

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2015



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*You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.
-Psalm 4:9*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	April 20th A.M.	Easter Weekday Roman Slusarz r/o Wife, Florence, Children & Grandchildren
TUES., 12:00	April 21st P.M.	Easter Weekday Cynthia Ellis r/o Mother & Sister
WED., 7:00	April 22nd A.M.	Easter Weekday Noriel Cruz r/o Gepigon Family
THURS., 12:00	April 23th A.M.	Easter Weekday Eileen Cinquemane r/o Aunts, Uncles & Cousins
FRI., 7:00	April 24th A.M.	Easter Weekday Thomas C. Kuhn r/o John & Josephine
SAT., 8:00 5:00	April 25th A.M. P.M.	St. Mark, Evangelist Parishioners Catherine Canavan r/o Glenn & Diane Grau
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	April 26th A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Fourth Sunday of Easter Parishioners Frank C Comune r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren Edward Olah r/o Warren & Joan Bahooshian Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

WEEK OF APRIL 19—25

Altar Candles

In thanksgiving r/o Carmona Gonzales Family

Tabernacle Candles

Roman Slusarz r/o Wife, Florence



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. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Angelina Tagliaferro and Rita Ann Milesnick.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19)
Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4)
Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5)
Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48)

WEDDING BANNERS

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ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF APRIL 25—26

5:00 pm— Erin Rooney
Connor Fitzgerald
Gavin Fitzgerald
8:00 am— Katie Schilp
Mary Schilp
10:00 am— Jackie Mai
Christina Mai
11:30 am— Hayley Logue
Madison Logue



and Procession

sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society
Sunday, May 3, 2015

immediately following the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Let us join together as a family to honor Mary, mother of Jesus Christ and our Blessed Mother as we celebrate in song and enjoy God's beauty in the Springtime blossoming around us.

Following the May Crowning all are invited to support the Knights of Columbus Breakfast ...A feast fit for a Queen!



"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace to you.' But they were startled and frightened." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and provide some "peace" in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don't particularly care for doesn't let us off the hook.

April 11—12	\$8,901.00
Additional Easter.....	\$1,361.00
Major Renovations.....	\$3,277.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

Sacrament of Confirmation at OLMV:

Prayerful congratulations to our eighth Grade students who will come forward this afternoon to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These young parishioners have prepared diligently during the past three years and are now ready to commit their lives as followers of Christ. It is not easy for our young parishioners to actively practice their Catholic faith in the wider community in our modern, secular society. They need and deserve our support as they endeavor to be faithful to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Congratulations to the 2015 Confirmation Class!!!

Congratulations to the young members of our parish who will step forward to receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2nd. Please pray for our youngsters and their families. May the grace of our Lord Jesus enrich our youngsters as they are nourished with the body and blood of Christ. May Christ remain alive in them always.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMOF) 2015 AND THE PAPAL VISIT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, information sessions will be held at the St John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway for Clergy, Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders and anyone else interested in learning more about the upcoming WMOF, the Catechetical Themes and the Papal visit. **A session will be held 1:30— to 3:00 PM and another will be held 7:00—8:30 P.M. Please register by calling 732-562-1990 ext. 1629.**

Evening Prayer in the Tradition of Taizé Now Appearing: Jesus the Risen Christ

Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 P.M.

Set in the soft glow of candlelight, the resurrection appearances of Jesus will be explored. Meditative chants capturing the essence of the narration will be interspersed between the reflections. Ample amounts of silence will provide time for personal meditation and reflection.



THE SISTERS OF MERCY RAFFLE:

The Sisters of Mercy invite parishioners of OLMV to participate in their annual raffle which benefits the retired and infirm sisters. Forms for the raffle are available at the church entranceways. **Cost is \$25.00 per ticket, and the drawing will take place on May 17.** Sisters Jane, Mildred and Kathleen, Sisters of Mercy who are members of our parish, thank you for your participation.

The Cultural Diversity Ministry at *Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* is sponsoring our **5th Annual International Night on Saturday, May 30, 2015**. The International Night will take place in our *Parish Center Auditorium*, beginning at **6:00pm**. Participants will enjoy food and festivities expressing the many cultures that come together at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. Tickets will be available for sale after all weekend Masses – in the vestibule of the church, beginning with the weekend of April 18—19. Tickets will also be available at the Parish office during regular hours. This event usually sells out, so plan to purchase your tickets early.

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

We continue to celebrate the Easter season, enlivened by the presence of the risen Christ in our lives and, in a most powerful way, sharing the “Peace” of Christ. In last week’s Gospel passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus appears to the apostles in the locked room and shares with them His “Peace.” Today’s Gospel passage is from the Gospel of Luke. In this passage, Jesus also appears to the apostles and again offers His “Peace.”

