

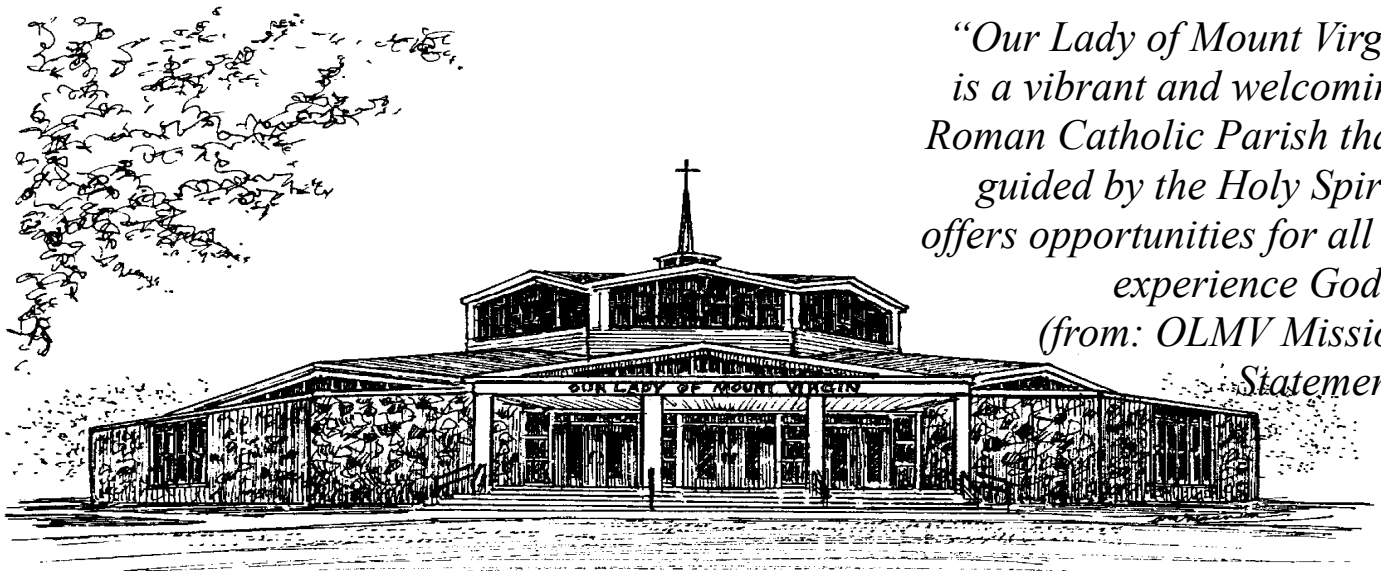
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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May 18, 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:

1st and 3rd 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd
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

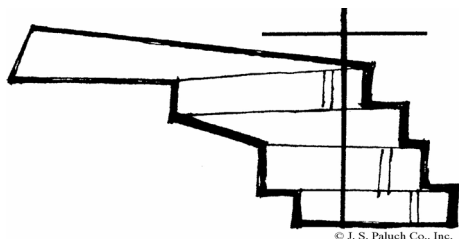
Fax
732-356-1302

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2014



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“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

-John 14:6

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	May 19th A.M.	Easter Weekday Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	May 20th P.M.	Easter Weekday Linda Sasso—Martinowich r/o Mom & Dad
WED., 7:00	May 21st A.M.	Saint Christopher Magallanes Tom Mendelson r/o Pete & Fran Ciliberto
THURS., 12:00	May 22nd P.M.	Easter Weekday Mary Petrichko r/o Dwyer Family
FRI., 7:00	May 23rd A.M.	Easter Weekday Thomas Mooney r/o Tom Sommero
SAT., 8:00	May 24th A.M.	Easter Weekday John & Carol Gross r/o Barbara Lynns
	5:00	P.M. Christopher Roy r/o The Roy Family
SUN., 8:00	May 25th A.M.	Sixth Sunday of Easter Betty Bielecky r/o Rich & Linda Miller
	10:00	A.M. Lorraine O’Keefe r/o Sue & Joe Murphy Family
	11:30	A..M. Carmen Patullo r/o Carmella Bradley
	1:30	P.M. Candidatos para la Confirmación

