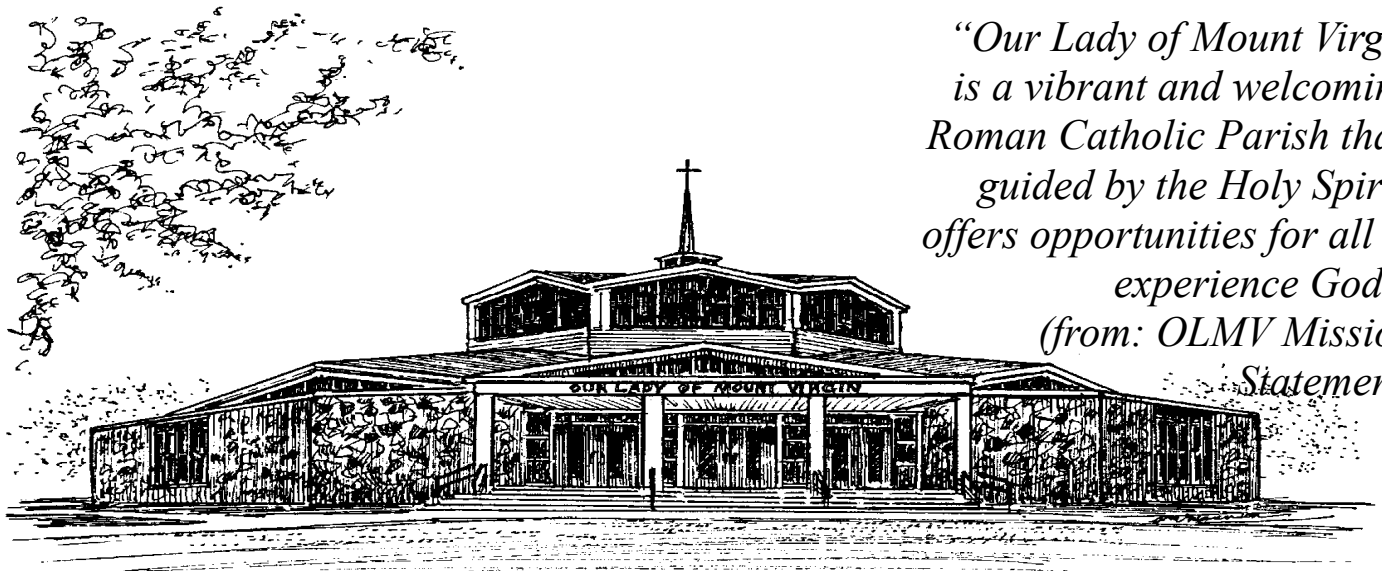


Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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Deacon John Czekaj
Sr. James Xavier Landi S.S.J., Pastoral Minister
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Anita McGinley, Catechetical Assistant
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March 23, 2014

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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

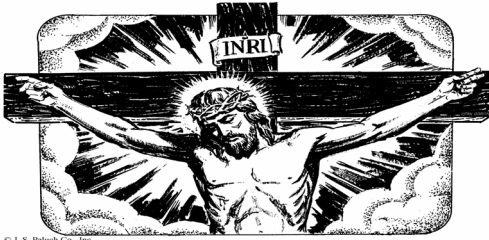
Fax
732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2014




While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

-Romans 5:8

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	March 24th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	George Cerebe r/o Family
7:00	P.M.	Novena
TUES.,	March 25th	Lenten Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Parishioners
WED.,	March 26th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Richard Zakashefski r/o Butera Family
THURS.,	March 27th	Lenten Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Herbert Goodman r/o Family
FRI.,	March 28th	Lenten Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Antonio Nappa r/o Josephine Nappa & Family
SAT.,	March 29th	Lenten Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Carl Graff r/o Nancy Healey & Family
5:00	P.M.	Rev. Patrick Durkin
SUN.,	March 30th	Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00	A.M.	Frank DeRosa & Consentino Families r/o Mary DeRose, Wife & Son
10:00	A.M.	Thomas Mendelson r/o George & Betty Roy
11:30	A.M.	Deceased of the Mica Family r/o Mrs. Alisson Maggio & Family
1:30	P.M.	Por los Padres de las Parroquias, especialmente por nuestro Pastor, Rev. Patrick J. Kuffner

Memorials



Week of March 23—30

Altar Candles
Robert Ludwig r/o The Ludwig Family

Tabernacle Candles
Frank DeRosa & Consentino Families r/o Mary DeRosa, Wife

Sanctuary Candle
Mary Gross r/o Barbara Lyons

JUST A REMINDER: The Sacrament of Penance is available on 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.

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

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading—When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink. (Exodus 17:3—7).

Psalms—If today you hear your voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95)

Second Reading—God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1—2, 5—8).

Gospel—Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5—42)

WEDDING BANNERS

I Hector Francisco & Junas Quiba

ENGAGED COUPLES: We offer two **FOCCUS SESSIONS** in the winter at **Petra House** for your convenience: Saturday, April 5th, at 10 AM and Monday, April 7th, at 7:00 PM. You must pre-register in the office (732-356-2149 ext 1001) at least one week before the session you plan to attend and a \$40 processing fee is required.

EVENING PRAYER IN THE TRADITION OF TAIZÉ
From the Crèche to the Cross this Sunday, March 23, at 7:00 P.M. Come and pray with us through song, scripture, and silence in the soft glow of candlelight.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!

