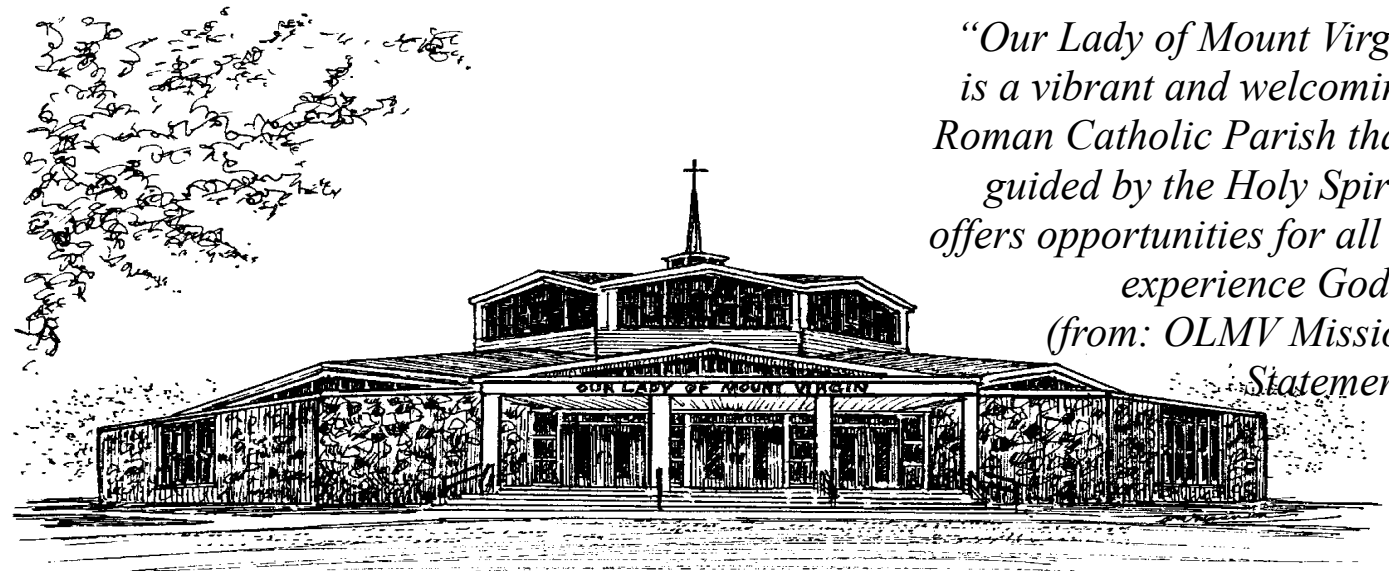


Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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Deacon John Czekaj
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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:

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.

Rectory Emergency
732-667-8034

Fax
732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 27, 2014



“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

-John 20:29

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	April 28th A.M.	Easter Weekday Frank C. Comune r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren
TUES., 12:00	April 29th P.M.	Saint Catherine of Siena Robert & Loretta Goodwin r/o Goodwin Family
WED., 7:00	April 30th A.M.	Easter Weekday Veronica & George Lasko r/o RoseMary & Family
THURS., 12:00	May 1st P.M.	Easter Weekday Parishioners
FRI., 7:00	May 2nd A.M.	Saint Athanasius Judy Voorhees r/o Ann Butera & Paul
SAT., 5:00	May 3rd P.M.	Saints James & Philip Richard Zakashefski r/o Sue & Nick Angelozzi
SUN., 8:00	May 4th A.M.	Third Sunday of Easter Robert Conway r/o Jeannie & Frank Tambone
10:00	A.M.	Mary Petrichko r/o The Butera Family
11:30	P.M.	Joseph Ferguson r/o Dr. Ferguson
1:30	P.M.	Por todos los niños que recibieron su Primera Comuni3n



Memorials
Week of April 27—May 4

Altar Candles

Frank C. Comune r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Sanctuary Candles

Mary Szaro r/o Son Ed & Phyllis

Altar Bread & Wine

Frances April r/o Dorothy Zmigrodski & The Department of The Religious Education

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: Agnes Frances Brennan and Wernika Romasz.

"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.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42—47)

Psalms— Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118)

Second Reading— God has given an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3—9)

Gospel— The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19—31)



The following couple was married on Saturday, April 12, 2014

Hector Francisco & Junas Quiba



The following "little one" was Baptized on April 20, 2014

Adisyn Sharon Mroz

Daughter of Bryan & Florence Mroz

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies – A Thank You!