Memorials



Week of May 18—25
Altar Candles

Robert J. Pastor Sr., r/o The Adams Family

Tabernacle Candles

Christopher Roy r/o The Roy Family

Altar Servers Schedule (Weekend of May 24—25)

5:00 P.M.—	Erin Rooney Taylor Anthony
8:00 A.M.—	Isabel Martinez Sheraton Hoyt
10:00 A.M.—	Jordan McEvoy Jackie Mai Christina Mai
11:30 A.M.—	Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue



Altar Servers

TODAY’S READING’S:

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7)

Psalms— Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading— We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel— “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12)

WEDDING BANNERS

I Robert Rabouin & Amy Lutz
III Michael Veneziano & Kimberly Johnson



The following “little ones” were Baptized on May 4, 2014

London Grace Beck, daughter of Douglas & Dima Beck
Patrick Tyler Cawley, son of Craig & Alyssa Cawley
Jacob Thomas Torres, son of William Torres and Jennifer Villao
Molly Grace Martin, daughter of Robert & Sarah Martin
James Michael Perry, son of James & Brenda Perry

On May 11, 2014

James Eugene Stanczak, son of Christopher & Carissa Stanczak



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Registration for **NEW** registrants only will be **Sunday, June 1st 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 732-356-8366 for further information.**

REMEMBER...

If the weekend Mass is being offered for your loved one please report to an usher. You have the privilege of carrying up the gifts in the offertory procession.



“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19

May 10—11.....	\$9,378.00
Air Conditioning Collection.....	\$4,157.00
Major Renovations.....	\$812.00
Spanish Mass (May 4).....	\$292.00
Additional Easter Collection.....	\$156.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

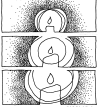

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our extra “Air-conditioning” Fuel collection. Your assistance is most appreciated.

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.

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!

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.

	Evening Prayer in the Tradition of Taizé Now Appearing: Jesus the Risen Christ Sunday, May 25 at 7:00 P.M.	
Set in the soft glow of candlelight, the resurrection appearances of Jesus will be explored. The scripturally based narration combines a touch of humor with poignant reflections on each appearance. Meditative chants capturing the essence of the narration will be interspersed between the reflections. Ample amounts of silence will provide time for personal meditation and reflection. This special prayer service in celebration of the great Easter event will help you leave the stress of everyday life at the door and feel the calming influence of contemplative communal prayer.		
COME AND PRAY WITH US THROUGH SONG, NARRATION, AND SILENCE IN THE SOFT GLOW OF CANDLELIGHT, CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.		

International Night:

The Cultural Diversity Ministry at *Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish* is sponsoring our **4th Annual International Night** on **Saturday, May 31, 2014**. The International Night will take place in our *Parish Center Auditorium*, beginning at **6:00pm**. Tickets are available for sale after all weekend Masses – in the vestibule of the church and 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.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the weeks of the Easter season, the Church spends time reflecting on the **Acts of the Apostles**: Saint Luke's account of the life and early development of the early Church. In today's first reading, we witness an infant "church." The Apostles must find new ways to minister to all the members of this new "church."

The "Hellenists" were members of this new church who were not from the "House of Israel." They complained that the needs of their widows were not being addressed properly, that too much emphasis was placed on the needs of the members whose roots were Jewish. The leadership met and discerned together, deciding how to best meet the needs of an expanding and "emerging" church that included Jews and non-Jews alike.

The Apostles recognized that they had a primary obligation to "proclaim the Word of God." They invited the membership to discern seven "reputable men" from among the believers--men filled with the spirit of God--who could assist the Apostles in ministry. The seven men were chosen, and the Apostles "laid hands on them."

