

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

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See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. -1 John 3:1

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	April 27th A.M.	Easter Weekday Carl Montuori r/o The Rourke Family
TUES., 12:00	April 28th P.M.	Easter Weekday Brian Lynch r/o Aunts, Uncles & Cousins
WED., 7:00	April 29th A.M.	Easter Weekday Mary Szaro r/o Ed & Phyllis
THURS., 12:00	April 30th A.M.	Easter Weekday Fung Lam r/o Edward Difeo & Jean Lam-Difeo
FRI., 7:00	May 1st A.M.	Easter Weekday John Petriello Sr. r/o The Petriello Family
SAT., 8:00 5:00	May 2nd A.M. P.M.	St. Athanasius, Bishop NO AM MASS Margaret Sebastian r/o The Lutz & Rabouin Families
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	May 3rd A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Catherine Canavan r/o Altar Rosary Society Clem Ianiero Sr. r/o Irma Brosky Melissa Legacki r/o Eric & Marianne Radell Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 8:00 A.M. MASS ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Parvuli Dei Awards:

Congratulations to Scouts Peter Meier and John Schilp who have completed all requirements for, and who will the Parvuli Dei Award as a testament to their faith at the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2015!!!

WEEK OF APRIL 26—MAY 2

Altar Candles

Robert & Loretta Goodwin r/o The Goodwin Family



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.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — There is no salvation through any more else (Acts 4:8-12)

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118)

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2)

Gospel — The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18)

WEDDING BANNERS

I Rob Than & Elena DelPrado



The following "little ones" were Baptized on

April 12, 2015

Blake Noah Romano, son of Paul & Helen Romano

April 19, 2015

Isabella M. Stadler, daughter of Ronald & Jacqueline Stadler

Mila M. Zanetti, daughter of Jason & Alexis Zanetti

Notice of Bible Study Gathering on Wednesday, May 6th at 10:30 A.M. or 7:00 P.M. in Petra House. We continue our study with the OT books of 1 and 2 Maccabees. Please join us...no fee or need to pre-register. Just bring your Bible. **All are welcome!**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 2-3

5:00 pm—	Katelyn Carmona Vincent Miller
8:00 am—	Isabel Martinez Taylor Anthony
10:00 am—	Lorenzo Troia T. Sviderskis-Carroll A. Sviderskis-Carroll
11:30 am—	Mikaehla Pineda Rhiana Pineda



"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." -John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants you to do? How do you listen for the response? The answer is usually in "quiet whispers". Take time in silent, daily prayer to hear His answer.

April 18—19	\$9,362.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$360.00
Additional Easter.....	\$528.00
Major Renovations.....	\$691.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00



May Crowning

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.



The Knights of Columbus will have a 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.

"Children in their communion outfits eat free".

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.

Super 50/50 Raffle:

Super 50/50 raffle tickets have been mailed out to our parishioners. If you did not receive a book of if you want additional books of raffle tickets, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. Books of Super 50/50 raffle tickets will also be available in the Sacristy after all Masses on weekends. Or you can see Father Pat. Our Super 50/50 raffle is OLMV parish's major fund-raising activity for the year. Our parish needs the help and support of our parishioners if we are to be successful and if we are to continue to be able to meet the needs of our parish. This year our raffle is in conjunction with our annual "International Night," and the prizes will be awarded during the International Night celebration on May 30, 2015. Raffle tickets are reasonably priced at \$5.00 each or a book of five for \$20.00. Your support of our annual "Super 50/50 Raffle" helps to ensure that our parish meets its financial obligations. OLMV is counting on your support!!! Thank you.

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,

"I have come to give you life and to give it more abundantly." Jesus---the Good shepherd--- knows his sheep and they follow him---entering

through the narrow gate.

We are the sheep---and this certainly is a most powerful image when it comes to our relationship with the risen Lord. Maybe we don't identify as well today with this metaphor, but we do recognize the voice of God – in Jesus – in his Spirit; and we recognize the signs and actions of our faith. We become strengthened and are made secure in the presence of Christ in our lives.