A heartfelt "thank you" to the many men, women and youngsters who spent many hours to ensure that our church was properly prepared for each liturgy during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. In particular, thank you to *Mrs. Dianne Mendelson* for organizing everything. A special thank you to *Lorenzo Troia and T.J. Werner*, and also to the members of our maintenance staff, *Ed Kura, Sean Fleming and George Spiliotis*. Thank you also to the many men and women of our Parish who helped to make our church so beautiful for our Celebrations. A special thank you also to *Rives Cassel, Director of Sacred Music and Liturgical Arts* as well as our many cantors and choir members. Thank you, finally, to Father Peter, Deacon John T., Deacon John C., Tom Sommero, Sister James, Barbara Lyons and the members of our RCIA Team as well as the youngsters who performed our "Living Stations" this year.

Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of May 3—4)

- 5:00 P.M.**— Erin Rooney
Sheridan Hoyt
Mikaehla Pineda
- 8:00 A.M.**— Kevin Meier
Joey Meier
- 10:00 A.M.**— Katie Schilp
Mary Schilp
T. Sviderskis—Carroll
- 11:30 A.M.**— Haley Logue
Madison Logue
Hunter Logue



Altar Servers



Our Weekly Offering

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19

April 12—13.....	\$11,791.00
Spanish Mass.....	\$434.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$1,431.00
Priest Retirement Additional.....	\$521.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

Ecumenical Gathering of Peace:

You are invited on Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 PM at OLMV to **Pray for Peace** and to experience a presentation by a member of the Byzantine Catholic Community. Mr. Ken Dilks, a Cantor with background in Liturgy and Religious Education, will speak about unity and diversity in the Catholic Church. You will have the opportunity to meet, welcome, and support members of our RCIA, who completed their initiation into the Church at Easter, who will be present. Please share this invitation with family and friends, especially those of other faiths. Food and fellowship will end the Gathering.

NAOMI TEA...Sunday, May 18—12:30—2:00 pm 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. Remember to bring someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated!

K OF C FAMILY BREAKFAST:

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Family Breakfast on Sunday, May 4 from 9:00am – 11:30am in the parish center. The Omelet Man is back with delicious omelets. In addition, pancakes, fresh fruit, bacon, home fries are available---and so much more! Cost is \$ 8.00 for an adult and \$ 6.00 for children over 4 years. A discounted price of \$7.00 for our “seniors.” Children who are wearing their First Communion clothes are invited to eat for free. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Let us remember our youngsters who will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday morning, May 3. We pray that they will always be open to the goodness of God our Father in their lives as they continue to grow in wisdom and grace before the Lord. There will be no 8:00am Mass on Saturday in order to accommodate our First Communion groups.



First Communion Practice:
Group A—April 28 (4:00 pm—6:15 pm)
Group B— April 30 (4:00—6:15 pm)

International Night:

The Cultural Diversity Ministry at *Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* is sponsoring our 4th Annual International Night on **Saturday, May 31, 2014**. 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 26/27*. Tickets will also be available at the Parish office during regular hours. This event usually sells out, so plan to purchase your tickets early.

Godspell - Here at OLMV:

Mark your calendars and save the date! The “**Outset Players**” will perform a modern production of the play, *Godspell*, on July 18 and 19 at 7:00pm in our Church Hall. This is a wonderful and uplifting play, and will be a treat for the entire family. Look to future bulletins for more information.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus came among the disciples and spoke to them in their midst: “Peace be with you.” Like the disciples, we have passed through the time of the Passion and we are now celebrating the time of the Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus has, indeed, risen and is now present among his disciples---and by extension---us! And we should be filled with awe as we consider the Great Easter Event!

Today Jesus makes himself known to his special disciples who are hidden away in the upper room. Even though the entrance way is locked, Jesus appears in their midst and shares his special peace: “Peace be with you!” John tells us that Jesus shares his greeting of “Peace” a second time with the apostles. How powerful is Jesus’ “Peace” as it is shared with the apostles and as it is shared with us! We should be truly awed by the truth of the risen Christ in our lives as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection.

We consider today’s Gospel passage and are invited to really enter into the profound peace of the risen Lord: Jesus has risen and no longer is confined to the limitations of humanity; Jesus appears among the apostles; He is powerfully changed, and yet he is still the same!

