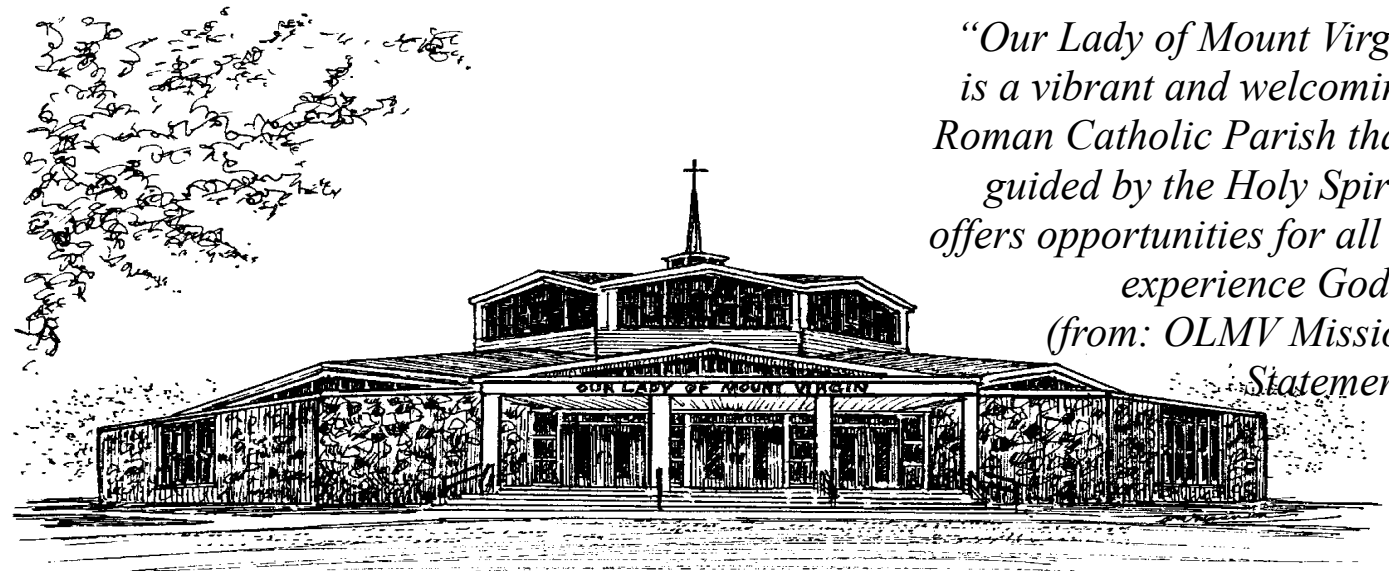


# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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March 30, 2014

600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey  
Parish Office: 732-356-2149 ext. 1001  
[www.olmv.net](http://www.olmv.net)



*“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:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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

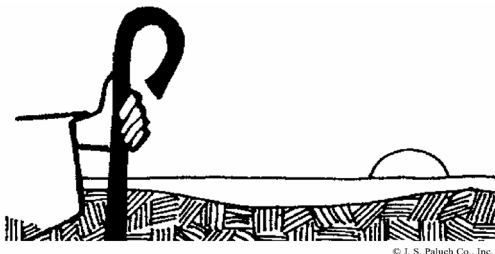
Fax  
732-356-1302

Religious Education  
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation  
732-609-1091

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2014



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

-Psalm 23:1

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mary Alice & Leslie Bennett r/o A.D. Bennett
7:00	P.M.	Novena
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Mary Pakozdi r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Parishioners
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Tom Mendelson r/o Michelle & Bob Davis
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Tom Mendelson r/o Vignoli Family
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	Fox Family r/o Walter Fox
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Domenic, Mollie & Leonard Assante r/o Eleanor Assante
10:00	A.M.	Richard Zakashefski r/o Danny, Sharon, Brielle & Bailee Zakashefski
11:30	A.M.	Carl Graf r/o The Gianchiglia Family
1:30	P.M.	Rafael Tamara Delgado



Week of March 30—April 6

#### Tabernacle Candles

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

#### Sanctuary Candle

Mary Gross r/o Barbara Lyons

### RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION:

There will be a special collection for the retired priests of the Diocese of Metuchen next weekend: April 5-6, 2014. Thirty priests of our diocese who have given many years of dedicated service to God and His people are currently retired. Many, health permitting, still serve God's people regularly, exercising their priesthood at parishes, visiting the sick, celebrating Mass and hearing confessions at penance services. The Annual Collection for Our Retired Priests is scheduled to take place next Sunday here at OLMV. Your generous response to this collection is a powerful affirmation of those men who have served our diocese so well, and continue to serve so generously.

### TODAY'S READING'S:

**First Reading**—As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1)

**Psalm**—The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23)

**Second Reading**—You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8—14)

**Gospel**—The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1 – 41)

## WEDDING BANNERS

II Hector Francisco & Junas Quiba

**ENGAGED COUPLES:** We offer two **FOCCUS SESSIONS** in the winter at **Petra House** for your convenience: Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM and Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

### 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.

**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: Therese Boyd.

### Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of April 5—6)

- 5:00 P.M.**— James Lawrence  
Erin Rooney  
Taylor Anthony
- 8:00 A.M.**— Jonathon Massarelli  
Isabel Martinez
- 10:00 A.M.**— Sydney Kukoda  
Nicky Kukoda  
Alexis Labrada
- 11:30 A.M.**— Natalie Zychlinski
- 1:30 P.M.**— Andrea Vasquez  
Martin Vasquez



Altar Servers



"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.

