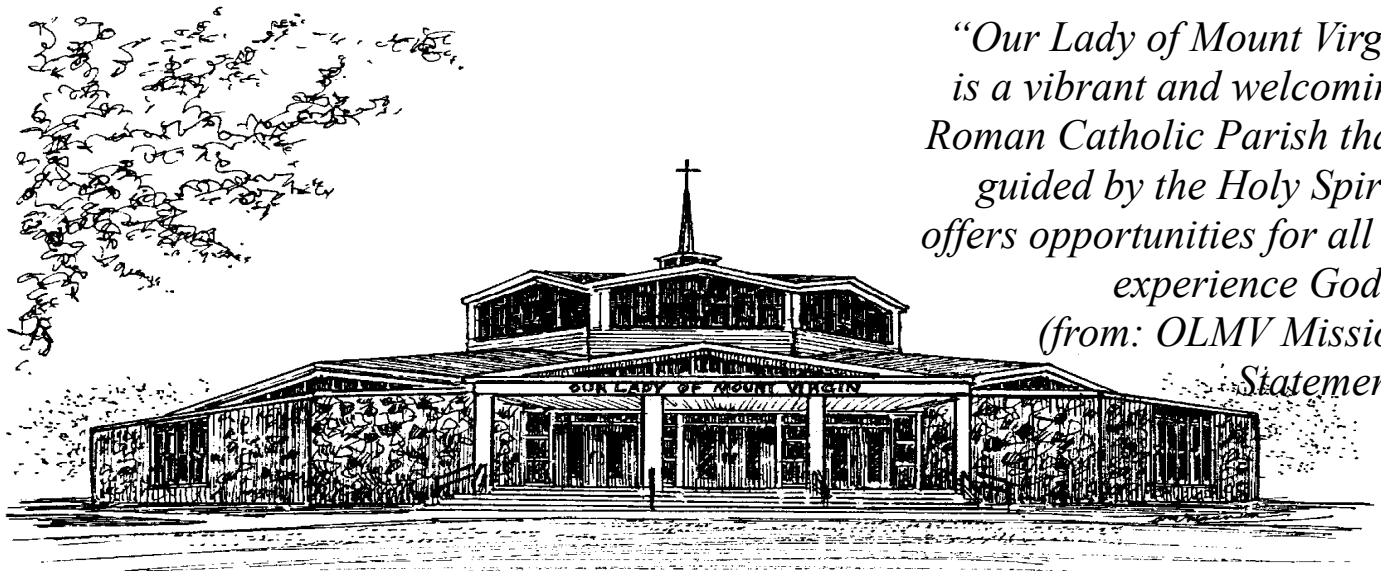


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“Our Lady of Mount Virgin is a vibrant and welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that, guided by the Holy Spirit, offers opportunities for all to experience God.”
(from: OLMV Mission Statement)

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 6, 2014



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“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

-Matthew 11:28

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	July 7th A.M.	Weekday Thomas Phillips Sr, r/o Children & Grandchildren
TUES., 12:00	July 8th P.M.	Weekday Parishioners
WED., 7:00	July 9th A.M.	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong Frances R. April r/o Betty Roy
THURS., 12:00	July 10th P.M.	Weekday Carl Graf r/o Ann & Joe Quinn
FRI., 7:00	July 11th A.M.	Saint Benedict, Abbot Therese Boyd r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
SAT., 8:00	July 12th A.M.	Weekday Bill Hunt/o Family
		P.M. Parishioners
SUN., 8:00	July 13th A.M.	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony Cassano r/o The Cassano Family
		10:00 A.M. Dorothy Giammarco r/o Daughter, Mary
		11:30 A..M. Frank & Mary Oliver, Vincenza Lambusta r/o Family
		1:30 P.M. Comunidad Latina de OLMV

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Hispanic Catechist If you, or you know of anyone having experience from your native country and would be interested in becoming part of this formation process, please call Gabriella at the Parish Office. **Maestra de Catesismo:** si usted tiene experiencia de su país natal y estaría interesado en formar parte de este proceso de formación, por favor llame Gabriella en la Oficina Parroquial.

Week of July 6—July 13

Altar Candles

Paul Crivello r/o Wife, Priscilla

Altar Bread & Wine

Rose Panarisi r/o The Tripoli Family

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 in the sacristy. Prayers are requested for the recent deceased: Marilyn Anne Rossi.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9—10).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11—13).

Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25—30).

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.

Congratulation to our New Altar Servers

We welcome Vinny Miller and Rhiana Pineda. In addition, we welcome Emily Zegarra, Martin Vasquez, Andrea Vasquez, Briana Caraballo, Mariana Correa & Isaac Jaramillo, who will be serving Mass for our Spanish Community. The next Altar Server Training sessions (for boys and girls in grades 4 and above in September) will be held on July 8 at 4:00pm and at 6:00pm. Please complete one of the Altar Server forms that can be found around the church and return it to Father Pat. See Father Pat for any questions about Altar Service.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP:

Congratulations to Arista Perillo who was awarded the Rev. Blaise Baran Knights of Columbus Council 21700 Scholarship. Arista has served at the altar since 6th grade and has been a member of our children's choir and our adult choir for many years. Congratulations, Arista. May God continue to shine his blessing upon you, and may you have much success at college.

