

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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June 29, 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.

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

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2014



Through all the earth
their voice resounds,
and to the ends of
the world, their
message.

-Psalm 19:5

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	June 30th A.M.	Weekday Miriam Torres r/o Violet Gounge & Family
TUES., 12:00	July 1st P.M.	Blessed Junipero Serra Domenico & Italia Ragucci r/o Enzo & Susan Ragucci
WED., 7:00	July 2nd A.M.	Weekday Parishioners
THURS., 12:00	July 3rd P.M.	Saint Thomas, Apostle Elaine Evangelista Taime Paulis r/o Bob & Agnes Paulis
FRI., 9:00	July 4th A.M.	Weekday Eleanor Perris Alden r/o Barbara McHugh
SAT., 8:00 5:00	July 5th A.M. P.M.	Saint Anthony Zaccaria Purgatorial Society Mass Ann Chiavaroli r/o RoseMarie Cusumano
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	July 6th A.M. A.M. A..M. P.M.	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sep & Gertrude Schinko r/o Berta & Frank Ebert William Healey r/o Wife & Children Miriam Torres r/o Violet Gounge & Family Fernando Castel Blanco en su cumpleaños

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Due to vacations of staff, the parish office will be open during the next two weeks as follows:

Friday, June 27 --- OFFICE CLOSED.

Monday June 30 through Thursday, July 3 --- 8:30am – 4:00pm

Friday, July 4 --- OFFICE CLOSED.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAYS AT 1:00PM: JULY 11 THROUGH AND AUGUST 29.

June “Rebuild Our Church” raffle:

Tickets for the *June “Rebuild Our Church” raffle* must be returned by **Monday, June 30**. The drawing will take place the afternoon of the 30th. At this time, Father Pat and the “Rebuild Our Church” raffle committee would like to thank the members of our parish who have so faithfully supported this raffle during the past few years. The parish will discontinue this raffle after the June, 2014 drawing.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Peter was in prison, but prayer by the church was made to God on his behalf (Acts 12:1-11).

Psalm — The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — I have finished the race; I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18).

Gospel — Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:13-19).

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, July 4th IN OBSERVANCE OF



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS- Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class will be held this **Thursday, July 3rd at 7:30 P.M. at Petra House**. Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptism dates may be selected after completing this one evening of preparation.

There are THREE requirements for GODPARENTS:

- 1) **You need to be a registered parishioner.**
- 2) **You need to have received all 3 Sacraments—Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.**
- 3) **If you are married, your marriage needs to be valid in the Catholic Church.**

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE. SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2014.

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 13th, 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. Please help to save lives and give hope to the families of cancer patients, accident victims, premature infants and others with life threatening illnesses.

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.

Week of June 29– July 6

Tabernacle Candles

Jaime Paulis r/o Bob & Agnes Paulis

Altar Bread & Wine

Frances Messina r/o Janet & Roger Cole

Memorials



“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

June 21—22.....	\$10,485.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$569.00
Hispanic Mass (June 15).....	\$162.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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 interspersed 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.

Membership in the OLMV Community:

If you have moved into the Middlesex area and attend Mass at OLMV, it is important that you take a few moments to register at the parish. The parish is unable to meet your spiritual needs if you don't make yourself known to us and become part of the OLMV Catholic community! Please remember to register by stopping by or by contacting the parish office.

ALTAR SERVERS

Calling youngsters who are willing to participate in the powerful ministry of Altar Service!

Boys and girls, young men and young women who will be in **grades 4 through 8 in September, 2014** are invited to serve at God's altar at Mass on weekends and at special liturgies. Serving at the altar of God is a special honor and privilege for our younger members of the parish. Altar Service is an opportunity to pray with the Catholic community at Our Lady of Mount Virgin and also so share in worship with the priests and deacons in a public way. Altar Servers are leaders of our community in areas of prayer and worship!

New Altar Server Training will take place during the summer. Please pick up a form for altar server found around the church entranceways, and return them to Fr. Pat as soon as possible.

Family Healing Retreat:

Holy Trinity Prayer Group will sponsor a **Family Healing Retreat, "For The Healing of Nations,"** which will be held at OL of Fatima Church in Piscataway – in the Auditorium of the Center on Saturday, July 12, beginning at 8:00am. The cost is \$15.00 (in advance) or \$18.00 (at the door). Fees include breakfast and lunch. Registrations must be made by July 5. Please call OL of Fatima for additional information.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Shortly after I was first appointed to lead our parish, I was invited to take a pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican City with four other priests from the Diocese of Metuchen. The main purpose of our visit was to present two monstrances to Pope Benedict XVI for his personal blessing. These monstrances were then used at parishes around our diocese during holy hours where the faithful could pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A highlight of that pilgrimage was the opportunity to attend Holy Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica on the Feast of Saint Peter and Paul and to witness Pope Benedict present the pallium to each new archbishop who had been appointed during the previous year.

