

# The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2015



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*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*

*-Mark 16:16*

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Anthony Ciliberto r/o Son, Peter
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Linda Sasso-Martinowick r/o Mom & Dad
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Rose Mazuco r/o OLMV Altar Rosary
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Dominick, Mollie, Leonard Assante r/o Eleanor Assante
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Parishioners
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Easter Weekday</b> Domenico & Italia Ragucci r/o Enzo & Susan Ragucci
5:00	P.M.	Christopher E. Roy r/o The Roy Family
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Theresa Boyd r/o Lucille & Bill Gould
10:00	A.M.	Fr Pat 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination
11:30	A.M.	Diana Nash r/o Lou & Jane Denardo
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

## WEEK OF MAY 24—30

### *Altar Candles*

Anne Hanas r/o Joe & Emily

### *Tabernacle Candles*

Katherine & Vincent Maggio r/o Alison & Rachel Maggio



Memorials

## SINGLES FOR SOLDIERS COLLECTION WEEKEND OF MAY 23 - 24.

**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. Please pray for the recently deceased: Robert Schneider.

## TODAY'S READINGS:

**First Reading** — This is Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11)

**Psalms** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47)

**Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23)

**Gospel** — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20)

## WEDDING BANNERS

I David Colonna & Megan Piegaro

### **Congratulations Tom, and Prayerful Best Wishes:**

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski has called **Thomas Sommero** to the "Order of Deacon" and will ordain him on **Saturday, June 6, 2015**. The Catholic Community of Our Lady of Mount Virgin joins with Tom's family and friends in prayerful thanksgiving as Tom completes the formation process and prepares to step forward before Bishop Bootkoski for the conferral of the Order of Deacon.

**Thank you** to *William Byra* for his donation to the church in memory of *Dorothy Ferguson*.

**Thank you** to our generous parishioners for supporting our **Food Collection for FISH** this weekend!

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 23—24

5:00 pm—	Kevin Meier Joe Meier
8:00 am—	Mikaehla Pineda Rhiana Pineda
10:00 am—	Jackie Mai Christina Mai
11:30 am—	Katie Schilp Mary Schilp Gavin Fitzgerald



## 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 9—10.....	\$9,832.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$312.00
Air Conditioning.....	\$3,954.00
Major Renovations.....	\$936.00
April ACH Banking.....	\$2,012.30
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

## CALL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS 4th Grade and up

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.

### **Family Candyland Bingo**

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



ROSARY

May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary, Mother of God. Mary is our patroness here at OLMV. Remember to pray to Mary during this month. Why not plan to recite a rosary each day in her honor---what a good habit to develop.

### **"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.

**The Cultural Diversity Ministry** at *Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* is sponsoring our **5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Super 50/50 Raffle and International Night:**

Two of OLMV's most important fund-raising activities each year are our annual International Night and our annual Super 50/50 raffle. Thank you for your anticipated participation in our International Night and for supporting the Super 50/50 raffle. Please remember to purchase tickets to the International Night and to turn in your Super 50/50 raffles. Extra Raffle tickets are available at the parish office and after all Masses on the weekend.

### **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.



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

Spring is certainly a season of Sacraments. Here at OLMV, young adults step forward each year to be "confirmed" in their faith. The "Yes" of these young people is a loud and clear confirmation that our Catholic faith is a living entity---our faith is lived and shared from generation to generation. Our young parishioners take their place as fully initiated Catholics who take their place with the wider church, living and sharing the presence of Christ in the community.

Each year, OLMV is so proud of the youngsters who come to the "table of the Lord" to receive their First Holy communion. They have had the opportunity to speak to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as they asked forgiveness for their sins. Our parish community looks on them with such pride as they receive the Lord in Holy Communion, announcing to us by their action, that our faith is alive and vibrant here in our community.

Along with the children, we always have adult members of our community who enter into the life of our faith through baptism; and we have others who complete their initiation into the church as they receive Holy Communion and Confirmation.

It is a grace for us as church to witness the baptism of babies as well as the number of marriages that take place here at OLMV each spring.

Last week in this space, I wrote a little about the beauty of Marriage as a Sacrament of our faith. I would like to share a few thoughts now about another powerful sacrament that usually takes place in the spring each year: ordination to the priesthood and permanent diaconate.