In the past, OLMV has sponsored a one week – morning - **Bible Camp** for youngsters in **grades K – 5**. The last two years this children's activity had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Mrs. Lee Ann McNulty, who has served as Director of the program for many years, is willing to direct a program again this summer if there is enough interest. If you think you might be interested in having your child/children attend this program, please complete the flyer that can be found in this bulletin and around the church entranceways, and return them to the parish by **Sunday, March 30** Thank you.

The weekend of March 29—30



- 5:00 P.M.**— Kevin Meier
Joey Meier
Solena Maleze
- 8:00 A.M.**— Katie Schlip
Mary Schilip
- 10:00 A.M.**— Jordan McEvoy
Jackie Mai
Christina Mai
- 11:30 A.M.**— Arista Parillo
Sheridan Hoyt

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.

March 15—16.....	\$11,018.00
Spanish Mass (Mar. 9).....	\$506.00
Major Renovations.....	\$769.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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

8:00 A.M. Saturday

LENTEN NOVENA

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, April 4th - **7:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 28th at 7:00 P.M. only

Living Stations Friday, April 18th at 7:00 P.M.

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

LENTEN 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."

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Faith, Family, Community

If you have yet to make your gift, please do so today! Your gift should be based on your means and circumstances – a private decision between you and God. This past year, thousands of local Catholics received services through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Without the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, these programs would have to be reduced or in some cases eliminated.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold their business meeting this **Monday, March 25th at 8:00 P.M.** in the Church Hall.

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,

"Many more began to believe in him because of his word." In today's Gospel, Jesus "converts" many of the Samaritans not only because of his word, but because **He IS the Word!** We are invited today to also hear and be "converted" by his "word." We are invited to become more open to the presence of Jesus among us because, indeed, He is the Word!

We have been journeying during this Lenten season, developing the discipline needed to remain faithful to God, even as we have considered Jesus and his temptation in the desert. We have considered, as well, our own transformation as we have shared with Peter, James and John the experience of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountaintop!

Today and during the next two Sundays, we will meet a Samaritan woman, a blind beggar and a dead man, each of whom have a life-changing encounter with Jesus. In each of the passages, we will be invited to consider the change of heart required by those who encounter Jesus with openness and trust. We will be invited to "change our hearts" as well, so we can be open to the presence of Jesus deep within ourselves.

As we celebrate today's sacred liturgy, we are invited to consider conversion---the conversion of the Samaritan woman and also our own conversion. We must now begin to walk with the Lord---with hearts and souls open to his love, peace and graciousness.

Today the Samaritan woman meets Jesus at the well. Here, a person can be truly refreshed by the cool goodness of running water from underground springs. At Jacob's Well a person finds both physical and spiritual refreshment. As Jesus and this woman meet, God's word becomes alive and vibrant in the world. The woman of Samaria easily believes in the word, in Jesus, that same "**Word**" that the people of Israel refuse to accept! She trusts Jesus! She trusts the Word! She realizes that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus sees her faith and so offers her "the living water."

The Samaritan woman meets Jesus and accepts his word. She now enters into the process of conversion. She believes in his authority, so she finds others and invites them to believe in him as well. They come and hear his voice. They too believe.

We now continue our Lenten journey. We also must listen to Jesus. Jesus is truly the Word! His voice brings forth "living water: water welling up to eternal life." Like the woman at the well, we have entered into Jesus' transforming love. We must begin our conversion. We must partake of the living water: Jesus Christ ---the **Word** bringing us to new life!

In peace and prayers,
Father Pat

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, April 12, 2014.
This beautiful and hope-filled liturgy will be offered on Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 am.



**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.

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. 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.



**OLMV ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS
& COMMUNION:**

Sunday, April 6th, 8:00 A.M. Mass.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: Rosary & Meeting to follow, Monday April 7th at 7:00 pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday, April 4, 7:30 am—12:00 Noon. Everyone is welcome to spend some quiet time with Jesus.

How am I experiencing Christ during Lent?

We are now participating in the third week of Lent. We need to challenge ourselves each day as we look to become more powerfully open to the presence of Jesus in our lives. We need to be actively engaged in Lenten activities that help us to focus on our relationship with the Lord. Am I trying to attend Mass at least once a week along with fulfilling my Sunday obligation? Have I prayed the Stations of the Cross or attended the Monday Lenten Novena at least once during Lent? Am I participating in the CRS "Rice Bowl" Campaign? Have I prayed the rosary at least once a week during Lent? Have I actively avoided meat on Fridays as a small penance for the Lord? Have I remained faithful to my Lenten promises? Let us work diligently during the remaining days of Lent to become more and more open to the great love of Jesus. May we open our hearts to the presence of Jesus Christ and may we experience the true conversion that takes place when we surrender ourselves to the love of Christ during Lent!



**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
"HELP LINE"**

732-356-2149, option 6

EN ESPAÑOL: 732-356-2149 ext.1001

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

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.

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, Pat 732-356-8886 or Mary 732-331-6147 .**

Food Collection for Fish, Inc. April 19—20. We are asking each family to consider donating one or more of the following:

- A box of cereal or
- A package of rice or pasta or
- A canned good item or
- A can of coffee or

A box of tea bags or any single non-perishable food item. **Last collection yielded 124 bags of food. Thank you!**

Thank you to our generous parishioners who so graciously baked and donated cookies, cupcakes, cakes and Irish soda breads for the **Cultural Diversity Ministry's** annual Saint Patrick's Bake Sale. Thank you also to the many parishioners who supported this important event for our Ministry. Special thank you to our OLMV Altar Rosary Society for their ongoing support. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our **Annual International Night** which will take place in the parish center on **May 31, 2014 at 6:00 pm.**

"A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table, but above all to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness and respect for every human being." (Pope Francis, 6/20/13)

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