

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2015



You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.
-Psalm 30:13

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MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	June 29th A.M.	St Peter and Paul, Apostles Miriam Torres r/o Violet Gounge & Family
TUES., 12:00	June 30th P.M.	Weekday Richard & Richie Zakashefski r/o Family
WED., 7:00	July 1st A.M.	Weekday Patricia Terranova r/o Jeff & Cindy Sammons
THURS., 12:00	July 2nd P.M.	Weekday Paula Williams r/o Doug, Garrett & Jennifer
FRI., 7:00	July 3rd A.M.	Weekday Helen Haverstick r/o Guibleo Family
SAT., 8:00 5:00	July 4th A.M. P.M.	Weekday Purgatorial Society Phyllis Yannuzzi r/o Lawrence Yanuzzi
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	July 5th A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita & Arthur Kuffner r/o Fr. Pat Ann Chiavaroli r/o Rose Marie Cusumano Robert F. Rogers r/o Family Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, July 3 in celebration of Independence Day. The Parish Office will close on Fridays in July and August at 1:30 P.M.

WEEK OF JUNE 28—JULY 5

Altar Candles

Thomas B. Smith r/o The Simmons Family

Tabernacle Candles

Jamie Paulis r/o Bob & Agnes Paulis

Memorials



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.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24)

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30)

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15)

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JULY 4—5

5:00 pm—	Katelyn Carmona Gavin Fitzgerald Shannon Fitzgerald
8:00 am—	Amelia Casale Taylor Anthony
10:00 am—	James Lawrence Sheridan Hoyt
11:30 am—	Katie Schilp Mary Schilp



The new schedule for **July and August** has been sent out. We will no longer post it weekly in the bulletin, so please be sure to follow what you have received.

If you need a new copy, please contact Susan Schilp, Altar Servers Coordinator.

Thank you for your ministry to our parish!

New bulletin format:

Next week Our Lady of Mount Virgin will switch to an 8 page bulletin format which will allow us share more information with our parishioners on a timely basis and which will allow us to include pictures and additional information about activities that are planned for our parish. There will be additional space to provide information about activities that take place at the Diocesan Center and at neighboring parishes.

PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
ON FRIDAY, JULY 3.
THANK YOU!!!



"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." — Romans 8:16-17

June 20—21.....	\$7,917.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$380.00
Major Renovations.....	\$753.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

World Meeting of Families – 2015 in Philadelphia:

The Diocese of Metuchen invites parishioners to participate in a pilgrimage to Philadelphia for the Mass to be celebrated by Pope Francis on September 27, 2015. The diocese has made arrangements for bus transportation at various locations in the diocese. Reservations for bus seats are limited and will be accepted on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Interested persons should be aware that the bus reservation will cost approximately \$55.00 and will not include meals or the cost of any train/shuttle expenses from the parking lots to the event. Participants should be physically fit and be able to walk several miles. Reservations for bus seats can be made beginning on **July 8, 2015**. Preferred online method: www.diometuchen.org/WMOF or you may register by phone Monday – Friday by calling 732-562-1990 x 1543 between the hours of 10:00am and 1:00pm only, beginning on **July 8, 2015**. All payments must be made by credit card. Please refer to the bulletin boards around the church entranceways and to future bulletins for additional information.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP SUPPORT:

We have just completed our Spring session, and although we will not begin a new session until September, please know that you are not alone and you can contact us at any time through the Parish Office. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Patti Reents and the Prayer Shawl Ministry for their donation of shawls for our bereaved. They have been, and continue to be, a wonderful source of comfort and warmth for those dark days when the loss of a loved one is so difficult to bear.



Notice of **Bible Study Gathering** on **Wed. July 1** at **10:30 am or 7:00 pm** in **Petra House**. We continue our study with the New Testament reading of the **Gospel of Luke**. Please join us... no fee or need to pre-register. Just bring your bible. All are welcome!

Church Ministries....God gives gifts or charisms to each one of us to give to others, to build up the kingdom of God. In Christ, you are called to extend that unconditional love to others. We presented and highlighted the various OLMV ministries at our Parish Ministry Fair in May. We encouraged you to visit and think about these Ministries. Now we are asking that you take time to pray and discern where and how YOU can share your gifts or charisms. Then call the parish office to inquire how you can become part of the ministerial life of our parish family here at OLMV.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

In order to be considered a parishioner, all adults (persons 21 years of age or older) must complete a registration form which can be picked up at the parish office. Often, young adults who grew up in the parish don't realize that they must be registered on their own. Please remind young adults (family and friends) that they must register with the parish. Many young adults presume that they are registered because their parents are members of the parish. Once a person has reached adulthood, he or she must register in person to be considered a member of the parish. **To be eligible to receive sacraments or to receive sponsor letters, persons must be registered and active members of OLMV.**



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's passage from the Gospel of Mark continues the theme of the power of Christ—his authority over the things of earth and the things of heaven. Last week Jesus calmed the ferocious seas, and we were invited to consider the “stormy” scenes within our own lives, and the power of Christ---if only we are open to him---to calm the challenges that swirl around us. As the story of Jesus unfolds in the Gospel of Mark, we begin to realize that this person, Jesus, is no ordinary itinerant preacher, no everyday rabbi. Jesus exercises authority beyond all telling.

