

MASS INTENTIONS

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| MON., | Mar. 28th | Monday within the Octave of Easter |
| 9:00 | A.M. | Parishioners |
| TUES., | Mar., 29th | Tuesday within the Octave of Easter |
| 12:00 | P.M. | Paul Murphy r/o Berta & Frank Ebert |
| WED., | Mar., 30th | Wednesday within the Octave of Easter |
| 9:00 | A.M. | Kuffner & Lynch Families r/o Fr. Pat |
| THURS., | Mar., 31st | Thursday within the Octave of Easter |
| 12:00 | P.M. | Edward Rock r/o Bob & Agnes Paulis |
| FRI., | Apr., 1st | Friday within Octave of Easter |
| 9:00 | A.M. | Mary & Pat Mangino r/o Alexandria Gladwell |
| SAT., | Apr., 2nd | Saturday within the Octave of Easter |
| 8:00 | A.M. | Purgatorial Society |
| 5:00 | P.M. | Carmela Renick r/o Gilda & Larry |
| SUN., | Apr., 3rd | Sunday of the Divine Mercy |
| 8:00 | A.M. | Frank DeRosa & Consentino Families r/o Mary DeRosa & Son |
| 10:00 | A.M. | John J. Flesher r/o Natalie Guibleo & Family |
| 11:30 | A.M. | Richard Zakashefski r/o Zakashefski Family |
| 1:30 | P.M. | En accion de gracias a la Virgen Maria y la Divina Misericordia |

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27—APRIL 3

Tabernacle Candles

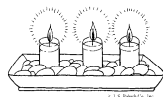
Mary Gross r/o Barbara Lyons

Altar Candles

Robert H. Ludwig r/o The Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Tom Mendelson r/o Dianne, James, Savannah & Sami



REMINDER-SPECIAL WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

for the week of Monday, March 28—April 1

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: **9:00 A.M. ONLY**

Tuesday & Thursday: **12:00 Noon ONLY**

“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

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| March 12-13..... | \$9,258.00 |
| Major Renovations Fund..... | \$915.00 |
| Retired Priests..... | \$3,357.00 |
| 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 entrances. Completed forms should be returned to Father Pat. Please contact Father Pat if you want additional information about this program.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF:

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)

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: Tony Gladwell.

A letter from our Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“He is risen! He is not here!” With these words, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord, is announced. The women who came to prepare the body are shocked to see that the tomb of Jesus is open and that his body really is no longer in the tomb. The women rush off to tell the disciples what they have seen and heard. Some disciples are unbelieving; some go rushing to examine the tomb for themselves.

It is certain that something has happened. The different Gospel accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection from the tomb testify that Jesus is alive and is among the people. Jesus is still with his followers. There is still so much more to the story of Jesus--- a story that still is unfolding even in our time!

Today we celebrate Easter, perhaps one of the most beautiful and powerful feasts of our church. It is one of those feasts that is celebrated by almost all of our separated brothers and sisters who claim to be Christian.

Easter is that powerful celebration where we remember the presence of Jesus, our Lord. Jesus rises and is alive! And it is this Jesus who offers us salvation and fulfills all of God’s promises recorded in the Scriptures.

Easter is such an important feast in the lives of Catholics everywhere. At the Vigil we **light the Pascal Candle**, remembering that Jesus is our “Light” shining in the darkness, guiding us to our Father---today and always. We **bless the “flowing water”** as we remember that Jesus came to bring us to new and eternal life---life in Him! We **ring the bells of glory**, announcing to all the presence of the Lord in our lives. We **sing out our “Alleluia” song**, and we affirm Jesus is alive and present in our lives.

We spent a number of weeks preparing for Easter as we journeyed through the Lenten Season. Just as we negotiate the winter and early spring uncertainties of our physical world, we also negotiate the unsettling and often uncertain realities of our spiritual relationship with the Lord. During our Lenten journey we explored the hardships of our sinful nature. We looked hopefully to the cleansing and renewal of heart and soul as we journeyed through Lent each and every day.

Now we are renewed, renewed in the risen Lord---in our spiritual lives and also in our physical lives. Hopefully we are now more attuned to the love of the Lord, to the grace of Sacrament in our lives. Let us continue to share the beauty of Easter in our hearts and souls, and may the beauty of springtime in nature support our spiritual renewal.

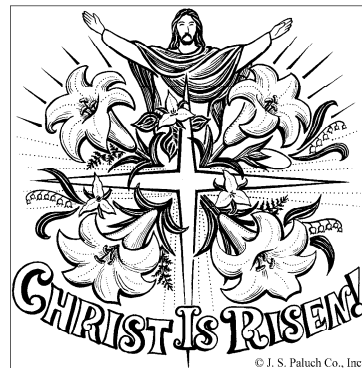
May you and I continue to walk with the risen Jesus Christ each day; may we continue to be inspired by the presence of Jesus in our lives; may we share Jesus’ presence powerfully and courageously in our community. May we, you and I, serve as beacons of hope, love and mercy in this Easter season and throughout the year!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

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**THE YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS
FOR TAX PURPOSES CAN BE OBTAINED BY
CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE
DURING THE WEEK.**
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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 pm.