It is not easy to be part of the sheepfold today. Secularism, prejudice, half-truths in the media, our own very public challenges to the faith, modernism, an attitude of entitlement---there is just so much that pulls us away from God. If we hope to remain faithful, we need the nurturing presence of God— Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who leads us---a community of believers---together in shared faith---here at OLMV.

Last Sunday 52 young members of our congregation stepped forward to "Receive the Holy Spirit." It was a great privilege for me, as your pastor, to represent Bishop Bootkoski, and to encourage these young men and women to live the commitment they were making, and to remain faithful to Jesus Christ all their lives. I mentioned how hard it is in today's world to remain a committed Catholic; indeed, to remain Catholic at all, in an environment that disdains religious commitment. I assured them that they had the support of our parish community as they lived their Catholic faith each and every day. I sincerely believe that we do support each other as we come together to share in the body of Christ. It is the body of Christ that nourishes us and makes us strong. We have no doubt that secular society invites and encourages our young people to abandon their Catholic faith. We, true believers, must do all we can to support and encourage our young parishioners to remain faithful to their faith. Modern society exerts great pressure on them to walk away from religion and to embrace the selfishness of secular living. Our young parishioners need and deserve our support---in actions and in prayers!!!

Jesus tells us today: "I am the Good Shepherd; I know mine and mine know me." My brothers and sisters, we are the sheep of the Lord. And we are called to follow him through the narrow gate---and it is up to us to serve as examples who support our youth and who encourage them to be strong in their faith---so that they too will follow their Shepherd and enter through the narrow gate

Today we remember that not only is Jesus the Shepherd, Jesus is also the gatekeeper. And He knows who follows him. We are invited to follow the Lord---the Good Shepherd---today. This takes courage---the shepherd takes the sheep to pasture---often in dangerous areas---steep hillsides, jagged rocky cliffs---but he also protects the sheep.

It is not easy to live our Catholic faith in the public square today. But if we follow Jesus, our true Shepherd, we will walk proudly and with secure steps together, loudly proclaiming his presence among us!

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.

Ministry to Veterans and Military Families:

There will be a meeting in the church hall on April 28th at 7:00 pm all Military, Veterans, family and friends all are invited.

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.

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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

Confirmation: Congratulations to 52 young members of our parish community who came forward last Sunday to "receive the Holy Spirit" as they were anointed with the Holy Spirit. Our parish received from Bishop Bootkoski at the annual Diocesan Chrism Mass. Heartfelt thanks to the families and sponsors of our youth who have journey with them this year. **Thank you** also to Mrs. Dorothy Zmigrodski, Catechetical Leader, Rives Cassel, Anita McGinley and our outstanding Catechists and Aides who have worked diligently to inspire our children to be open to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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.



"Knight of Comedy:" Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for a wonderful "Knight of Comedy." Special recognition to Steve Casale and his many volunteers who endeavored to make the evening successful and enjoyable. Thank you also to our parishioners and the friends of OLMV who supported this activity.

Ministry Fair: Wasn't last weekend's "Ministry Fair" just outstanding!!! **Thank you** to Sister James and the members of the OLMV Evangelization Team who have been working unselfishly since September to organize this event which showcased our many ministries and activities that are such an important component of our parish. Thank you also to the chairpersons of our many activities and ministries who set up wonderful displays. Thanks also to our parishioners who were present at the different displays and explained the different ministries and activities. Thank you to Kelly Rooney and her volunteers who moved our Children's Ministry over to the Parish Center Cafeteria and who arranged for some extra refreshments for our many visitors. Finally, thank you to our parishioners who stopped by to visit the ministry fair---and particularly to those who signed up to become part of a ministry.

Friends of Middlesex Public Library:

The "Friends of Middlesex Public Library will sponsor a "Book Sale and "Tricky Tray" on Saturday, May 2 (9:00am - 4:00pm) and Sunday, May 3 (12:00noon - 4:00pm). The event will take place in the Library Community Room. The library is located at 1300 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex. Please see the posters on the church bulletin boards for additional information.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: MASS & COMMUNION,
SUNDAY, MAY 3rd, 8:00 A.M. Rosary and Meeting on
Monday, May 4th at 7:00 P.M.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE
WEEKEND OF MAY 16-17.
SINGLES FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF MAY 23 & 24.**