Today Jesus encounters two persons who are open to his authority. Jairus, a synagogue official comes before Jesus and asks him to go to cure his daughter with his healing power. Jesus immediately accompanies Jairus to his home. A huge crowd of people follow after him. They seem to sense that something special will happen. And something special does happen---way beyond their expectations. For us, this is so important as we consider this Gospel passage. When we open our hearts and souls to the Lord, his gifts to us are so much more that we even expect.

As Jesus is travelling along, the people are pushing up against him and his entourage. We can almost feel how he is being jostled about by the great crowd who want to get a glimpse of him or to touch him. Jesus suddenly stops and asks pointedly, “Who has touched me?” His disciples respond by telling him that it is impossible to tell because of how the crowd is pressing on them. But Jesus knows that he has been a part of a powerful faith experience. A woman comes forth and admits that she touched his cloak in faith and hope that she would be cured of sickness. And she is cured. Because of her faith she has been completely healed. Jesus' power is greater than all the doctors that she has seen!

Jesus continues his journey with Jairus only to be met by Jairus' servant who tells Jairus that his daughter has already died. “Don't bother the teacher further” as there is nothing more to be done. Jesus tells Jairus not to give up, but rather to have faith. When they get to the house, Jesus enters and is met by mourners who “ridicule” him because he says that the girl is only asleep. Jesus enters the room of the girl and tells her to “rise.” Jesus gives Jairus' daughter back to him as tells him to get her something to eat!

We come to realize that Jesus has power over nature; he can calm the sea. More than this, Jesus has power over sickness and death---for those who have faith!

The message for us is that we must have faith in the Lord; faith in his power and authority over nature and over us. Jairus had faith in the authority of the Lord and he received a great gift---his daughter was returned to him. The woman who touched Jesus' cloak had great faith in the Lord and she also received a great gift---she was returned to full health. If we think back to last Sunday's Gospel passage, we are reminded that the disciples were terrified so they woke Jesus and asked him to save them. He did, because they asked, but then he reminded them, sadly, that they were still so weak in faith in his authority.

How about me? Do I really have faith in the authority of Jesus? Is Jesus really my Lord and Savior?

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.



Our Religious Education program is outstanding in so many ways due to the leadership of *Mrs. Dorothy Zmigrodski* and a large number of dedicated and talented Catechists and Aides who work so effectively with the children of our parish. If we are to continue to successfully proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus Christ effectively to the younger members of our parish, we need your help! Won't you consider serving the Lord and our parish youngsters as a **Catechist or an Aide for the 2015/2016 Academic year.** Please take a few minutes to stop by or call Mrs. Zmigrodski to find out about helping to proclaim the Gospel to our youth. OLMV needs you ---the youth of our parish need you and are counting on you!!! **Please help!!!**

The Religious Education Department is in need of the following volunteers:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON (4:00-5:10PM)

- Grade 2 Aide (3 needed)
- Grade 3 Aide (3 needed)
- Substitute Teacher or Aide

TUESDAY AFTERNOON (5:30-6:40 PM)

- Grade 4 Aide (3 needed)
- Hall Monitor
- Substitute Teacher or Aide

TUESDAY AFTERNOON (7:00-8:15 PM)

- Grade 6 Aide (1 needed)
- Grade 7 Aide (2 needed)
- Substitute Teacher or Aide

Please take a volunteer sign up form that can be found around the church entranceways, complete it and return it to the Religious Education Office.

PARISH VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Members of the parish who are no longer able to come to church can request a visit by one of our Eucharistic Ministers who will bring Holy Communion and spend a little while in prayer and fellowship. Please call the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit.



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

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!!!

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.

Coming soon to OLMV:

Late Nite Catechism, a play that will take you back to the wonderful memories of Catholic Education from years past. **Late Nite Catechism** is interactive theatre at its best. Enjoy an incredible evening of laughter as Sister shares her own unique take on our Catholic faith while reminding us to be attentive and to actively participate in her class! Watch the weekly bulletin for more information. Save the date: Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 7:00pm.

Diocesan Maintenance Position:

The Office of Property and Facilities Management of the Diocese of Metuchen has openings for A "Day" Maintenance Mechanic and an "Evening" Maintenance Mechanic. Please refer to the parish bulletin boards by the Church entranceways for information about these positions. Resumes can be sent to the diocese by e-mail at: hr@diometuchen.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry. All knitters and crocheters are warmly invited to join our 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.

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.