EASTER BLESSINGS!

from

Father Pat, Father Mark, Father Peter,
Deacon John T, Deacon John C, Deacon Tom S,
Sister James, Dorothy Zmigrodski, Rives
Cassel, & our Parish Staff

Few notes form our Pastor, Father Pat:

A Stewardship thought:

How often do we hear disparaging remarks about Our Lord, Jesus Christ, or about our Catholic faith? All too often we fail to react out of cowardice or fear. We don't want to cause a disturbance or have a confrontational conversation. Sometimes it might even be because we are afraid that others will think less of us or make fun of us because of our beliefs. Let us pray to always have the courage to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ and in the true worth of who we are as Catholic believers. Especially today as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection--the Great Easter Event--let us not be afraid to support and defend our Catholic faith!!!

The Annual Bishop's Appeal--Grace Mercy and Peace:

To date 317 parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Virgin have donated \$ 58,900 to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish is still substantially below its goal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider your gift to the appeal. Bishop Bootkoski thanks you for your generous response to the good work of our diocesan offices and ministries.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Thank you Kelly Rooney and her staff of volunteers who work so diligently to make our monthly "Children's Liturgy" and craft experience an enjoyable and spiritually rewarding experience for our children. Make a point of joining your fellow parishioners in the church hall after Mass. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a doughnut while engaging in friendly conversation with your brothers and sisters in Christ. And you will really enjoy observing our "little ones" as they experience our faith while engaged in one of the crafts. Our next Children's Liturgy is: **April 17, 10:00 am Mass.**

Easter Flowers:

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Easter Flower Collection. Your support enabled our church to be truly beautiful for our many Holy Week and Easter events. Special thanks to our adult and youth volunteers who spent hours and hours setting up and rearranging the displays that enhanced all of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

Thank you Rives Cassel:

A special note of gratitude to Rives Cassel, our Director of Sacred Music and Liturgical Arts, who made our special Holy Week and Easter Liturgies and liturgical events powerful spiritual experiences. Under Rives' direction, our adult and youth choirs, our musicians and our student performers came together to create beautiful experiences which allowed us to enter very powerfully and prayerfully into the presence of the Lord!

Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society

is joining with other Conferences in the Diocese of Metuchen to provide First Communion dresses and suits to those families who cannot afford to purchase them. If you have a gently used dress or suit that you would like to donate, please contact the parish office or bring your donation by **March 21, 2016.**

Monetary donations are also appreciated.
Thank you!

A Special "Thank you" to our **K of C** and **Altar Rosary Members** who assisted with Church preparation from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. Our volunteers work many hours to make our church ready during Holy Week and to welcome the Lord at Easter. They are the "unsung heroes" of OLMV. Didn't they do a great job!!!

Ministry to Military, Veterans and their Families:

The OLMV outreach program to members of the military, veterans and their families will host a "Veterans and Military Benefits" information session on April 4, 2016 in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Frank Quadrino will join us again to assist members of the military, veterans and families in becoming more familiar with the benefits to which they are entitled. All are welcome and refreshments will be served! The Ministry will also sponsor a Mass here at OLMV honoring members of the military, veterans and their families on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30am. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. All are invited.

There will be a brief meeting of members of this ministry on April 4 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. We are looking for new members, and all are welcome to be part of this amazing ministry that reaches out to those who have served our country.

Year of Mercy Adult Formation Events:

Thursday, April 21, 10:00am and 7:00pm --- Martha Hennessy of the Catholic Worker Movement will lead a presentation: **Dorothy Day: A Saint of Mercy for our Time.**
Thursday, May 26, 10:00am and 7:00pm --- Wanda L. Good, a retired Army Colonel and current Pastoral Associate will lead a presentation: **PTSD and "Moral Injury": Spiritual and Pastoral Implications and Call to Action.**

These presentations will take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. For information or to register contact <http://diometuchen.org/mercy>

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia. (Entrance Chant for Easter)

In his Easter "Urbi et Orbi" Message in 2014, Pope Francis said:

"The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death."

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)

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.

SPRING SPLENDOR TRICKY TRAY: Holy Savior Academy, scheduled for Saturday, April 23, tickets are on sale at the school, located at 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield

Tickets are \$15 and checks should be made payable to the school. For more information, log on to: trickytrayhsa@gmail.com or call the school at 908-822-5890.

The OLMV Book Club's next meeting is Monday, March 28th. The book we will be discussing is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. Please e-mail Dorothy if you would like more information or to join our meeting at dzmigrofsk@olmv.net.

