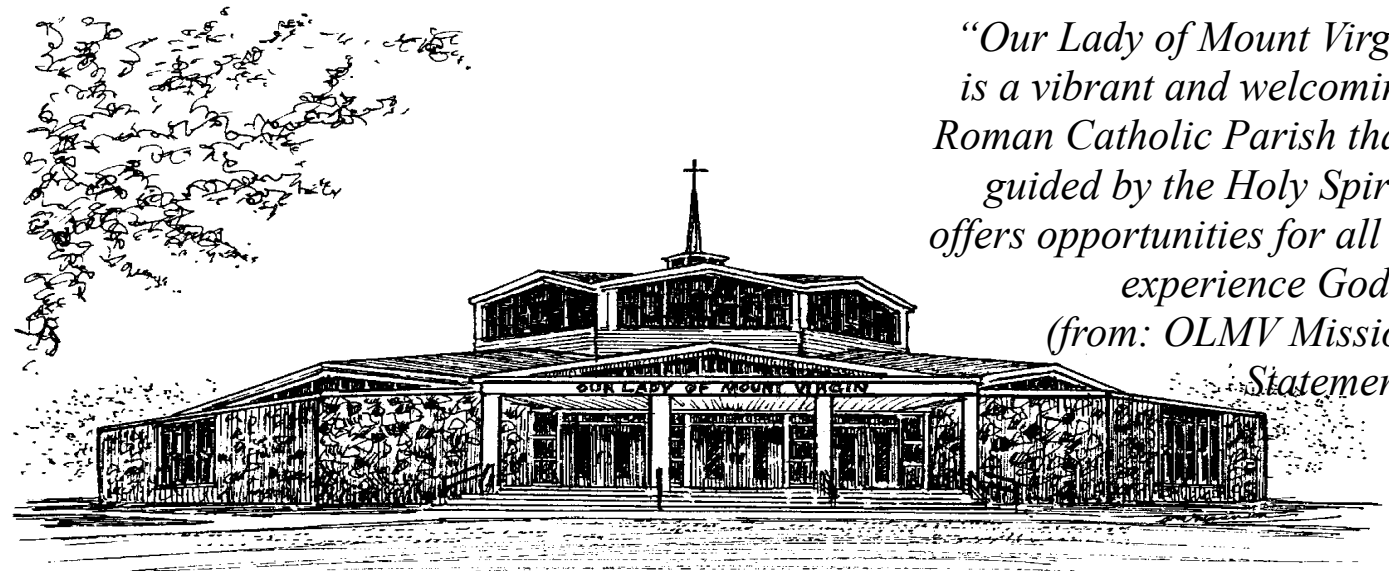


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is a vibrant and welcoming
Roman Catholic Parish that,
guided by the Holy Spirit,
offers opportunities for all to
experience God.”
(from: OLMV Mission
Statement)*

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.

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732-667-8034

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2014

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Out of the depths
I cry to you, O
LORD; LORD,
hear my voice!

-Psalm 130:1

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	April 7th A.M.	Lenten Weekday James Eganey r/o Dianne & James Mendelson & Family
7:00	P.M.	Novena
TUES., 12:00	April 8th P.M.	Lenten Weekday Parishioners
WED., 7:00	April 9th A.M.	Lenten Weekday Richard Zakashefski r/o Godson, Paul Butera
THURS., 12:00	April 10th P.M.	Lenten Weekday Marion & John Shipman r/o Sandra Heeney, Daughter
FRI., 7:00	April 11th A.M.	Lenten Weekday Joseph Fabiano r/o Emily Fabiano
SAT., 8:00	April 12th A.M.	Lenten Weekday Carl Graf r/o Lon Balunis
11:00	A.M.	Mass of Anointing
5:00	P.M.	Lawrence A. Morge Jr. r/o Wife, Mary & Family
SUN.,	April 13th	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00	A.M.	Michael Adamczyk r/o Parents
10:00	A.M.	John B. Maggio r/o The Howard Family
12:00	P.M.	Maria Salerno r/o Children & Grandchildren
1:30	P.M.	Por la salud de Manuela Cadenas y Jeannave Valencia



Memorial Week of April 6—13

Altar Bread and Wine

Pietruszewski & Carr Families r/o Anna Carr

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading— Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12—14)

Psalm— With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130)

Second Reading— If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8—11)

Gospel— Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 1—45)

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.

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Faith, Family, Community

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen offers hope and healing through a post abortion counseling and reconciliation program know as Project Rachel. This program, which is supported by your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, offers private and confidential counseling services to those experiencing post abortion trauma.

