

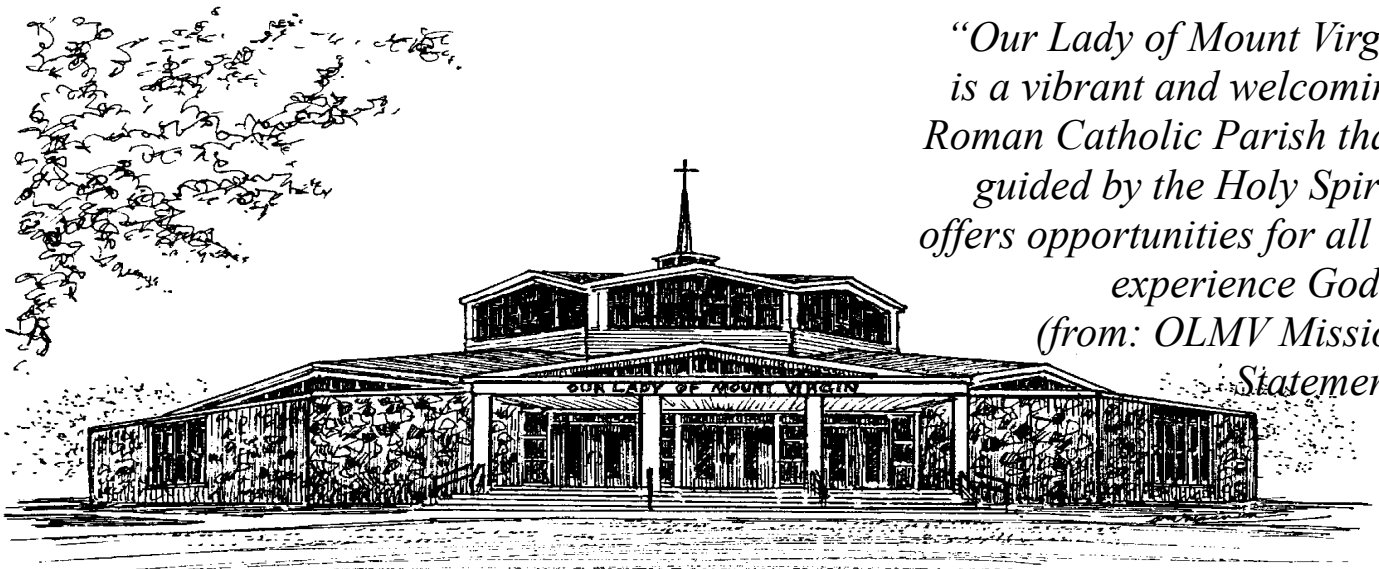
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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July 13, 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 2014



You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

-Psalm 65:12

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	July 14th A.M.	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	July 15th P.M.	Saint Bonaventure Frances Messina r/o Susan & Enzo Ragucci
WED., 7:00	July 16th A.M.	Weekday John Bereleiko r/o Ann Butera & Family
THURS., 12:00	July 17th P.M.	Weekday Arthur & Mildred Liming r/o Art & Eileen Liming
FRI., 7:00	July 18th A.M.	Weekday Laurel A. Krill r/o Enrica & Ignazio Tripoli & Family
SAT., 8:00 5:00	July 19th A.M. P.M.	Weekday Mary & Blanzarlink r/o Family Thomas Mendelson r/o Berta & Frank Ebert
SUN.,	July 20th	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Joan Giuliano r/o Mother Pam & Family
10:00	A.M.	Katherina Cramer r/o Mike & Barbara VanRiper
11:30	A..M.	Domenico Mastrobuono r/o Wife & Children
1:30	P.M.	Apolinar Guerrero Jose Velez

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).
Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).
Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).
Gospel — Some seeds fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23[1-9]).



The following "little one" was Baptized on July 6, 2014
Landon Ryan Gilmore son of Ryan & Amelia Gilmore

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF JULY 19-20

- 5:00 pm— Kevin Meier
Joe Meier
- 8:00 am— Richie McNulty
Tommy McNulty
- 10:00 am— Arista Parillo
Jackie Mai
Christina Mai
- 11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski



We sure are in the doldrums of summer. vacations, day trips and barbeques take our time and allow us to become renewed in body and spirit. Let us not lose sight of our need for spiritual renewal during these summer months. The occasional day spent with the Lord helps us to re-center our lives on Jesus Christ. There are wonderful opportunities within our tri-state area where we can, as a family or as individuals, spend the day basking in the beauty of nature and the beauty of God in our lives. Why not plan that one day to be with God and nature---to be truly renewed in body and spirit!



Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

July 5—6.....	\$10,181.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$2,314.00
Hispanic Mass (June 22).....	\$193.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

The following were the Mass Intentions for the PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS on Saturday, July 5, 2014

- Steve & Elizabeth Piller
- James F. Taylor
- Rosemary Walsh
- Phillis Yanuzzi
- Eleanor Procacci

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Week of July 13—20

Altar Candles

John Lissy r/o Wife, Leonora & 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.