For our students making First Holy Eucharist: our Communion banner workshop will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 11-1PM. Pre-payment and sign-up is required before 3/15. Forms have been distributed during CCD class time. Additional forms are available in the Religious Education Office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday, April 1, 7:30 am—12:00 noon.
Everyone is invited to spend quiet time with the Lord!!

Baptismal Class: Thursday, April 7, 7:30 pm. Please call the Parish Office to register.

On Sunday, June 12, 2016, Bishop Bootkoski will preside at a Jubilee of Mercy Celebration for Sick or Disabled Persons at the 12:00 Noon Mass at Saint Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. Members of our parish who are sick or disabled are cordially invited to attend this special celebration during this Jubilee of Mercy.

Be on the Lookout!!! OLMV Lazarus Ministry Membership Promotion Drive at all Masses on the weekend of April 9 & 10 ... Learn more then Sign-up!

Altar Rosary Society
Sunday, April 3, 8:00 am Mass & Communion
Monday, April 4, 7:00 pm Rosary & Meeting

Retreat at Shrine of St Joseph
April 28, 2016
9:30 am to 3:30 pm, \$40.00 each, includes hot lunch. We will carpool form OLMV. Open to all parishioners and friends. Call Jane DeNardo, 732-469-2468.



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.

DEALING WITH DIVORCE?
A self-help support group is being formed at the Cathedral of St Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, for those who are in early stages of a separation/divorce. For more information please contact Vicki 732-548-3170 or Jo Flanigan 732-548-0100 x225.

Boletín en Español
Domíngo 20 de Marzo del 2016
Domíngo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor

EL MANANTIAL

El Nuevo Periódico Católico en Español

Es un periodico que se hizo con el fin de informar a las personas Hispano/Latinas que viven y trabajan en nuestra diócesis, pero no pueden leer The Catholic Spirit, que está en inglés, esta la publicación de un periódico nuevo, totalmente en español. Este periódico, El Manantial, ya empezó a imprimirse enteramente en español. El Manantial debe ser auto sostenible lo cual significa que no habrá ninguna subvención Diocesana y sin costo alguno para las copias distribuidas. El periódico debe ser apoyado únicamente por ingresos publicitarios. Esto no será posible sin su ayuda. Tenemos oportunidades de publicidad que ofrecen precios muy asequibles para mostrar anuncios y directorios.

Si necesita información adicional, por favor llame a la oficina al 732-562-1990, ext. 1410.

Muchas gracias por su apoyo para traer El Manantial a nuestra comunidad Hispana/Latina.

Atentamente,
Nan Kubian
The Catholic Spirit
P.O. Box 191
Metuchen, NJ 08840
732/562-1990, ext. 1410



AÑO DE LA MISERICORDIA
JUBILEO DE LA MISERICORDIA



El Señor ha resucitado. Aleluya. A él la gloria y el poder por toda la eternidad, aleluya, aleluya. (Antífona de Entrada para Pascua)

En la Pascua “Urbi et Orbi” el mensaje del 2014, el Papa Francisco dijo:

“El anuncio del ángel a las mujeres resuena en la Iglesia esparcida por todo el mundo: « Vosotras no temáis, ya sé que buscáis a Jesús el crucificado. No está aquí. Ha resucitado... Venid a ver el sitio donde lo pusieron» (Mt 28,5-6).

Esta es la culminación del Evangelio, es la Buena Noticia por excelencia: Jesús, el crucificado, ha resucitado. Este acontecimiento es la base de nuestra fe y de nuestra esperanza: si Cristo no hubiera resucitado, el cristianismo perdería su valor; toda la misión de la Iglesia se quedaría sin brío, pues desde aquí ha comenzado y desde aquí reemprende siempre de nuevo. El mensaje que los cristianos llevan al mundo es este: Jesús, el Amor encarnado, murió en la cruz por nuestros pecados, pero Dios Padre lo resucitó y lo ha constituido Señor de la vida y de la muerte. En Jesús, el Amor ha vencido al odio, la misericordia al pecado, el bien al mal, la verdad a la mentira, la vida a la muerte.”

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

Actividades y anuncios de la parroquia
Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen

- **Adoración 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 devoción y en oración 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 7 de Abril a las 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 Señora del Monte Virgen ser su lugar donde puedan servirle a Dios.

Que Dios los bendiga...

ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD!

Clases de Inglés como segunda lengua:
Los miércoles de 6-8 pm en el Centro Parroquiano.

UNA INVITACION ESPECIAL PARA
TODOS LOS FELIGRESES!!!

Las personas interesadas en formar parte del grupo de oración en esta parroquia, pueden contactar a el Sr. y Sra. Alvaro & Ana Jimenez, llamando al 908-392-7600, o llamando a la oficina parroquial 732-356-2149 ext. 1001.

Gracias!