WEDDING BANNERS

III Hector Francisco & Junas Quiba

Mark your calendars:

Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sunday, May 4 after the 8:00am Mass

K of C Spring Family Breakfast – Sunday, May 4

International Night – Saturday May 31, 2014

Annual OLMV Super 50/50 drawing – Saturday, June 7 after the 5:00pm Mass

Annual OLMV Car Show – Sunday, September 14

Annual OLMV Artisan Craft Fair – Sunday, November 16

On Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday there will be NO 11:30am Mass. The time of the Mass is moved to 12:00noon to accommodate the larger crowds.



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.

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.

Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of April 12—13)

- 5:00 P.M.**— Kevin Meier
Joey Meier
Sheridan Hoyt
- 8:00 A.M.**— Richie McNulty
Tommy McNulty
Alexis Labrada
- 10:00 A.M.**— Arista Parillo
Eliza DeGuzman
Lorenzo Troia
- 11:30 A.M.**— Haley Logue
Madison Logue
Hunter Logue
- 1:30 P.M.** — Isabel Martinez — Giselle Perlaza



Altar Servers

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 29—30	\$9,523.00
Spanish Mass (Mar. 23).....	\$593.00
Major Renovations.....	\$348.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fast & abstinence

FASTING- to limit yourself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger- applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE- to abstain from meat and all meat products- applies to all Catholics 14 and over.

Easter is already upon us.
Why not bring a friend or relative
with you on Palm Sunday and on
Easter Sunday!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY: April 12th 5:00 P.M.
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 13th 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon
1:30 P.M. Misa en Español

CHRISM MASS: Monday, April 14th 7:30 P.M.
St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

MORNING PRAYER

Thursday, Friday & Saturday
9:00 A.M.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Holy Thursday April 17th 7:00 P.M.
Closing Prayer 11:45 P.M.

PASSION OF OUR LORD: *Good Friday*
April 18th 3:00 P.M.

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

BLESSING OF THE FOOD: *Holy Saturday* 11:00 A.M.

EASTER VIGIL MASS: *Holy Saturday* 8:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M.
1:30 P.M. Misa en Español

REMINDER

The front doors of the church will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 17th as the Repository is placed in the vestibule. Entrance to the church will be available through all the other doors.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, APRIL 17 AND APRIL 18 IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY.

Rice Bowl returns can be brought to the church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Baskets for the Rice Bowl returns can be found in the Blessed Mother chapel. On Holy Saturday at the Vigil Mass for Easter, any returns that have been brought over will be carried to the altar during the Offertory Procession. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rice Bowl program.

A NOTE
FROM
FATHER
PAT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Finally it seems that spring has arrived and we have, hopefully, seen the last of wintry weather. We look with hope to the beauty of nature unfolding before our eyes, and we begin to enjoy the sweet sounds and smells of spring as flowers begin to rise from the earth, buds begin to form on trees and bushes and birds seem to be busily engaged in establishing new nests in the trees.

This is also a time in which we as Catholic believers look with great hope to the time of "Resurrection." We continue our Lenten journey and anticipate a profound encounter with our faith during Holy Week. We prepare together to raise high the palm fronds of Palm Sunday as we shout our own "Hosanna" before the presence of the Lord. We look with hope to the power of the Supper of the Lord, the horror of the Passion of Christ and beauty of the Great Easter Vigil.

Lent is, without question, a time of great hope. It is also a time of great faith. These past weeks we have encountered the power of the Lord in the stories of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and today, the Raising of Lazarus. These three stories remind us of the power of the Lord in our lives if only we become truly open to his life and love within us. Both the Samaritan woman and the blind man encounter Jesus and their lives are transformed. Both, during their encounters, are drawn to the Lord and realize who he is. They both are able to make that necessary "leap of faith" and come to know that Jesus is, indeed, the Messiah---the one chosen by God.

In today's Gospel passage we encounter the true "authority of Jesus" as he commands that Lazarus, his good friend, come back from the dead. Through this encounter, Mary and Martha and all those who are with them as they mourn the death of their brother, witness the truth of Jesus. The power and authority of Jesus is not limited even by human death. This is a great miracle! It is a sign that points to the Resurrection of the Lord, himself, who will soon enter into his own suffering and death, but will rise from the dead on Easter Sunday!

We remember that the call to Lazarus by Jesus: "Lazarus, I say to you, arise," is a sign for us, not that we have a hope of returning to our earthly life after our death. Rather, Jesus is clearly proclaiming his authority over sin and death. Just as Lazarus was returned to life, so too, each of us will be brought to "new life" by the power of the Resurrection. Jesus' salvific act of suffering and death leads us to his Resurrection. By Jesus' action, we enter into the time of salvation. Like Lazarus, we too will be raised from the dead---and at the second coming we hope to be invited like Lazarus to "come forth." Like Lazarus, may we merit life: life eternal!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

Religious
Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

April 28th: First Communion Practice—Group A
4:00—6:15 pm.

April 30th: First Communion Practice—Group B
4:00—6:15 pm.

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