

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015



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*It was not you
who chose me,
but I who chose
you and appoint-
ed you to go and
bear fruit.
-John 15:16*

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	May 11th	Easter Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Julie Erchick r/o Family
TUES.,	May 12th	Easter Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Bernice Parquette r/o Ken & Marianne Antunes
WED.,	May 13th	Easter Weekday
7:00	A.M.	William Erchick r/o 7:00 A.M. Mass Group
7:00	P.M.	Thomas Kuhn r/o Pat Benson, Daughter
THURS.,	May 14th	The Ascension of the Lord
7:00	A.M.	Parishioners
12:00	P.M.	Sanders, Cusumano & Chiavaroli Families r/o Rose Marie Cusumano
FRI.,	May 15th	Easter Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Paula Williams r/o Doug, Garrett & Jennifer
SAT.,	May 16th	Easter Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Samuel Giuliano r/o Wife, Pam & Family
5:00	P.M.	George , Veronica & Robert Lasko r/o RoseMary & Family
SUN.,	May 17th	Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:00	A.M.	Helen Haverstick r/o Kevin, Alicia, Jay & Karen Donovan
10:00	A.M.	Sara Mazze r/o Janet & Jim Hoxie
11:30	A.M.	Catherine Nodes r/o Dorothy & Bill Rolser
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

WEEK OF MAY 10—16

Altar Candles

James Harvey r/o Joe & Emily

Sanctuary Candles

John Stryzinski r/o Frank & Jeannie Tambone

Tabernacle Candles

Noel P. & Mary Orane r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Altar Bread & Wine

Josephine Costabile r/o Daughter Theresa Williams & Family



Memorials

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98)

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10)

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17)

WEDDING BANNERS

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



Baptism

The following "little ones" were Baptized on

May 3, 2015

Emily Rose & Evan Robert Bender, Children of Robert & Catherine Bender

Mackenzie Quinn Clark, daughter of Bryan & Jillian Clark

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.

Thank you to *Jean D. Stauffenberg* for her donation to the church in memory of Anna Carr.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 16-17

5:00 pm—	James Lawrence
	Katelyn Carmona
	Erin Rooney
8:00 am—	Jonathon Massarelli
	Amelia Casale
10:00 am—	Sydney Kukoda
	Nicky Kukoda
11:30 am—	Natalie Zychlinski



Our Weekly Offering

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" — John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.

May 2—3.....	\$9,384.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$395.00
Additional Easter.....	\$165.00
Major Renovations.....	\$2,630.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

OLMV CONGRATULATES ALL MOTHER'S ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!!

Heavenly Father,
You have given each person the
Precious gift of having a mother.
Throughout the ages, mothers have
Been the unsung heroes of our lives,
Content with little things; a smile
a thank you, a token remembrance.
May all mothers learn from the
Example set by Jesus' mother, Mary
Our Mother in Heaven
Let us always remember our mothers
as a treasure which You have given us,
whether she is still here or in heaven.
Pour down Your grace on all mothers
today and everyday, and help each one
of us to live our lives based on the good
examples, love and devotion which
we have learned from them. Amen

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.

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.

"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. Bricks** can be ordered through the parish office during the week.



A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**
There has been much in the news lately concerning "Marriage." I put the word in quotations because it seems that today when five or six people are in a room and the topic of marriage comes up, there are five or six very different expressions of what marriage means today.

We live in a modern society today where definitions that seemed to be so clear and set for such a long time are now re-defined. There is pressure today on our Supreme Court to deliver an opinion on any state's right to make laws which might clarify who would be covered under a definition of marriage.

Since today there are questions raised concerning the very definition of marriage, we might benefit by looking briefly at what our Catholic Church teaches and why. In "Gaudium et Spes," the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote, "God himself is the author of marriage." So for us, as Catholic believers, marriage is not purely a human institution. In "Genesis" we learn that God created the human family in his image. The human family is called to be loved by God and to love God in return.

