

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015



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*Let us love not
in the word of
speech but in
deed and
truth.
-John 3:18*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	May 4th A.M.	Easter Weekday Charles Andaloro r/o Jeff & Cindy Simmons
TUES., 12:00	May 5th P.M.	Easter Weekday Mary & Blanzar Link r/o Family
WED., 7:00	May 6th A.M.	Easter Weekday Eleanor Palir r/o Joanne Richter
THURS., 12:00	May 7th A.M.	Easter Weekday Carmen Renda r/o Mother & Family
FRI., 7:00	May 8th A.M.	Easter Weekday Edward Dotterweich r/o The Ludwig Family
SAT., 8:00 5:00	May 9th A.M. P.M.	St. Athanasius, Bishop Purgatorial Mass John J. Struzinski r/o Wife Judy, Sons, John & Kay
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	May 10th A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Mary Wade r/o Enzo & Susan Ragucci Ann Domino's Good Health r/o James, Joann & James Annamae Isele r/o Judy Mancini Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

WEEK OF MAY 3- 9

Altar Candles

Frank Basile r/o Emily, Joe & Amelia



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS- Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class will be held this **Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 P.M. at Petra House.** Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptism dates may be selected after completing this one evening of preparation.

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: Katherine McBride, Anna Carr, Dorothy Ferguson, Salvatore C. Perone, Gertrude Hurley and Pasquale Casuscelli.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31)
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22)
Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24)
Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me bear much fruit (John 15:1-8)

WEDDING BANNERS

II Rob Than & Elena DelPrado
 II Domenick DaCunha & Alana Geron

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!**



Mother's Day Mass Remembrance Envelopes, for loved ones living or deceased, are included in your monthly envelopes. You may return it in the collection basket or the parish office. Returns will be placed by Mary's statue for Mother's Day and remain there for the month of May.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 9-10

5:00 pm— Kevin Meier
 Joe Meier
 8:00 am— Richie McNulty
 Tommy McNulty
 10:00 am— Jordan McEvoy
 T. Sviderskis-Carroll
 A. Sviderskis-Carroll
 11:30 am— Eliza DeGuzman
 Shannon Fitzgerald
 Connor Fitzgerald



"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.

April 25—26.....	\$8,618.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$411.00
Additional Easter.....	\$461.00
Major Renovations.....	\$799.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$2,665.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

**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.

"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.

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.

**SAVE THE DATES!!
UPCOMING EVENTS HERE AT OLMV
WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:
JUNE 7, 10:00 AM MASS
THANKSGIVING IN JUNE: JUNE 27
OLMV BLOOD DRIVE: JULY 12**



**A NOTE
FROM
FATHER
PAT**

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of May has always been powerful for us as Catholic believers as we continue our spiritual journey. Just as we witness daily the "rebirth" that takes place in nature, so we also see the life-giving presence of the risen Lord in the life of the church. May is one of traditional months for weddings, and it is truly inspiring to see beautiful brides and elegant grooms as they begin their married lives together with hope, faith and love. This time of year is truly a time of sacraments: so many babies entering into the faith through Baptism after the long Lenten period of preparation, adults entering the faith and completing their initiation sacraments through the RCIA process, young adults stepping forward to "receive the Holy Spirit" during the sacrament of Confirmation, and finally, so many of our young children who come to the altar for the first time to receive First Holy Communion.

There can be no doubt that in an age when faith is both attacked and questioned, that the presence of the risen Lord is here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, and that we are a powerful and vibrant community of believers who make a difference in the world.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that he is the vine and we are the branches. Without the life-giving connection to Jesus who is the vine, we, the branches, cannot hope to be effective in promulgating the powerful message that Jesus is our Savior and Messiah and that he is present among us now and always.

As Catholic believers, we claim a direct connection to Jesus, a direct connection to the very foundation of our Church when the Spirit came to the Apostles at Pentecost. In the two millennia since the very foundation of who we are as church, much has transpired that has helped to form who we are today. In slightly more than two thousand years, the church has developed an incredible catechism---a set of beliefs and code for living in the presence of the Lord. As a believing and worshipping people, we try to live by a creed of faith statements which are supported by a code of morality and grace-filled actions which we call Sacraments. Finally, we have a prayer life that includes prescribed as well as spontaneous communication which opens our hearts to God.

We, you and I, are branches that must always be connected to and nourished by the vine if we are to be effective in communicating the presence of the risen Lord in our community. Each of us must be committed to our creedal beliefs, we must endeavor each day to follow God's commands to us, we must actively partake in our sacramental life and, finally, we must spend time in prayer with our Lord.

Let us, together, become "fruit-filled" branches, and may our fruit nourish our community---opening the hearts of many to the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.



Registration for **NEW** registrants only will be **Sunday, May 31st from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** To register for Religious

Education classes, the family **MUST be registered** with the parish and a copy of **Baptismal Certificate** for each new registrant must be provided at registration even if the Baptism was at Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

Religious Education is a continuous program. Grades 1 through 8 are required. One needs to come to Religious Education every year. To receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion grades 1 and 2 must be completed. To receive Confirmation grades 3 through 8 are required. **Call Dorothy at the Religious Education Office 732-356-6560 ext. 2010 for further information.**

CONGRATULATIONS our youngsters who received First Holy Communion this Saturday. May they always be refreshed and nourished by the presence of Our Lord in their lives.

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. May 16—17 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!

Last month we donated 130 bags of food to FISH and they were so grateful!

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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.



Summer Programs at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen:

Summer Programs are available for Middle and High School Students. Programs of Enrichment, Remedial Programs, Credit Classes, Workshops, etc. The programs run from June 29 through July 24. For additional information, please contact Mr. Thomas Scarano at njscarano@aol.com or call the school at 732-549-7600. For additional information log on to www.stjoes.org and click on the summer learning center.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY- try to make an extra effort to pray the Rosary which is a very powerful form of prayer to Our Blessed Virgin Mother asking her to intercede to our Heavenly Father on our behalf. Pray the Rosary privately or if you wish the Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday. Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 7:00 am Mass and Tuesday and Thursday after the 12:00 noon Mass and on Saturday after the 8:00 A.M. Mass. All are welcome to join as we pray for our special intentions or in thanksgiving for blessings received.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

WEEKEND OF MAY 16—17.

SINGLES FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION

A REMINDER: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Friday, May 7th. It begins after the 7:00 A.M. Mass Adoration ends at 12:00 noon.

On Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the 11:30am Mass, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Ministry 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!!!

Yard Sale!!!

Come and shop at the Yard Sale to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Conference:

Friday and Saturday May 15 and 16
(112 Prospect Place Middlesex)

All proceeds will be used to further our efforts to help those in need right here in our community.



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