

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015



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I shall not die,
but live, and
declare the
works of the
LORD.
-Psalm
118:17

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	April 6th	Monday within the Octave of Easter
9:00	A.M.	Nicholas Alimecco r/o Ralph & Eva Auriemma
TUES.,	April 7th	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
12:00	P.M.	Thomas Kuhn r/o Pat Benson, Daughter
WED.,	April 8th	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
9:00	A.M.	Thomas Kuhn r/o Dianne Mendelson
THURS.,	April 9th	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
12:00	A.M.	Nicholas Vincent Alimecco r/o McNulty Family
FRI.,	April 10th	Friday within the Octave of Easter
9:00	A.M.	Parishioners
SAT.,	April 11th	Saturday in the Octave of Easter
8:00	A.M.	Purgatorial Mass
5:00	P.M.	Joseph & Emily Fabiano r/o Family
SUN.,	April 12th	Sunday of Divine Mercy
8:00	A.M.	Dominick, Mollie & Leonard Assante r/o Eleanor Assante
10:00	A.M.	Pat & Mary Mangino r/o Alexandria & Tony Gladwell
11:30	A.M.	Raymond Goodell r/o Michael & Joyce Grausso
1:30	P.M.	Por las familias

WEEK OF APRIL 5—11

Altar Candles

Robert F. Rogers Sr, r/o Mrs. R.

Tabernacle Candles

Anthony Costabile r/o Theresa William & Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Pietrvszgowski & Carr Family r/o Anna Carr

Memorials



TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43)

Psalm — This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118)

Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4)

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9)

WEDDING BANNERS

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SPECIAL WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

for Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10

There will be only one Mass celebrated each day:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday at 12:00 NOON.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday.

A Special "Thank you" to our **K of C** and **Altar Rosary Members** and other volunteers 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!!!

THANKS to **Rives Cassel** and our Music Ministry for their hard work which made our Palm Sunday Liturgies so beautiful.

THANK YOU to our parishioners who have supported Operation Rice Bowl. Returns can be placed in the receptacle by the Blessed Mother Chapel, can be placed in the collection or can be dropped off at the office.

THANK YOU also to all who sent in Easter Flower donations. Envelopes are placed by the tabernacle, and loved ones are remembered at Masses during the Easter Season.

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.



"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for God's response on how we should use our gifts to fulfill His plan.

March 21—22.....	\$10,643.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$641.00
Major Renovations.....	\$352.00
Second Collection (Retired Priests).....	\$3,961.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00



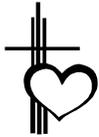
EASTER BLESSINGS!

from

Father Pat, Father Mark,
Sister James, Deacon John C,
Deacon John T, Rives Cassel,

Dorothy Zmigrodski, and the entire parish staff

Notice of BIBLE STUDY GATHERING on *Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.* in Petra House. We continue our study with the OT books of Nehemiah, Ezra, Judith, and Esther. Please join us...bring your Bible. All are welcome!



Have you lost a loved one? This is about joining our

“Journey through Grief.” Our mission is to find healing, comfort and peace. When a loved one dies our world changes. Our hearts are broken and the simplest things of life become an enormous challenge as we are faced with sadness, loneliness and, even anger.

The group will be meeting **THURSDAYS** at Petra House for 8 weeks.

Place: Petra House (610 Harris Ave, Middlesex)

Date: April 9 through May 28, 2015.

Time: 2:30 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

Contact: Monique 732-356-9001, Pat 732-356-8886 or Mary 732-331-6147. THERE IS NO FEE. Pre-registration required!

NAOMI TEA...Sunday, April 12th ...12:30-2PM in Petra House... We welcome **ALL WIDOWS** to join us for a gathering to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register; just come and *bring a friend*, or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. **Small bite-sized desserts** to share are also appreciated!

OLMV PARISH MINISTRY FAIR—

2015... offers all of us a joyful and exciting opportunity to share our gifts and talents, and to learn about the goals and activities of each ministry group in our parish. Be sure to participate by visiting the Parish Center Gym after Masses on **Saturday/Sunday, April 18th and 19th**. Our **PARISH MINISTRY FAIR** is a great way to share food and fellowship while learning how OLMV Parish lives out Christ's command:



THAT ALL BE ONE. We hope to see you there!

A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Mary of Magdala arrives at the tomb early in the morning and finds that the stone has been rolled away. She runs to the disciples and she tells them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don’t know where they have put him.” Simon Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb to investigate for themselves. The beloved disciple waits for Peter who is the first to enter the tomb. Indeed, they find that Jesus is not there. Peter finds that the burial cloths are there, rolled up neatly. The beloved disciple now enters the tomb.

I think that so often we fail to consider what the Gospel’s author writes concerning the beloved disciple: “he saw and believed.” Just four words to us! Any yet, these are such powerful words. Jesus has risen from the dead---and it is this fact with which the beloved disciple is now coming to terms.

Each year we enter into the special season of Lent and we spend six weeks in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. As we come to the final days of our Lenten preparation, we enter into the solemn days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We spend these days in prayerful consideration of the incredible sacrifice of love that Jesus made---not only as the obedient son of God our Father, but also in total self-sacrifice for the redemption of humanity’s sins. Jesus who was born into the world is also the Son of God and was thus able to complete so onerous a sacrifice.

