

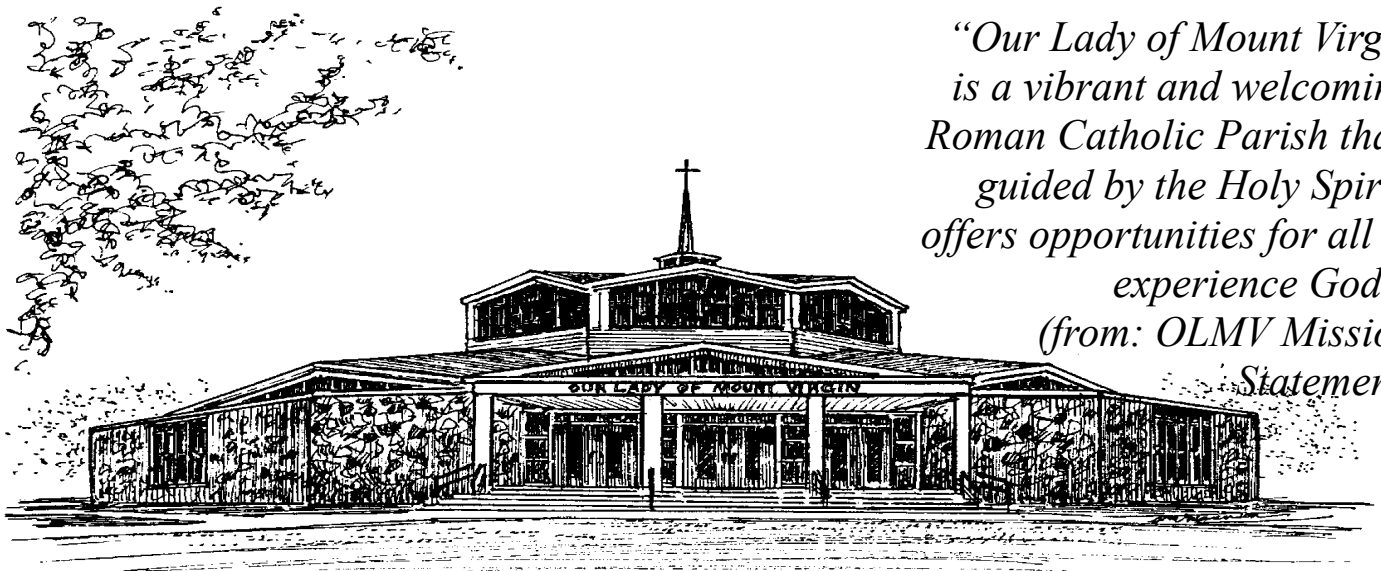
# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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April 13, 2014

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*"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

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732-356-2149 ext. 2010

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732-609-1091

# Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord

April 13, 2014



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God greatly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

-Philippians 2:9

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b>	<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>
7:00	A.M.	Eleanor Alden r/o Frances Franzoso
7:00	P.M.	Novena
<b>TUES.,</b>	<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
12:00	P.M.	Dennis Ciencin r/o Roseanne Johnson
<b>WED.,</b>	<b>April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
7:00	A.M.	Virginia O'Shaughnessy r/o Joey Taylor
<b>THURS.,</b>	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
9:00	A.M.	Morning Prayer
7:00	P.M.	Mass of the Lord's Supper r/o Clergy of the Metuchen Diocese
11:45	P.M.	Night Prayer
<b>FRI.,</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Friday</b>
9:00	A.M.	Morning Prayer
3:00	P.M.	The Lord's Passion
7:00	P.M.	Living Stations
<b>SAT.,</b>	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
9:00	A.M.	Morning Prayer
11:00	A.M.	Blessing of the Easter Food
8:00	P.M.	Great Easter Vigil r/o Parishioners of OLMV
<b>SUN.,</b>	<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>
8:00	A.M.	RoseMarie & John Miller r/o Rich & Linda Miller
10:00	A.M.	Frank Zakashefski r/o Wife, Dolores, Children & Grandchildren
12:00	P.M.	Roman Slusarz r/o Wife, Florence & Children
1:30	P.M.	Carlos Alberto Cabezas



### **Memorials** **Week of April 13—20** **Altar Candles**

George Palir r/o Parents & Sister  
Altar Bread & Wine  
George Palir r/o Parents & Sister

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:**

10:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 27  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**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 for the recently deceased: James Clark & Rosa Lafatta.

## TODAY'S READING'S:

**First Reading**— In spite of suffering I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4—7)

**Psalm**— My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading**— Christ emptied himself, and God filled his emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6—11)

**Gospel**— The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14— 66)

**We are now celebrating Holy Week**---the most holy season of our Liturgical Year. Please make every effort to spend time with God---here at OLMV Church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and especially on Easter Sunday! Look to our schedule of services which can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

**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.**

### Mark your Calendars:

**First Holy Communion: Group A—9:30 A.M.**

**Group B—11:30 A.M.**

**Confirmation: Sunday, May 18 at 5:00 pm.**

**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

**Thank you for the support of our parishioners** for the Easter Flowers Collection, K of C Knight of Comedy and Altar Rostery "Quilt" Raffle Sale.

### Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of April 19—20)

**8:00 P.M.**— Katelyn Carmona  
James Lawrence  
Solena Maleze  
Lorenzo Troia  
Natalie Zychlinski

**8:00 A.M.**— Taylor Anthony  
Richie McNulty  
Tommy McNulty

**10:00 A.M.**— Jackie Mai  
Christina Mai  
Thomas Sviderskis-Carroll  
Katie Schlip  
Mary Schilip

**12:00 P.M.**— Jordan McEvoy



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.

**April 5—6.....Not available at time of Printing**  
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**

**CHRISM MASS:** Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.  
Closing Prayer 11:45 P.M.

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

#### **THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**BLESSING OF THE FOOD:** *Holy Saturday* 11:00 A.M.  
(Parish Center Cafeteria)

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>.**

First Communion Practice:

Group A—April 28 (4:00 pm—6:15 pm)

Group B—April 30 (4:00—6:15 pm)



### **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

How quickly we have travelled the Lenten journey and have now arrived at Palm Sunday. We begin today to celebrate "Holy Week" and are encouraged by the Church to spend some time in prayer, considering the special nature of this week in our faith journey.

As our liturgy begins today, we joyfully wave palm branches in solemn procession, remembering Jesus' entering Jerusalem, seated on a donkey as the poor and less fortunate held palm branches and shouted "Hosanna" before him. We stand and meditate upon the Lord as we listen to the Passion in the Gospel of Luke. We are reminded of the sacrificial gift of Jesus: his journey in Jerusalem, the Passover Meal in the upper room, the Agony at the garden in Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest and trial, the cross--carried to the hill at Golgotha, and finally Jesus' crucifixion and burial. We will walk with Jesus this week in his triumph and in his Passion! Hopefully, during this week of profound "holiness" we will walk with the Lord, sharing in the Passion so that we might share also in the Resurrection on Easter morning.

Each of us is invited today to enter into the life of Jesus---to really consider the agony of his Passion and the joy of his Resurrection. We are compelled, if we really are believers, to take time this week to share in these powerful moments that make the love of Jesus for us so real.

We celebrate today by waving palm branches, and we consider Jesus as our King, the One who has come to rule by his service to the human family. On Thursday we will encounter Jesus as the servant king. It is Jesus who cleanses us in the washing of the feet, and it is Jesus who gives himself to us in Eucharistic love as he shares the bread and the blessing cup. On Friday we join Jesus on that terrible walk toward Calvary; we become intimately connected with Jesus who freely suffers and dies to save us. We begin to understand Jesus as the One who "emptied himself" and became one with us to free us from the bondage of sin.

Finally we participate in the Great Easter Vigil, and we meet Jesus in Resurrection. We affirm our belief that Jesus is the One who restores us to the Father by his act of love.

This is "Holy Week." And it is, indeed, holy! My prayer is that we take a few minutes each day and reflect on how we are made holy in the Lord; how we are made holy in the presence of Jesus Christ!

Today, wave the palm branch in praise of Jesus! Walk from this place of prayer today as a son or daughter of the Lord, confident of God's grace in our lives.

We praise the Lord this day. May that praise be ever on our lips!

May we come to really know the Lord during this, our final week of Lenten Preparation.

In peace and prayer,  
*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).

**"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.

**OLMV 2ND ANNUAL  
ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR:**

The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish will sponsor 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Artisan Craft Fair this Fall. The date is November 16. Please mark the date on your calendars.



**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.

**Lazarus Ministry...** Members of our Lazarus Ministry will be at all the Masses on the weekend of **April 26 and 27.** They invite us all to join their efforts in consoling and ministering to those who suffer at the time of loss and grief. There will be a special table set up with team members who are happy to answer any of your questions and to welcome your participation and support! Be sure to take an informational handout which will be distributed at all the doors.

**2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Faith, Family, Community**

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal sustains the work of several diocesan offices that provide the spiritual, pastoral and intellectual formation, as well as practical tools, to assist the clergy and lay leaders of the local parish Church in areas such as, **Evangelization, Catechesis, RCIA, Stewardship, and Worship & Liturgical Formation.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!**

In the past, OLMV has sponsored a one week – morning - **Bible Camp** for youngsters in **grades K – 5.** If you think you might be interested in having your child/children attend this program, please complete the flyer that can be found around the church entranceways, and return them to the parish by **Sunday, April 27, 2014.** Thank you.



**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**"HELP LINE"**

732-356-2149, option 6

EN ESPAÑOL: 732-356-2149 ext.1001

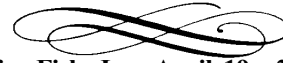
All calls for assistance are confidential.

**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**



**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

Many in our parish are contributing a bag full of these items, and we are very grateful – but our collection would be “over the top” if every family would give even one item a month.

**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 .**

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