SAINT JOSEPH'S BASKET:

Donations to our Saint Joseph Basket will continue to be collected for the "Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for Children. This organization which is based in Scotch Plains assists families who have children with cancer. Thank you for your support of this wonderful organization.



"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must re-member that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

June 27—29.....	\$9,398.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$768.00
Hispanic Mass (June 22).....	\$263.00
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.



ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: Sunday, July 6th -8am Mass and Communion.

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,

Jesus invites us to himself in today's gospel: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." This is such a powerful invitation and one that gives us solace and hope, especially when life seems to overwhelm us. Jesus reminds us that he is present for us today and always, and when we enter into his presence, we give us comfort and sustenance.

These words of Jesus are often prayed as part of a wake service or funeral Mass, so we associate them with a person's passing from this life into eternity, and we think of them in very somber terms. But I think that these words are actually meant to be live-giving for us when our duties, responsibilities and challenges seem to be just too much to bear. It is exactly then that Jesus makes his loving and comforting presence known to us, and he reminds us that we are never alone as long as we remember to place our trust in him.

On Friday we celebrated the special American holiday: Independence Day. How quickly we have arrived at the time of vacation, relaxation and renewal of the spirit. It is a wonderful tradition that during the months of July and August we take time out of our busy schedules for vacations, family visits and reunions, neighborhood barbecues and those simple evenings when we can sit on the back porch and enjoy a cool breeze as we refresh our lives.

Everyone who is active here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish notices the drop in weekly attendance at Mass during the summer months. Parishioners have homes by the shore or in the mountains and spend weekends there. Parishioners are away on vacations near and far. Hopefully many do attend Mass each weekend at local Catholic churches. It is an unfortunate reality that many parishioners take a vacation from Church during the spring and summer months, believing that church attendance follows the same cycle as the academic year of school or the religious education program.

There can be no doubt that we are diminished as a believing Catholic community when many of our brothers and sisters in faith are not present, and it is good to be reminded occasionally that we are called by Jesus to worship each week of the year, and that we pray best when we pray as members of a believing community---praying and worshipping together at Mass. Thank you to our parishioners who worship regularly at Mass each week! If you have gotten a little lax regarding regular worship, please make that effort to be here next weekend. Your brothers and sisters in faith want and need you to be worshipping with them. It is together that we make a great noise in praise of the Lord!

Even if you are not able to be here on the weekend, why not stop in for a few minutes during the week and say a short prayer. The church is open every day until 4:00pm and Jesus is always present, waiting for us to spend a few minutes with him. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** defines prayer as a "vital and personal relationship with the living and true God." While any prayer in any place is acceptable to God, prayer in the midst of the community, especially at Mass is most acceptable, and prayer before Jesus present in the Tabernacle is powerfully received by God, our Father.

Have a great summer and don't forget to stop by here at OLMV to pray, worship and "rest in the Lord!"

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).

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!**

Office of Family Life - helplines:

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Metuchen has many resources for women who are experiencing anxiety, grief and sadness after undergoing an apportion. Healing is possible! The office also has many resources for women who are pregnant or who have new born babies and are in need of assistance. Please call the office at 732-562-1990 x 1629 or x 1543. In addition, support is available at free hotlines: National Life Center at 1-800-848-LOVE; and Birthright at 1-800-550-4900. Remember, you are never alone!



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

BOOK CLUB: Have you always wanted to be part of a book club? Do you enjoy reading? If we have enough participants, we can create a book club here at OLMV. The club would meet once every 2 months in the early evening to discuss the selected book. An information session and the first book selection would be scheduled for September. Please e-mail Dorothy Zmigrodski at dzmigrodski@olmv.net if you would be interested in participating in this club.

Thank you from Father Paul Farin:

Cross Catholic Outreach and Father Paul Farin have sent thank you letters to our parish for the warm welcome we gave Father Paul during his visit (May 31 – June 1) on behalf of the poor who are serviced by Cross Catholic Outreach. Father Paul noted that he was received so very warmly and the President of the Organization, Mr. Jim Carver, expressed his thanks for the financial support given by our parish. Thank you to everyone who reached out to Father Paul and to Cross Catholic Outreach.

SAVE THE DATE

A CONFIRMATION RETREAT WITH VALIMAR JANSEN:

The Diocese of Metuchen Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a "Confirmation Concert with rebound Catholic musician and evangelist, Valimar Jansen. Known for her contemporary approach to the evangelization of youth, Ms Jansen has served as keynote speaker at major Youth and Ministry conferences around the country. This Confirmation concert will be an unforgettable opportunity to ignite the faith and our love for Jesus. Not to be missed!!!



Marriage Encounter

Why not take the opportunity to enrich your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on **July 18—20, 2014**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Call 1- 888—827—NJME for registration and information.

INFORMATION SHEET

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