There are, and continue to be, those who doubt his resurrection. The disciples are sent forth after receiving the Spirit from the risen Lord and they are commissioned to forgive sins. As we listen to today’s Gospel passage, we are reminded that Jesus also sends us out into our world to share the Good News of his resurrection from the dead. John is very clear that this gospel passage is for all the generations so that we may come to know and believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that we will “have life in his name.”

Like the disciples, we have participated in the trials of the Lord and now we experience with them the great joy of Jesus’ Resurrection. Like the apostles in the upper room, we are invited today to enter with Jesus into new life.

We have all shared in a powerful faith experience---Passion, Death and Resurrection! And this experience has strengthened our hearts and minds and souls, helping us to become more solidly connected to Jesus.

Now, we must endeavor diligently to keep our hearts and minds open to the presence of the Lord in our everyday lives. Together, as members of this worshipping community, we are invited, even compelled, to share the Lord’s “Peace” with everyone we meet.

The Lord once shared his “Peace” with the apostles in the locked upper room, and he shares his “Peace” with us today. We must be open always to the Lord’s “Peace” and by our words and actions; we must be willing to go forth and be the Peace of Christ to the world! May the Lord’s “Peace be with you!”

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.

Saint Joseph High School Summer Program:

Saint Joseph's High School will conduct a co-ed summer program open to students in Middle and High Schools. Credit, enrichment and remedial courses will be offered. The summer program is in session June 25 – July 23. Please see the Saint Joseph web page at www.stjoes.org under "summer learning center" or contact the program director, Mr. Thomas Scarano via e-mail at njscarano@aol.com.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting "Operation Rice Bowl" here at OLMV. Returns are still accepted at Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

First Holy Communion (May 3): 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

NEW SAINTS OF THE CHURCH:

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter and the Feast of Divine Mercy, and we join with the entire Catholic Church in expressing our joy as Pope Francis declares Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II as the newest saints of our Church. Two outstanding leaders of our Church in recent years, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II are both known for their holiness and for their vision in leading our church into the modern world. Let us join in prayer with the entire church throughout the world that, through the intercession of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, God's love might penetrate the hearts of all and that the peace of the risen Lord might invigorate all the faithful in their daily worship and prayer. Please accept our gift of the portraits of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II which can be found in our parish bulletin today.

A Pauline thought for the week:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience". (Col. 3: 12)



**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



Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. May 17—18 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. Thank you for whatever you can do to help the needy in our area. Our last month's collection yielded 105 well-packed bags of food and 1 box. Thank you and God bless you!

Healing after Abortion. Are you suffering after an abortion? Help is available. Are you experiencing feelings of sadness, guilt, anxiety? Healing is possible. The post-abortion helpline is: 1-877-877-4300.

OLMV 2ND ANNUAL ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR:

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

RINCON ESPAÑOL:

-REGISTRARSE EN LA PARROQUIA ES IMPORTANTE!!
Para calificar para la preparación sacramental (Bautizo, Eucaristía, Confirmación, Matrimonio) **AQUELLOS QUE NECESITAN REGISTRARSE...**

Pasar por las oficinas y recoger un formulario de inscripción y un sobre de bienvenida.

-INFORMACION SACRAMENTAL..

Bautizo, Confirmación Primera Comunión, Matrimonios llamar a nuestras oficinas de Lunes a Jueves a partir de las 8:30 am hasta las 0:00 pm (732) 356.2149 ext. 1001.

-Bautizos: *Los padres DEBEN SER MIEMBROS ACTIVOS E INSCRITOS en la Iglesia. ACTIVOS significa: venir a misa y usar sobros dominicales. Los Bautizos se realizan el ultimo Domingo de cada mes. Los padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicantes de alguna Iglesia donde vivan.

Los padres deben asistir a una clase de preparación para el bautismo.

Matrimonios: parejas favor llamar a nuestras oficinas (732) 356.2149 ext 1001.

-Si siente el llamado de servir durante Misa como Lector, Ministro de la Eucaristía o como miembro del Ministerio de Hospitalidad, puede hacerlo contactando a Gabriella durante horas de oficina (Lunes a Jueves, 8:30 am—2:00 pm) 732-356-2149 ext. 1001.

Padre Pat.

Pensamiento de la semana: "Por tanto, como elegidos de Dios, consagrados y amados, revístanse de sentimientos de profunda compasión, de amabilidad, de humildad, de mansedumbre y de paciencia" (Col. 3:12)

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