

# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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May 4, 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

Religious Education  
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation  
732-609-1091

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2014

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You have made know to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

-Acts 2:28

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b>	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
7:00	A.M.	Parishioners
<b>TUES.,</b>	<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
12:00	P.M.	Cibelli Family r/o Anne Stanzione
<b>WED.,</b>	<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
7:00	A.M.	Deceased Sifers of St. Joseph r/o Sisters of Petra House
<b>THURS.,</b>	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
12:00	P.M.	Carmen Renda r/o Mother & Family
<b>FRI.,</b>	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
7:00	A.M.	Michael Ricci, Sr. r/o Joe & Denise
<b>SAT.,</b>	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Damien de Veuster</b>
8:00	A.M.	OLMV Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	Judy Voorhees r/o Josephine Welter
<b>SUN.,</b>	<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00	A.M.	Parishioners
10:00	A.M.	Thomas Mendelson r/o Michael & Barbara VanRiper
11:30	A.M.	Carl J. Graf r/o Jean Pongratz
1:30	P.M.	Por todas las madres de esta Parroquia

### Memorials



**Week of May 4—11**  
**Altar Candles**

Leo Collins r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren

**Altar Bread & Wine**

Alice Ann Kicki r/o Enrica & Ignazio Tripoli & Family

### Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of May 10—11)

<b>5:00 P.M.—</b>	Kevin Meier Joey Meier
<b>8:00 A.M.—</b>	Richie McNulty Tommy McNulty
<b>10:00 A.M.—</b>	Eliza DeGuzman Alexis Labrada Lorenzo Troia
<b>11:30 A.M.—</b>	Natalie Zychlinski



Altar Servers

**SAVE THE DATE! Monday, May 12 7:00 pm—9:00 pm**  
**Friar of the Renewal Fr. Andrew Apostoli will speak on Fatima for TODAY: The Blessed Mother's Message for Peace. Church of Immaculate Conception, Somerville, NJ.**

**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: Donald L. Rickert.

### TODAY'S READING'S:

**First Reading** — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

**Psalm**— Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16)

**Second Reading**— Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17—21).

**Gospel**— Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself know to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13—35)



The following "little one" was Baptized on April 26, 2014

Beau Bradley Degener

Son of William & Amy Degener

## WEDDING BANNERS

I Michael Veneziano & Kimberly Johnson

### Godparent and Sponsorship letters:

Only registered parishioners can receive letters to serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or to serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Very often a person who is not registered at OLMV will request a sponsorship letter, explaining that he/she graduated from the school, made sacraments at OLMV or that parents still attend our parish. It is important for young adults to realize that it is their responsibility to register at the parish of their residence.

### Parish Membership:

Any new families who have recently moved into our parish are invited to register as parishioners at OLMV. In addition, adult children 18 years of age or older (or upon completion of college) must also register separately to be considered participating parishioners. **A participating parishioner is registered, attends Mass regularly, contributes to the support of the church and participates in the life and ministries of our parish.** It is never too late to register as a parishioner.

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



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

<b>April 19—20 (Easter).....</b>	<b>\$34,279.00</b>
Holy Thursday.....	\$2,429.00
Good Friday.....	\$2,754.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$341.00
Spanish Mass Palm Sunday.....	\$565.00
Spanish Mass Easter Sunday.....	\$1,070.00
<b>April 26—27.....</b>	<b>\$8,407.00</b>
Additional Easter.....	\$1,315.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$3,341.00
Major Renovations.....	\$798.00
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!

### **International Night:**

The Cultural Diversity Ministry at *Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* is sponsoring our **4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ACH Banking:**

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, in partnership with Provident Bank of New Jersey, offers parishioners the opportunity of ACH banking. Parishioners who prefer to donate through automatic draft have the opportunity to make monthly donations to our parish in a secure and personal manner. ACH banking can stand on its own as a means of regular parish giving, or it can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. ACH banking forms are available at the entranceways to the church. Once completed, forms should be sent to the parish office to the attention of Father Pat. For more information, please see Father Pat after Mass or contact him at the parish office. Thank you.