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.

Congratulations to Jim & Pat Benson who won the June "Rebuild Our Church" 50/50 Raffle.

Their prize was \$605.00

Special Thanks to everyone who have supported our "Rebuild Our Church" program throughout the years!!!

Summer Training For NEW Liturgical Ministers

The first session will be at three different times in Petra House for your convenience: **Sat., July 26 at 10 AM; Sun., July 27 at 9 AM, and Mon., July 28 at 7 PM.** Any OLMV parishioner interested in becoming a liturgical minister may attend the opening session. The following 2 sessions will be held at convenient times to be decided upon by those who participate in the training programs for **Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality.** Please see the bulletin boards for further information or call Sr. James at 732-609-1091.

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.

A NOTE
FROM
FATHER
PAT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The summer is now in full swing! So many had a wonderful July 4th weekend as we celebrated "Independence Day." Last Sunday I hosted a barbecue for a number of my brother priests from our diocese. It was a great get-together with colleagues who ranged in age from the late 20s to the mid 80's---associates, pastors, retired priests and men in specialized ministry. During the 12 years I've been ordained, I am fortunate to have become friends with these men who I know are good, hard-working priests---men who believe in the true and eternal presence of Jesus Christ and who try each day to proclaim our faith by word and action! Young and old, short and tall---these men, these priests, are faithful to our Lord, to our Church, to our Bishop and, most important, to the People of God right here in the Diocese of Metuchen. They support me in my ministry and, I hope, I support them in theirs! In today's Gospel passage Jesus climbs into a boat so that he can speak to a large number of people who have gathered around the shore to hear him. They are "hungry for the Word!" Jesus shares with them the beautiful story of the "sower and the seed." Later in the passage, Jesus explains the parable in some detail---for the benefit of his disciples, but even more, for the benefit of all who would hear this story over the centuries.

I think that we often become caught up with the parable and Jesus' teaching about the parable, losing sight of the crowd that was present to hear Jesus' words in the first place. In the telling of the parable, Jesus is sharing the Word with his listeners. I think this is the most important component of today's Gospel passage. People were hungry to be fed with the Word of God, and Jesus, the very Word, himself, shares himself with them! Jesus invites his listeners to be truly faithful, to be "rooted" in the faith, to become interconnected with each other, and by this interconnectedness, to support each other so the faith can remain firm and grow. Jesus is well aware that the seeds he plants often do not take root and do not produce real fruit. But he plants the seed nevertheless, realizing that some will take hold and will blossom fully. How many in the crowd by the shore walked home in the evening and slowly forgot Jesus' inspiring words to them? Jesus invited all to become a part of the Kingdom; there were many who didn't, but some did!!! Even though they were hungry for the "Word," many just didn't really hear the Lord.

Today's Gospel passage is very powerful for me and my priest buddies. It is our task to continue the work of the Lord and to sow the seeds of faith, hope and love among the people today. We are privileged each week to share the Word of God, to reflect on the Word and to share the word in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Sometimes as we sow the seed, it falls on fertile ground and sometimes it doesn't. We must always be ready to trust in God to complete the work of salvation.

Today there are many people who really are just so hungry to receive the presence of Jesus, to hear the Word and to be nourished in the sacraments. I hope and pray that my priest buddies and I prove worthy of the task. Serving you as a priest is really a wonderful privilege. I'm fortunate to have the support of great priest buddies. They support my priesthood and I hope I support theirs. God bless them and God bless you!

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.

We welcome Mrs. Kristen Kiernan, the new principal at Holy Savior Academy. Feel free to contact her and make an appointment to visit the school with your child.

SAVE THE DATE: September 11, 2014, 7:00 P.M., by the Monument at Victor Crowell Park off Rt. 28/Raritan Avenue. Middlesex Borough will hold its Annual September 11 Memorial Candlelight Ceremony. We encourage everyone to attend this service to remember those who have lost their lives on this fateful day, and also to acknowledge our military men and women who are currently serving home or abroad. Please bring your candles or any luminaries. In anticipation of this memorial ceremony, we are asking the citizens of Middlesex Borough to forward the names and rank of family members, friends or neighbors who are currently serving in any branch of the military so that they may be recognized during the ceremony. Please forward these names at your earliest possible convenience to Monique Sasso, 332 Giles Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846, by phone at 732-356-9001 or e-mail at ms332@optonline.net.

Marriage Encounter: The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on **July 18—20, 2014**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Call **1-609-581-7399** to register.

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!!!

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 abortion. 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

Hispanic Catechist Needed: 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.

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.

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. **THANK YOU!**

SAINT JOSEPH'S BASKET:

Donations to our Saint Joseph Basket will continue to be collected for the "Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for Children.

"God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. - ST AUGUSTINE.

INFORMATION SHEET

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