

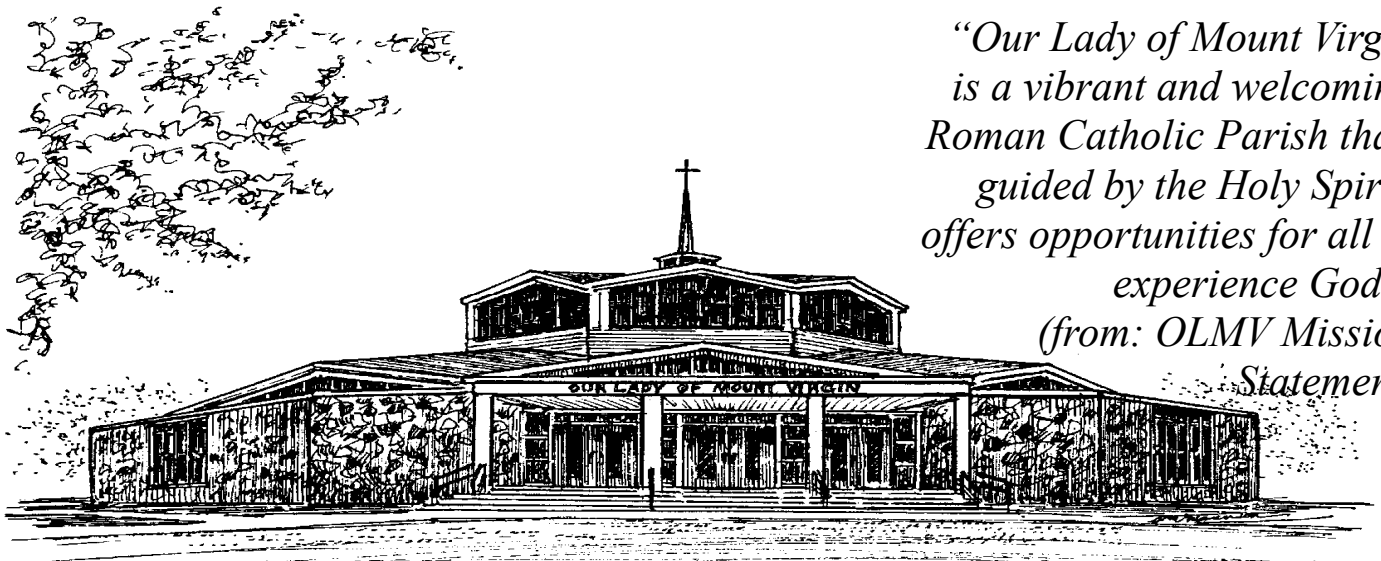
# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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May 11, 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

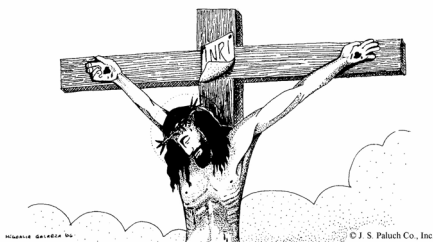
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2014



He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

-Peter 2:24

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Julie Erchick r/o Bill & Children
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Joseph & Gandolfa Termine r/o Daughter
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Saint Matthias, Apostle</b> Porfirio, Angelita & Jose Tito Goco r/o The Gepigon Family
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Rita Kuffner r/o Fr Pat
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Samuel Giuliano r/o Wife, Sam & Children
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Luisa and Sestina Renda r/o Daughter & Sister Filomena
5:00	P.M.	Tom Mendelson r/o Cathy Lucchesi
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Richie Zakashefski r/o Kevin & Alicia Donovan
10:00	A.M.	Carl Graf r/o Sue & Ray Heineman
11:30	A..M.	Frances Messina r/o Alexandria & Tony Gladwell
1:30	P.M.	Carlos Alberto Cabezas Vargas



## Memorials Week of May 11—18 Altar Candles

Josephine Costabile r/o Theresa Williams & Family

*Altar Bread & Wine*

Blessed Mother & Teresa and Rose r/o Assante Family

## Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of May 17—18)

<b>5:00 P.M.—</b>	Katelyn Carmona Amelia Casale
<b>8:00 A.M.—</b>	Jonathon Massarelli Tommy McNulty
<b>10:00 A.M.—</b>	Sydney Kukoda Nicky Kukoda James Lawrence
<b>11:30 A.M.—</b>	Arista Parillo Sheridan Hoyt



Altar Servers

**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, especially, Dennis Katzara. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Elizabeth Brown, David Panzaro, John Petriello and Teresa M. Graham.

## TODAY'S READING'S:

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14– 41)  
**Psalm**— The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23)

**Second Reading**— Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20—25)

**Gospel**— The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1—10)

## Altar Flowers May 11—18

Mother's Day Flowers given by Rene Hoski in memory of her mother, Theresa Hoski.