The Gospel writers were very clear in proclaiming that Jesus did rise from the dead and was present among them. For them the presence of Jesus was everything---and the “Peace” imparted to them by Jesus was of the greatest importance. Even today, isn’t the peace of the Lord so central to our relationship with Jesus that we include it within our sacred liturgy: “May the Peace of the Lord be with you always,” and “Let us offer each other the sign of peace.”

In today’s Gospel, the followers of the Lord are filled with awe and also with terror at the appearance of the Lord in their midst. Certainly, at first, they think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus assures them that it is really him---he is no mirage! He points out his wounds and he asks them for something to eat. And we all know that ghosts don’t need food!

I think that it is important for us to be aware that Jesus spent time with his disciples in fellowship before he entered into dialogue with them. What must they have been thinking? “Is this really Jesus? Is it possible that he really did rise from the dead? What can it mean for me? For us?”

All too often the second part of today’s passage is just glossed over. “He opened up their minds to understand the Scriptures.” Jesus assured them that they were “witnesses to these things.” And, indeed, they were witnesses to the beginning of “all things new,” that is the new age of salvation because of the truth of Jesus Christ present in their midst.

Today, my brothers and sisters, we are also asked to be awed and even a little terrified because Jesus is really and truly present in our midst. Today, two thousand years after Jesus shared his peace and his wisdom with his apostles, so he shares his peace and wisdom with us.

We come together to be nourished in Word and in Holy Eucharist. What takes place as we celebrate Jesus present among us at Mass is really not so different from what those first apostles experienced. We are enlivened by the “Peace” of Christ as we come together to be enriched by his very presence and to become immersed in the Holy Scriptures as we listen to the Sacred Word proclaimed and explained.

Today we are invited to share in the true presence of the risen Lord, to accept and share his true and abiding “Peace” and to witness the truth of God’s Holy Word. Like those first apostles, we are called to be witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and alive and present among us!

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.

We reworked our processional banners this year. **SPECIAL THANKS TO DAVE LANGTON AND BOY SCOUT TROOP 148** for refinishing the poles and preparing them for the new banners. Also, special thanks to **DIANNE MENDELSON** for putting the backing on the new banners and putting the finishing touches on the ribbons. We look forward to using these beautiful new banners for years to come.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a May Crowning and Family Breakfast **on May 3, 2015**. The Omelet Man will be there with delicious omelets as well as pancakes, fresh fruit, bacon, potatoes and more. The price is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children over 4.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Be the first to join our ministry for Young Adults. We will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28 in the Parish Center from 7:30 to 8:30 to plan fellowship, service and opportunities at OLMV. If you have any questions, please email at krooney@olmv.net or call 732-356-2149 ext. 1108.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group will host an Open Gym Night on Sunday, May 3 from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Parish Center gym. Bring your friends, come out and fellowship while having some fun while we start to plan our service and activities. If you have any questions, please email at krooney@olmv.net or call 732-356-2149 ext. 1108.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Please join the Middle School Youth Group for our first Movie Night on May 8, 2015 from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Parish Center gym. Wear your pajamas, bring a sleeping bag and be ready for some fun. Snacks will be available for a small cost or bring your own. If you have any questions, please email at krooney@olmv.net or call 732-356-2149 ext. 1108.

Family Candyland Bingo

Mark your calendars...Family Candyland Bingo will be on Friday, May 22 starting at 7 pm. Details to follow next week.



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*

In his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith), Pope Francis writes, "Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives (no. 53). It is your courage and commitment that allows our diocesan ministries to flourish. Without your gifts of time, talent and financial resources, the light of faith in our diocese would not shine as brightly.

Thank you for your continued support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

"OPERATION RICE BOWL" donations may still be dropped off in the receptacle in the Blessed Mother Chapel. Or at the Parish Office. Thank you all for your generosity.



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)

THE BOOK CLUB completed "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See. **Our next meeting will be May 11th** where we will discuss the book, "These Fragile Things" by Jane Davis.

Ministry to Veterans and Military Families:

Resume Building Workshop for Veterans: Thursday, April 23, 2015 at St John Neumann Pastoral Center from 6:00—9:00 pm.

Jobs for Veterans: Thursday, May 7, 2015 (St John Neumann Pastoral Center from 5:00—9:00 pm)

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 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!!!

"MEMORIAL GARDEN BRICKS"

are still available to remember a loved one or to recognize a special experience in our lives. **Next order will be placed in August.** 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.

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. This weekend- April 18—19.

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 Thank you!