The pallium is a woolen vestment that is worn by the Pope and by Metropolitan Archbishops as a sign of their Church Office. Each year specially selected lambs are blessed and presented to the papal household on the Feast of Saint Agnes. The wool of these lambs is used to make the pallium presented to each Metropolitan Archbishop by the Pope on the Feast of Saint Peter and Paul. The pallium is a special vestment that signifies the high office held by the Pope and the unique relationship that exists between Metropolitan Archbishops and the Pope. A Metropolitan Archbishop is not permitted to wear the pallium until it has been personally presented to him by the Pope on the Feast of Saint Peter and Paul.

While at breakfast one morning, I was fortunate to sit with Archbishop Richard Smith who had recently been appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Edmonton in Canada. He invited me to sit with his parents at the Mass. It was certainly a very moving experience to share with his parents that moment when he received the pallium from the hands of Pope Benedict XVI. Two years ago, I met Archbishop Smith again when we both attended a conference on Stewardship and the Catholic Church. It was nice to reminisce about a beautiful time at Saint Peter's Basilica with one of the really solid leaders of our church.

As we celebrate the powerful Feast of Saint Peter and Paul today, I bring up a pilgrimage, a year of "prayer for vocations" in our diocese and a conference because each of them serves as a reminder of who we are as church and how our lives as Catholic people intersect, supporting each other and supporting our faith. As Catholic believers, we do not stand alone. We are part of the "Body of Christ" and we participate, by our lives, by our prayer and by our worship, in a living faith that can be traced back to the time of Christ himself and to the great Apostles, Peter and Paul. We are reminded today as we consider Saint Peter and Saint Paul of the many bishops who have served as leaders of our church throughout the world for two thousand years.

As did Saint Peter and Paul, our bishops serve by their leadership of the church. Today we are reminded that our bishops have been entrusted with a mandate that was given directly by Jesus Christ to Saint Peter and also to Saint Paul and to the other Apostles. Isn't it Peter to whom Jesus said "You are the rock." "Feed my sheep." "Follow me." Isn't it Paul who proudly claims shortly before his death: "I have kept the faith?" Isn't it Paul who proudly claims that his Gospel is the Gospel revealed to him by Christ, himself?

Let us have the courage to follow our bishops, and in doing so, follow Christ!

Father Pat



THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY
NEW REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. For more information contact the School's Office at 908-822-5890 or log on to the school's website at: holysavioracademy.com.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

Here at *Our Lady of Mount virgin Parish* we recognize that our children, our teenagers and our young adults are the future of our parish. We are committed to serving the spiritual needs of the whole community and recognize that we need to be more actively engaged in reaching our youth and young adults, and we must seek new and creative ways to help them become active and integral members of our parish. To that end, I would invite interested parishioners to join me in the formation of a "Search Committee" to explore how OLMV can more effectively serve the spiritual as well as social needs of the younger members of our parish community. If you think you might be interested in exploring ideas to better meet the challenges of providing ministry to our youth and young adults, please call or e-mail the pastor and leave your name and your contact information. (Fr. Pat: 732-356-2149 x 1006;pkuffner@olmv.net).

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are crocheted or knitted with love and prayers. We hope the recipient will feel God's loving embrace and peace as they wrap the shawl around themselves. If you know of anyone who is sick or lonely and would find comfort in a prayer shawl, please call **Patty Reents at 732-356-2913**. **WE HAVE BEEN A MINISTRY HERE AT OLMV FOR FOUR YEARS NOW AND HAVE GIVEN OUT 372 SHAWLS!**

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF FUNG LAM
MR. & Mrs. E. DiFeo

IN MEMORY OF HELEN B SLEPH
MR. & MRS. G. FUNK

IN MEMORY OF THERESA ZABAWSKY
& WANDA VANCENT
MR. MICHAEL ZABAWSKY

RESPECT FOR LIFE

"Since the right to health care is based on the right to live, it is also clear that what attacks life is not health care at all, and not legitimate goal of health care reform." -Richard Doerflinger, Assoc. Dir. USCCB's Pro-Life Directorate.

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

Religious Education:

Our *Religious Education* recently concluded with over 100 children receiving either First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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 2014/2015 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:

- Two 1st Grade Catechists and 3 Aides
- One 2nd Grade Catechist and 2 Aides
- Two 3rd Grade Catechists and 2 Aides
- One 7PM Hall Monitor
- One 8th Grade Catechist

Please call the Religious Education Office for more information or to volunteer your time. The Religious Education Office will be open on **Mondays and Wednesdays** throughout **June from 9-2PM and most Tuesdays during July and August (except for vacation time)**.

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. July 19—20. 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. Special thank you to all of our generous parishioners who donated food for the month of June. 113 bags of food and two cases were delivered.

THANK YOU!

WHO IS OUR SISTER DIOCESE?

Curious about our sister diocese of SANTA ROSA DE LIMA and what is happening in Guatemala? Who are these people and what is the connection that we share? Here is the excellent source of information from CCST METUCHEN (Catholic Charities Solidarity Team) <http://ccsolidarity.org>. Have a look!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

Stewardship is not an easy life style. No one promised that it would be. It is counter-cultural to most things in the world today. However, putting God first in all things, living a life of gratitude and being generous with our time, talent and treasure brings tremendous joy to those who are disciplined. Fight the good fight and keep the faith!

INFORMATION SHEET

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