With the assistance of the Holy Spirit, the leadership of the Church discerned **the need for deacons**--men chosen from among the membership who would assist the Apostles in carrying out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the centuries, our Church has discerned the need for men and women of faith and goodness to come forward--as did those first deacons. Even today the Church needs men and women to assist with the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Think of those individuals who have come forth to meet special needs in the church--who have responded so powerfully to God's "call." We think of persons such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Dominic, Saint Elizabeth Seton, Mother Theresa of Calcutta; and we think about our two newest saints: Saint John Paul II and Saint John XXIII-- just a few saints of our Church who had the courage to follow Christ and spread the Gospel to God's people.

Almost two thousand years after the call of the first Deacons, we, as a Church community are still invited to explore God's call--God's invitation to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are invited to ask: "How is God calling me?"

Here at OLMV we are so fortunate to have two Deacons who are celebrating 20 years of service to God as ministers of our Church. We congratulate Deacon John Tietjen and Deacon John Czekaj as they continue to serve the Lord here at our parish. We look forward to the day, not too far away, when Tom Sommero will be ordained as a permanent deacon for our own community of faith. Who else is "out there" discerning God's call to service? We must all proclaim the Gospel of Jesus the Lord!

In peace and prayer,

Father Pat



**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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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 2nd Annual Artisan Craft Fair this Fall. The date is November 16. Please mark the date on your calendars.

CONFIRMATION:

Congratulations to the young men and women who will be coming forward to affirm their faith during the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday afternoon, May 18 here at OLMV. We pray that the Spirit of God may enliven the hearts and souls of our young adults, now and always!

SINGLES FOR SOLDIERS:

Our annual collection for *"Singles for Soldiers"* which is part of the Wounded Warrior Project will take place after all Masses on the **weekend of May 24 and May 25**. Thank you for your generosity to this important and worthwhile project.

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.



**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



Post-abortion help. Abortion leaves behind a trail of bereaved mothers and fathers with life-long consequences to live out. Many who have had abortions experience what is "Post Abortion Stress Syndrome." If you or someone you know is suffering from the after effects of abortion, there is hope. For free, confidential counseling call, 1-877-877-4300.

Fruitcake for Food Pantries. People often waste non-perishable food stored in their cupboards instead of giving it to those who need it. Throughout the U.S., food pantries wait for donations and are willing to accept those things most people forget they even have. Another fruitcake? Too many Girl Scout cookies? Don't wait for the holidays when everyone else is giving. Instead, give throughout the year so that food pantries have food for the working poor and the destitute. Non-perishable food, canned foods, cereal or cookies sitting on shelves for months are still needed every day. One person's unwanted fruitcake is another person's much-appreciated dessert. *Three Minutes a Day, Vol. 43.* The Christopher's, 2008

ANNUAL SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE:

Our **Annual Super 50/50 Raffle** is ongoing through June 7. Drawing will take place after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, June 17. Please remember to turn in your raffle tickets to the Parish office – or place them in the collection basket on the weekend. Your active support ensures that OLMV continues to meet its obligations and also is able to maintain our facilities. Thank you for your generosity.



BROADWAY COMES TO OLMV:

Godspell is a musical by Stephen Schwartz which opened Off Broadway in May, 1971 and has been on tour with various theatrical companies around the world. One of its songs, **Day By Day**, reached # 13 on the Billboard pop single chart in the summer of 1972. The structure of the musical is a series of parables, mostly based on the Gospel of Matthew. The parables are interspaced with a variety of songs set to modern music and often based on traditional hymns. The Passion of Christ is treated briefly at the end of the production. A film version was released in 1973.

OLMV Parish is pleased to offer a production of **Godspell** on Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at 7:00pm each evening. The show will be held in the Church Hall which is air-conditioned. This show will be an adaptation by the "Outset Players" led by Anthony Tumolo, a local thespian.

There will be no charge for the show, but the parish is accepting a free will offering which will be used to help defray the cost of upgrading the Church air-conditioning system.

Reserve the dates on your calendar and plan to attend on one of the evenings. This musical production of **Godspell** will be a memorable moment here at OLMV and should not be missed. Watch the bulletin and the parish bulletin boards for additional information.

INFORMATION SHEET

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