<b>March 22—23</b> .....	<b>\$10,987.00</b>
Spanish Mass (Mar. 16).....	\$411.00
Major Renovations.....	\$814.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$2,199.00
Additional Ash Wednesday.....	\$55.00
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 4<sup>th</sup> – **7:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. only**

**Living Stations Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M**

After a brief service, 8 confessors will be available to hear confessions. We will have priests who can hear confessions in Spanish and in Italian as well as English.

**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.

- **2013 Annual Bishop's Appeal – Commitment Sunday – Sunday, March 30 at OLMV.** So far, 385 parishioners have pledged slightly over \$67,000.00 to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are currently at 71% of our assessed goal of \$94,300.00.

**Appeal envelopes** have been placed in pews around the church for your convenience. If you have not already done so, please consider taking one of the envelopes and make your pledge or gift today. Bishop Paul and our diocese counts on the generosity of our parishioners to continue the good works of the Church in the Diocese of Metuchen.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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



**My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

I know that I join most of our parishioners in the hope that winter is now behind us and we can begin to enjoy the beauty of our world re-awakening from its winter hibernation. We begin to see the small crocuses sprouting up in our gardens and know that they are a sure sign that the soft rains and gentle breezes of spring are on the way.

I hope that everyone who attended Mass last weekend noticed our new sound system. It was nice to hear many of our parishioners remarking on how clear the sound is and how our celebrants, lectors, cantors and other ministers can be heard more easily in all areas of our church. I would like to thank all of our parishioners who participate in the **Major Renovations Campaign** each month. We have this new sound system because of your regular support and generosity in responding to the needs of our church. Certainly, I want to recognize Deacon John Tietjen and his son, Matthew, who did so much research, examining the many products and companies that are in the "sound" business. Thank you also to Rives Cassel and Ed Kura who worked closely with the sound company, KD Productions, to ensure that everything was coordinated and properly tested.

I try to remember to thank our parishioners for your generous spirit. The assistance that our parish can always count on from the Knights of Columbus, the Altar Rosary Society, the members of our Scouting program, our Altar Servers, the members of our RCIA Team, the many volunteer Catechists and Aides in our Religious Education Program, the children and adult members of our choirs, the men and women who support our sports program, our church Angels, and the members of our monthly "Children's Liturgy" program regularly give of their time and talent to our parish and community. Because of their untiring efforts, OLMV is considered to be among the premier parishes in our diocese! I ask that God bless you and your efforts today and always! And I beg the forgiveness of any groups I have forgotten to mention.

Isn't it hard to believe that we are beginning the second half of our time of Lenten preparation? Now is the time to try, with renewed zeal, to practice the three "virtues" of Lent: prayer, sacrifice and generosity. If we have been a little slow to "change our hearts" this Lenten season, now is a perfect time to make a few spiritual adjustments to our daily routines. Prayer is certainly so very important if we are to focus on God our Father. On Wednesday, we celebrate our Annual Lenten Penance service. When was the last time you went to confession? There is no better time to prayerfully enter into the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we plan to encounter Jesus at Easter. What about personal discipline and sacrifice? Isn't now a good time to make the sacrifice of getting up once a week to attend morning Mass and spend a little time with the Lord? Why not promise to do fifteen minutes of exercise three times a week and pray the rosary at the same time. Great for the heart---physically and spiritually!!!

Today the blind man comes to sight. Let us look to see Christ more clearly in our everyday lives!

*Father Pat*



**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](http://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](http://www.diometuchen.org), for further information.



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

**Sunday, April 6: 8:00 am Mass.**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: Rosary & Meeting to follow,  
Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**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 is not included. We will car pool from the church. This retreat is open to all parishioners, as long as seats are available: a maximum of 50 people. For more information call Jane DeNardo at 732-469-2468.



**Memorial envelopes for Easter Flowers** can be found in the church envelope packets. Envelopes can be placed in the weekly collection basket. Easter Flower Envelopes will be placed on the Tabernacle Altar during the Easter Season, and your loved ones will be remembered at Mass each day. Thank you for your generosity.

**"MEMORIAL GARDEN BRICKS"**

are still available to remember a loved one or to recognize a special experience in our lives. **Next order will go in on Monday, April, 28, 2014.** Reasonably priced at \$150.00 for a 4" x 8" brick or \$250.00 for a 8" x 8" brick, they can be ordered through the parish office. Look on our webpage, [olmv.net](http://olmv.net), or call the parish office for more information.

**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.



**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**



**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.

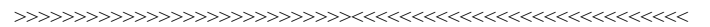
**When a loved one dies**, our world is forever changed. For the heartbroken, daily life is overwhelmed with sadness. The simplest of tasks becomes a monumental challenge as our minds and hearts are clouded with tears, loneliness, fear and possibly anger. If you are suffering over the death of someone 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 .**

**MIDDLESEX BORO CUB SCOUT PACK 45** will be holding a **Deluxe Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 6 from 9am-12noon in the OLMV School Cafeteria.** Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns as well as coffee, tea & orange juice will be served. Tickets at the door are \$8 each. We hope to see you there!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

Thank you to the Knights for the splendid Pasta Dinner last Saturday night. The food was delicious. Hopefully, our Scouting program will be enhanced by the generosity of our Knights.

Thanks to our Knights and to the members of our parish who prayed the special prayers to The Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Virgin during our Lenten Novena last Monday night. OLMV as honored to display the Icon of the Immaculate Virgin during this past week.



**A REMINDER: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
begins after the 7:00 A.M. Mass on **Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
Adoration ends right at Noon.

**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, April 27, 2014.** Thank you.

## INFORMATION SHEET

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