Because we are in his image, God calls the human family to enter into a generative love that is both spousal and fruitful. For us as Catholic believers, the Sacrament of Marriage is an expression of the union of Christ and his Church. It is through the Sacrament of Marriage that a husband and wife join together in a spousal love, a beautiful intimacy that is an expression of their spiritual communion. Faithful to God's plan, a husband and wife, through their spousal intimacy, participate with God in generative love which gives rise to children. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** teaches that with their children, a husband and wife form a "domestic church," that is, the family home where faith is alive in an intimate community of grace and prayer. (CCC – 1666)

The Catholic Church teaches that a husband and wife come together and give themselves to each other definitively and totally. They enter into a covenantal, sacramental love where they are called to be always faithful to each other in an indissoluble union.

Our Church teaches that sexuality is a most powerful gift given to us by God and designed by God to be expressed in marriage alone. Any sexual activity outside of marriage is understood to be a form of infidelity: to a spouse, to God's loving care for us, to our own personal integrity.

In our modern world, so much pressure is placed on the Church to "change" its teaching on sexuality and marriage. Can we really change the laws of God?

When Jesus taught that he, himself, was "food from heaven" many who were listening to him couldn't accept this and walked away. Our challenge today is likewise difficult: Do we follow the teaching of our church or do we just walk away?

Fr. Pat

Retreat for Men and Women: The Sisters of Saint Joseph invite men and women to consider a retreat at Saint Mary By the Sea Retreat House in Cape May: June 18-21, 2015. The retreat will end on Sunday by 11:00am so there will be plenty of time for family "Father's Day" adventures. Please see information on the church bulletin boards. For a brochure or additional information contact Joan Dillinger at 609-884-8708.



**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.



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
WEEKEND OF MAY 23 - 24.**

Children's Liturgy:

Our next Children's Liturgy is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17 at the 10:00am Mass**. A craft as well as snack will be available for the children after Mass. As always, there will be coffee and "calorie-free" doughnuts for our parents and other adults who have time to share in fellowship!

Family Candyland Bingo

Mark your calendars...Family Candyland Bingo will be on Friday, May 22 starting at 7 pm.



THANK YOU, RIVES CASSEL:

Thank you to Rives Cassel, Director of Sacred Music and Liturgical Arts, our cantors and members of our adult and children's choirs for the beautiful music that enhances our worship each week here at OLMV. Thanks also to the young adults who step forward and assist Mr. Cassel at the many liturgical activities that take place during the year. We are very fortunate, here at OLMV, to enjoy the services of such a talented music director as is Mr. Cassel. Mr. Cassel is always on the lookout for "talented" parishioners to join our choirs, to serve as cantors or to play musical instruments. Why not contact him and see if God is inviting you to join in the music ministry here at OLMV.



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.**

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. May 16—17. We appreciate your donations.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Boys and Girls in grades 4 and above are invited and encouraged to become altar servers here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. Altar servers assist the priests and deacons at Mass and at other important Liturgical actions that take place here in our church. The ministry of Altar Service is a truly special way to honor the Lord and also to share in the work of the church. Please take an altar server sign up form that can be found around the church entranceways, complete it and return it to the parish office. Father Mark, Moderator of Altar Servers here at OLMV will contact new altar servers and inform them about training sessions.

High School Youth Ministry will meet again on **Sunday, May 17 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm** in the Parish Gym. We will continue to establish this ministry for anyone in or entering high school in the Fall. Please bring your ideas for discussion. For questions, please email krooney@olmv.net.

Join your friends and neighbors for coffee and fellowship at our next **Young Adult Ministry** meeting on **Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. We will continue to build the foundation for this new exciting ministry for young, adult Catholics ages 18 and up. If you have any questions, please email krooney@olmv.net.

Landscaping upgrades: We have recently begun to improve the lawns and greenery around our parish grounds. As you can imagine, with almost two complete blocks of property, maintaining our landscape is a real challenge. The upgrades to our landscape are possible this year because so many parishioners have consistently been generous in donating to our "Major Renovations" program. Thank you to our generous parishioners, and thank you also to Ed Kura and our maintenance staff who devote so much time and energy to maintain our property.

OLMV PARISH REMEMBERED: OLMV recently received a bequest from the estate of **Bernice Parquette**. On behalf of our parish, I extend the thanks of all parishioners to Bernice for her generosity in considering OLMV in her estate planning. Her generosity will assist our parish as we continue to address areas of our physical plant that are in need of replacement or upgrade. Information about making bequests to our parish as well as a memorial in memory of a loved one is available on our website: olmv.net.



**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