & Alicia Donovan
10:00	A.M.	Thomas Mendelson r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
11:30	A.M.	Carl Hambrick r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
1:30	P.M.	En accion de gracias al Nino de Praga

Memorials



Week of March 16—23

Altar Candles

Lawrence A. Morge r/o Children & Grandchildren

Tabernacle Candles

Jennie Moyer r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak

Sanctuary Candle

Bernard V. Salvatore r/o The Salvatore Family

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 Graf, Keith Wilcock and Betty Huda.

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

EVENING PRAYER IN THE TRADITION OF TAIZÉ

From the Crèche to the Cross

On **Sunday, March 23, at 7:00 P.M.**, we will celebrate an evening prayer service in the tradition of the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. Set in the soft radiance created by many glowing candles, quiet, meditative chants will be interspersed between readings of sacred scripture chronicling the life of Jesus from the crèche to the cross. Silence will provide time for personal meditation and reflection. This special Lenten prayer service will help you leave the stress of everyday life at the door and feel the calming influence of contemplative communal prayer.

Come and pray with us through song, scripture, and silence in the soft glow of candlelight.

OLMV UPCOMING EVENTS:



KNIGHTS 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.

The weekend of March 22—23



Altar Servers

5:00 P.M.— Haley Logue
Madison Logue
Hunter Logue

8:00 A.M.— Tommy McNulty
Amelia Casale

10:00 A.M.— Alexis Labrada
Lorenzo Troia
Sheridan Hoyt

11:30 A.M.— Sydney Kukoda
Nickie Kukoda

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS:

The Office of Vocations is planning to host **Eucharistic Holy Hours** during the next several months. The Diocese of Metuchen Vocation Team cordially invites parishioners to attend the next scheduled Holy Hour For Vocations which will take place at Our Lady of Peace church, North Brunswick, on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00pm. Let us join together with the Vocation Team as we pray; for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to religious life, here in our diocese.



"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 8—9.....\$9,646.00
Spanish Mass (Mar. 2).....\$257.00
Major Renovations.....\$1,268.00
Ash Wednesday.....\$3,959.00
Catholic Relief Collection.....\$2,469.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....\$19,246.00

THANK YOU to all who generously gave to the Ash Wednesday collection and to this week's collection.

as we continue our Lenten journey
Let us Pray! Fast! Give Alms!

WEEKDAY MASSES

during Lent will be celebrated at
7:00 A.M.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday
12:00 P.M. only Tuesday and Thursday**

LENTE NOVENA

will continue **Mondays at 7:00 P.M.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, March 21st – **7:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, March 21st at 7:00 P.M. only
Living Stations Friday, April 18th at 7:00 P.M.**

Opportunities for the
Sacrament of Penance during Lent
each **Saturday: 3:30-4:15 P.M.**

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

We will have many priests available for the Sacrament of Penance. Now is the time to “open our hearts to the Lord.”



**IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL
LENTE 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.

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.

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.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today’s second reading Saint Paul is writing to his disciple whom he has encouraged to go forth and proclaim the truth of the risen Christ. Paul reminds Timothy what serving the Lord is all about, and he encourages him to remain faithful to God, especially in time of trial and difficulty. “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel,” Paul writes to Timothy, “with the strength that comes from God.”

These words with which Saint Paul encourages Timothy are words that speak powerfully to us today, in 2014, while we try to remain faithful to the truth of Jesus Christ as we make our way each day through the slippery and tempting pitfalls of modern secular society.

It is very true for us, even as it was true for Timothy and Paul, that to remain faithful to the Gospel requires strength, determination, great tenacity, as well as real love and passion for our Savior. Gone are the times when passers-by would nod approvingly on Ash Wednesday as they recognized the ashen cross on a person’s forehead. Gone also are the social supports that encourage the lived faith experience in the public square. Even when we might desire to make a visit to a church during the day, so many churches are locked. Most school districts have abandoned the practice of granting an “Easter” recess in favor of a “mid-winter” or “spring” break, making sure that the dates do not fall the week after Easter. Few companies today close on Good Friday, and most who even allow a person to take the day off for religious observance require that it be noted as a vacation day.

