

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.**



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.



ROSARY

"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 **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.

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.

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.



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.**

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.

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

The OLMV Book Club will meet on **Monday, June 22nd 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 28th 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. 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

<<<<<<<<<RINCÓN 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—2:00 pm (732) 356.2149 ext. 1001.

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

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

Padre Pat.