### **Super 50/50 raffle:**

By now, all parishioners should have received a book of the 2014 Annual Super 50/50 raffle tickets. This important and necessary fund-raising activity is the only major fund-raising activity sponsored by our parish each year. The success of this raffle is so very important if we, as a parish community, are to be able to continue to continue to be successful in proclaiming the truth of the risen Lord present and active in our community. Thank you for your support of this endeavor. Many parishioners, working together, for the benefit of all!!! Returns can be placed in the weekly collection basket at Mass or returned to the parish office.

**Godspell – Here at OLMV:** Mark your Calendars July 18 and 19 at 7:00 pm Church Hall.



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

We continue to bask in the glory of the Risen Lord today, and we spend time considering one of the most beautiful of all the Gospel passages. We read and then meditate on the encounter between Jesus and two of his disciples who are travelling from Jerusalem to their homes in Emmaus.

This passage is found at the end of the Gospel of Luke and is a wonderful exploration of how Jesus' disciples slowly came to understand His presence in their lives after the Resurrection.

There are two men who are returning home after their hopes had been dashed when Jesus is arrested and crucified. They are dejected, bitterly disappointed, and they appear to be actually running away from Jerusalem. They are afraid that they too might soon experience pain and death at the hands of the Jewish leadership or the Roman authorities.

At first they do not recognize Jesus when he joins them on their journey. It is only at Jesus' prodding that they begin to tell this fellow traveler what has transpired in Jerusalem. They are even incredulous that this traveler seems to know nothing about the events of the past few days. The traveler continues to engage them in conversation and slowly begins to teach them about the scriptures. When it becomes late, they beg the traveler whom they still do not recognize to stay with them. They ask him to join them for dinner so they can continue their conversation.

It is only when the traveler takes the bread, blesses it and breaks it that they finally recognize the risen Christ who has been in their midst all along.

It is often so easy for us it is often so easy to lose sight of Jesus and not to recognize his presence in our midst. Actually, become lost. We become so absorbed in our own lives that we no longer recognize Jesus' presence in our daily lives. We become overwhelmed by the pressures of daily living, and we forget the most precious aspect of our lives: we **are truly** alive only in and with the risen Christ!

Jesus Christ is, indeed, with us---today and always. Like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, we must recognize our Lord in the "breaking of the bread." Even more, we must recognize the presence of Jesus in our everyday lives---in our worship, in our words and in our actions! And, even more, we need to recognize the risen Jesus in our encounters with our brothers and sisters, right here, and throughout the world.

*Father Pat*



Please remember in your prayers our 8th grade children who have been called forth to receive the Holy Spirit. They will celebrate the sacrament of confirmation during the liturgy of the word on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. May the Spirit of God enlighten and enliven our Confirmandi as they continue to grow in wisdom and grace before the Lord. May the Holy Spirit be present to them all the days of their lives.



**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).

**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](http://www.stjoes.org) under "summer learning center" or contact the program director, Mr. Thomas Scarano via e-mail at [njscarano@aol.com](mailto:njscarano@aol.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- 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
- Godspell – Here at OLMV:** July 18 and 19 at 7:00 pm Church Hall.
- Annual OLMV Car Show** – Sunday, September 14
- Annual OLMV Artisan Craft Fair** – Sunday, November 16

**First Holy Communion:**

Yesterday, our second grade Religious Education children stepped forward to receive First Holy Communion. The youngsters, dressed in their white dresses and blue or white suits were so serious about this important moment in their faith formation. As a parish community we pray for these youngsters and their families: "May they continue to grow in their faith, and may the children, supported by their parents, come to know the fullness of Jesus Christ in their hearts and souls!" Congratulations children, and congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Zmigrodski, Mrs. McGinley and our fine catechists and aides.

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

To date, parishioners of OLMV have pledged slightly over \$72,000.00 of our suggested goal of \$94,600.00. Thank you to all who have already made their commitment to this year's appeal. There is still time to forward your donation to the Diocese of Metuchen. Envelopes are available around the church entrances. 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**



**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 Council—12700 will sponsor a 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** "Hijo mío, en todo lo que hagas actúa con humildad y te querrán más que el hombre generoso.

— Eclesiástico 3: 17

## INFORMATION SHEET

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