This year Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish is particularly honored as we anticipate the Ordination of Thomas Sommero to the Permanent Diaconate. Tom will be ordained on June 6, 2015 by Bishop Bootkoski and will serve the People of God here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. A number of men will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate with Tom. In addition, three men will be ordained as Transitional Deacons and will continue their formation in the coming year. Two men will also accept Bishop Paul's call and will be ordained to the holy priesthood.

While all the baptized share in the "common priesthood," only bishops, priests and deacons share in the ordained priesthood. Bishops receive the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and are usually called to govern a "particular Church." Priests share in the "ministerial Priesthood" and exercise their pastoral functions as prudent co-workers with their bishop. While deacons do not share in the "ministerial Priesthood," their ordination confers upon them important functions in the ministry of the word, in the ministry of liturgical worship and, primarily, in the service of charity.

In a few weeks, I'll celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of my ordination to the Holy Priesthood. To live and to exercise the ministry of a priest has been both a great blessing and a constant grace during these years. I am grateful to Bishop Bootkoski for ordaining me and also for appointing me to serve you as pastor of our parish community. I am still awed by the power of God's grace as I am privileged to proclaim the presence of Christ in Word and in Sacrament.

I pray all for who are discerning God's call to the priesthood or the diaconate: be not afraid to say "Yes!"

Father 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](http://www.holysavioracademy.com).

#### **Holy Savior 5K Run and Family Fun Walk, June 6, 2015**

The 5K Run will benefit the academic programming at Holy Savior Academy whose mission is to work together as disciples of Christ to respect, inspire and foster excellence as together we meet the challenges of the 21st century. For more info email Carl at [randcautobody@aol.com](mailto:randcautobody@aol.com).



Registration for **NEW** registrants only will be **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

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](mailto:krooney@olmv.net).

#### **FOR THE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED ...**

there is hope and healing in a new Catholic's Separated and Divorced program. Sacred Heart in South Plainfield and St. Joseph's in North Plainfield are co-sponsoring this 12- week program. Meetings will begin on **Tuesday, June 9, from 7:30 to 9 pm in St. Joseph's rectory basement**, located at 41 Manning Ave., North Plainfield. Trained lay facilitators will facilitate the sessions. Suggested donation for all 12 weeks is \$20.00. Whether you have been separated for two months or divorced for five years, this program offers valuable insights for everyone. You will cry, laugh, and be encouraged ... there is hope and healing. Call Sr. Kathleen at 908-756-0633 ext. 142 to register or for more details.



#### **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**

### **OLMV SOCIAL MINISTRIES**



**Prayer Shawl Ministry.** All knitters and crotchetiers are warmly invited to join our newly formed prayer shawl ministry. Prayer shawls are handcrafted with love and prayers, and given to those in need of God's comfort. To learn more about this wonderful ministry, please call Patty Reents at 732-356-2913.

**Summer Blood Drive. Sunday, July 12, 2015.** Due to an emergency blood shortage in our area hospitals, Our Lady of Mt. Virgin parish is appealing to all eligible donors to give blood on Sunday, July 12th, from 8:00 am – 1:00pm. To be eligible, a donor must be at least 17 years old, in reasonably good health, and bring a photo or signed ID. You must also know your social security number. Many people think they cannot give when, in fact, they are eligible. If you have questions about your eligibility, please call 1-800-933-8566. or visit their website at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org)

**The OLMV Book Club** will meet on **Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room.** We will discuss the book "The Hundred Foot Journey". The Book Club will take a break for the summer and resume on September 28<sup>th</sup> where we will discuss "Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins.

Any new members interested in joining our group in September, please contact Dorothy Zmigrodski at [dzmigrodski@olmv.net](mailto:dzmigrodski@olmv.net). Our club meets every other month to discuss the selected title. Happy reading!!!

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

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**-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—2:00 pm (732) 356.2149 ext. 1001.

-Compartir para el Padre Santiago: Domingo 31 de Mayo despues de Misa. Todos son bienvenidos!

-Registacion para el Catesismo, Familias nuevas solamente: Domingop 31 de Mayo. Para mas informacion llamar a la oficina antes de esa fecha.

Padre Pat.