Thank you to Hoski's Florist who donated the crown of flowers for our Annual May Crowning of our Blessed Mother.



## WEDDING BANNERS

II Michael Veneziano & Kimberly Johnson

## 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.

## 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.

**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.



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

May 3—4.....	\$10,143.00
Additional Easter.....	\$572.00
Major Renovations.....	\$2,371.00
Spanish Mass (April 30).....	\$374.00
Additional Retirement Collection.....	\$10.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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

Today, Mother's Day is also **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The purpose of this day is to fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"

(Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the **USCCB Vocations webpage: [www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations)**.

### **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**. 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.

A NOTE  
FROM  
FATHER  
PAT

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

This time of year, spiritually, is such a wonderful and powerful time for our OLMV community. Spring has finally arrived, and we have shared in the Easter experience! We have proclaimed the risen Christ and we celebrate the true and eternal presence of the risen Lord. Even as we celebrate the truth of the risen Jesus in our lives, we look to Pentecost and the Ascension of the Lord with great anticipation.

Last weekend, it was such an honor to celebrate Mass for our second grade students who came forward or receive First Holy communion. Almost 50 of our boys and girls recited their profession of faith with such reverence and awe, and then they stepped forward to receive the precious gift of the Lord's Body and Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The children were surrounded by parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, all flush with pride as they watched them receive the gift of Jesus with such reverence and joy. A special "thank you" to Mrs. Zmigrodski and her amazing staff of catechists and volunteers who make our faith come alive for these younger members of our faith community!!! We pray for the young members of our parish that they remain faithful witnesses to the Risen Christ!

Last Sunday, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church held its annual "May Procession and Crowning" in honor of our Blessed Mother. There is something very special about our love for the Blessed Mother here at OLMV. Our Parish was placed under her protection under the title of **Our Lady of Mount Virgin** when it was formed more than 70 years ago. Special thanks and recognition go to our Altar Rosary Members who so faithfully come forward to honor Mary, the young representatives of our First Holy Communion group who crowned the Statue of the Blessed Mother in the center of our Prayer Garden, and finally to Rives Cassel and our Choir who led us as we sang beautiful hymns in honor of our Patroness. Kudos also go to our Maintenance Staff who worked so diligently to ensure that the Prayer Garden was properly prepared for our celebration.

As we continue to experience the springtime of our natural world and the wonderful Easter event, we look to two additional spiritual events that express so well who we are as a community of faithful believers.

On Sunday, May 18, the young men and women of our eighth grade Confirmation class will come forward to receive the Holy Spirit as they stand together and affirm their faith. With their "Yes" to God our Father, they open their hearts and souls to the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. In addition, members of our adult community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. What a special day for them as the Catholic community around the world celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the "birth" of the Church! May all the members of our parish who will receive the Holy Spirit remain ever faithful to our Lord and God!

*Father Pat*

### **NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**SUNDAY, May 18, 10:00 am Mass**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Refreshments and craft for the children after Mass.



**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).

**Join us for our Open House, Thursday, May 22, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM at 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 the year-round pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Visit our Science Fair the same evening to meet faculty and our budding future scientists! For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit [www.holysavioracademy.com](http://www.holysavioracademy.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- Confirmation: Sunday, May 18 at 5:00 pm.**
- 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**

**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.

**PAT BENSON AND NATALIE GUIBLEO** WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE LADIES OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY WHO HELPED TO MAKE THE BAKELESS CAKE SALE SO SUCCESSFUL AGAIN THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!

**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-Wednesday & Friday after the 7:00 A.M. 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.

**Thank you** to the *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* and to the many members of our *Hispanic Community* who reached out in support of a family in our community who needed financial and housing assistance. Through the efforts of many caring persons in our parish this family has been able to find housing and employment. *OLMV* has many kind, compassionate and caring parishioners. Thank you to all who reached out to assist a family in need!



**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!

**Thank you from Father Pat:**

**Thank you** to the members of our Altar Rosary Society who supported our annual May Crowning this year. Thank you to the members of the OLMV Adult Choir, under the direction of Rives Cassel, who led us as we sang in praise of the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you also to the children who assisted in the “Crowning” ceremony.

**Thank you** also to the members of K of C Council 12700 for providing a wonderful “Family Breakfast” last Sunday.

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

**Congratulations** to Debbie & Anthony Zotte who won the April “Rebuild Our Church” 50/50 Raffle.

Their prize was \$555.00

**Special Thanks** to everyone who continues to support our “Rebuild Our Church” program.

**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF METUCHEN CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE-TO-ONE ACTIVITIES AND BECOME A MENTOR TO THE YOUTH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JEANETTE CULLEN 732-738-1323.

## INFORMATION SHEET

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