Today we consider the words spoken of the beloved disciple. Can you even begin to imagine his awe and confusion as he entered the tomb that held the body of Jesus? Burial cloths but no body. There is something within his heart and soul that lets him know that the body was not stolen. There is no body because Jesus has risen! The beloved disciple is among the first to experience Jesus as having risen from the tomb. And having seen, he now comes to believe. In other words, only now that he has entered the empty tomb does he begin to make sense of the words spoken by Jesus during the time they have been together.

For us, the “Easter” event is a powerful moment in which we come together as believers to celebrate the truth that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus did offer himself as a true and complete sacrifice for the sins of the world, and that, indeed, Jesus rose from the dead---body and soul. We, you and I, participate today in a joyous celebration of the Resurrection and we seem to take for granted the great truth of the Easter event.

What a shock it must have been for those first disciples and other followers of the Lord. Mary of Magdala thought his body had been stolen, only after viewing the empty tomb did the beloved disciple begin to realize that there was “something more” about Jesus. He certainly was not just a powerful rabbi or prophet. No, Jesus was, and is, our Lord and Savior!

A blessed Easter, and may you always walk in the presence of the risen Lord!

In peace and prayer,

Fr. Pat



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL:
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Come tour the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school and ask about plans for the upcoming school year, including our Academic Power Hour and the year-round pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Visit with our faculty and staff as well as with school parents and students. For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit www.holysavioracademy.com.

Join the Youth Groups at OLMV:

Come and join the excitement as OLMV re-establishes Youth ministries and organizes Youth Groups once again!!!

Young people in grades 5 – 8 are invited to be part of our **Middle School Youth Program** and young parishioners in grades 9 – 12 are invited to become part of our **High School Youth Program**. We are planning a variety of activities for both groups, including open-gym nights, movie nights, field trips, service projects and spiritual events. Youth and their parents who are interested in finding out more about our Youth Ministry are invited to contact Kelly Rooney at krooney@olmv.net or 732-356-2149 x 1108. Parents and other adult members of our parish who might be interested in assisting with either group are invited also to contact Kelly.

A Youth Ministry table will be set up at our Parish Ministry Fair which will be held in the Parish Center after all the Masses on **April 18 and 19, 2015**. Please stop by to find out more information or to ask questions.

Summer Programs at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen:

Summer Programs are available for Middle and High School Students. Programs of Enrichment, Remedial Programs, Credit Classes, Workshops, etc. The programs run from June 29 through July 24. For additional information, please contact Mr. Thomas Scarano at njscarano@aol.com or call the school at 732-549-7600. For additional information log on to www.stjoes.org and click on the summer learning center.



NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON APRIL 7.

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE:

Group A: April 27 (4:00—6:15 pm)

Group B: April 29 (4:00—6:15 pm)

FIRST COMMUNION: May 2 (9:30 & 11:30 am)

Thank you Mrs. Zmigrodski:

Thank you to Mrs. Zmigrodski and her staff of volunteers for the wonderful First Holy Communion Class Annual Banner Workshop. The children (and their parents!!!) had a wonderful time making the banners which will be displayed in the church during the first week of May.



**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 option 6

**2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Life-Changing Faith**

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have sung wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration and joy! By your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal you preach the Easter message every day. Thank you!

Ministry to Veterans and Military Families:

On Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the 11:30am Mass, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Ministry to Veterans and Military Personnel will honor men and women of our community (parishioners and members of the wider community) who are currently serving in the military, veterans who have served our country and family members and friends. A reception in the church hall will follow Mass. We ask that members of the military and our veterans who will attend to bring a picture (in military uniform - no larger than 8.5 by 11) that can be placed by the altar as we honor the members of our community who are now or have proudly served our country. More to follow!!!

Fish, Inc. Food Collection. Thank you! Response to our monthly food collection was heartwarming. God bless you for your kindness and generosity to the needy in our area.

Next Food Collection: April 18—19.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS- Our monthly Baptismal preparation class for April will take place at Petra House on **Thursday, April 9 at 7:30pm**. Please note that this is the **second** Thursday in April. Parents are reminded that they must attend a Baptismal preparation class before a child can be baptized here at OLMV. Parents must contact the parish office to make arrangements. After completing this preparation class, parents can contact the parish office to arrange for the baptism of their child.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks all those parishioners who donated dresses, suits, veils or cash to our recent collection. Many needy families will benefit from your generosity.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENT: Retreat at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Sterling NJ, **Thursday, April 23, 9:30 am—3:00 pm (\$35.00)**. Includes hot lunch. We will car pool from OLMV. Open to all parishioners. For more information, call **Jane DeNardo 732-469-2468**.



The Knights of Columbus Council 12700 will be holding their **6th Annual Knight of Comedy on Friday, April 17th at the Parish Center**. All tickets are **\$25.00**. They will be on sale after all weekend masses and will also be available Monday thru Friday at the Parish office. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:30 pm with two comedians to follow at 8:00 pm. **Vinnie Brand, owner and comedian of the "Stress Factory" will headline the show**. There will be door prizes, and attendees are encouraged to **BYOB**. This has been one of our most popular events at OLMV and came close to selling out last year so get your tickets early. Reserved tables for parties of 8 or more will be honored. Please contact Steve for tickets and table reservations at 973-390-5532.