It is unfortunate that modern society today has developed a very cavalier attitude toward the “lived faith experience.” Christians and Catholic believers, in particular, can no longer count on the active support of the secular print, TV, radio or internet media for unbiased reporting or support. Clearly, it has become very acceptable to portray our church and its leaders in a negative light and to display patently offensive and demeaning humor that would be considered inappropriate for other faith groups.

So, today, we as committed Catholic believers are reminded that just like Timothy, we need to be steadfast in our faith and to “bear our share of hardship for the Gospel,” all the more so, when others poke fun at us or portray us rudely and in an offensive manner.

As a believing and worshipping community, we have suffered hardships and indignities and have experienced shameful revelations and shocking lapses in judgment during the past decade. Often, in the face of such violations, it becomes even more difficult to remain faithful to who we are as “Church.”

During this holy season of Lent, we are invited and encouraged to turn again to God our Father and remember that in and through His eternal love, we can find the strength to be faithful to the truth of His Son, Jesus Christ! So, do not be discouraged. We have a marvelous truth and it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us, together, look to live his presence faithfully each day!

Father Pat

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

10:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 23

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



**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.

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, post-marked no later than Monday, March 31, 2014. Please visit the diocesan website at: www.diometuchen.org, for further information.

**2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community**

Next weekend, our parish will be conducting an In-Pew campaign for the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have yet to 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.

Thank you to all who faithfully support our "Rebuild Our Church" campaign by purchasing monthly chances---and by encouraging a relative or friend to come to church with you. Only together do we continue to build the "City of God!"

Congratulations to Nancy Markle who won the February "Rebuild Our Church" 50/50 Raffle.

Her prize was \$635.00

Tickets for March "Rebuild Our Church" 50/50 Raffle available at the Parish Office.

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 includes hot lunch, transportation 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 max number is - 50 people. For more information call Jane DeNardo at 732-469-2468.

All are invited to join us on **Saturday, March 29** at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center for the 2014 Stewardship Day when the Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting the gathering for all of the arch/dioceses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The 3 workshops in the Parish Track are: *Increasing Your Weekly Offertory*, *Time & Talent Field Guide for Leaders* (recruiting and leading parish ministry volunteers), and *Creating a Dynamic Plan for Social Media*. The day runs from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and includes lunch. Pre-registration is requested. For information or to register contact Sue Mantarro, Director of Stewardship at 732-562-2432 / smantarro@diometuchen.org. Or, register online at www.diometuchen.org/2014-stewardship-day. The fee of \$10 will help cover the cost of materials. Hope to see you there.

St. Joseph's Church in Raritan will be selling delicious homemade *perogie* after all Masses during Lent in the Lower Church Hall. Seven great varieties are available for purchase: Potato, Potato & Cheese, Potato & Onion, Farmer's Cheese, Sweetened Kraut, Mushroom and Lekvar! Still only \$8.00 per dozen!! To purchase call the parish office (908) 725- 0163.

OLMV SOCIAL MINISTRIES



Day Care Center "Host Assistants" Needed! FISH Hospitality Program, INC. St Francis Episcopal, New Market Road, Dunellen. Morning Shift: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Afternoon Shift: 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Flexible scheduling, for job description and more information please call FHP office at 732-968-5957.

Unity Square is a community organizing and social justice effort of *Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen*. Unity Square is advertising two full time positions: Bilingual Community Organizer (English and Spanish), and Housing and Tenant Rights Coordinator (also bilingual). Persons interested should contact Gabriella in the parish office for additional information.

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.

A talk on "Charity and Justice," sponsored by the Offices of Social Justice, Evangelization and Catholic Charities of the Diocese will take place on Monday, March 24 beginning at 7:00pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. All are invited to attend. See information posted on the bulletin boards around the church for more information.

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 Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church, in Middlesex, may help you during this painful time. Their experienced, caring and trained facilitators will help guide you on your **Journey Through Grief. Thursday afternoons for 8 weeks beginning April 24 – June 12, 2014, 2:30 – 4:00 PM at Petra House. For more information call Monique: 732-356-9001.**

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.



**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**

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