

# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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July 27, 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:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 27, 2014



All things work for good for those who love God.

-Romans 8:28

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>MON.,</b> 7:00	<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Parishioners
<b>TUES.,</b> 12:00	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Saint Martha</b> William Roy r/o The Roy Family
<b>WED.,</b> 7:00	<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Saint Peter Chrysologus</b> Theresa A. McKinney r/o Husband & Children
<b>THURS.,</b> 12:00	<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b> P.M.	<b>Saint Ignatius of Loyola</b> Joseph Zuccarelli r/o Emily & Joe DeScenza
<b>FRI.,</b> 7:00	<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b> A.M.	<b>Saint Alphonsus Liguori</b> Paula Heilman r/o Doug, Garretti Jenn
<b>SAT.,</b> 8:00 5:00	<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup></b> A.M. P.M.	<b>Weekday</b> Purgatorial Society Mass Patricia Simak r/o Alexandria & Tony Gladwell
<b>SUN.,</b> 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup></b> A.M. A.M. A..M. P.M.	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Parishioners The Deceased Members of the Geraghty & Mulrooney Family r/o Family William D. Bergen r/o Bowe Family Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Week of July 27—August 3**

***Altar Candles***

Mary DeGhetto r/o Victor & Marjorie DeGhetto



**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: Helen N. Goleskie, Mary C. Lang and Marie Rickert.

**PRAY DAILY...**

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

**TODAY'S READING'S:**

**First Reading** — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

**Psalms** — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

**Gospel** — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52).



The following "little ones" were Baptized on July 20, 2014  
Justin John Kralich, son of Daniel & Kristin Kralich  
Colin Mark Dashkavich & Connor Louis Dashkavich, sons of Craig & Christina Dashkavich

**WEDDING BANNERS**

II Katia Sanchez & Roddyn Caraballo

**MEDITATION GARDEN AND REMEMBRANCE WALKWAY CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to our parishioners and friends who have sponsored our Meditation Garden and Remembrance Walkway Campaign. Bricks are available for purchase. Each brick that is purchased assists our parish as we plan to address areas of our facility that need updating. Bricks are available in three colors and two sizes (4" x 8" bricks are \$150.00 and 8" x 8" bricks are \$250.00). Please contact Father Pat or the parish office if you would like to purchase a brick. Remember that "Remembrance Walkway" bricks are a beautiful way to remember loved ones or important moments in our lives, and they are a wonderful way to support our parish.

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**  
**WEEKEND OF August 2-3**

- 5:00 pm— James Lawrence
- 8:00 am— Katie Schilp  
Mary Schilp
- 10:00 am— Lorenzo Troia  
Katelyn Carmona
- 11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski



**ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL:**

It's not too late to make your contribution to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Your donation makes possible the Corporal and Spiritual Work of the Diocese of Metuchen. Thanks for your assistance!



**A attitude of gratitude is a central to the stewardship way of life.**

July 12—13.....	\$8,375.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$1,187.00
Hispanic Mass.....	\$270.00
July 19—20.....	\$8,586.50
Hispanic Mass (July 13).....	\$292.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$840.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

### 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.

### MINISTERS OF OUR PARISH:

We are in need of additional Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality for our weekend Masses and for special occasions. We are also in need of additional Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors proclaim the Word at Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday as well as during the week. Eucharistic ministers serve at Mass by assisting the priest and deacons in distribution of Holy Eucharist. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed to visit the sick, aged and infirm, and to bring them Holy Communion. Interested parishioners should contact Sister James.

### Godspell:

Thank you to our Cast members from "Outset" productions, led by Anthony Tumolo, our Band, led by Rives Cassel and the members of our Religious Education program and our Church Angels who volunteered their time to make this event a success. After all expenses were met, this endeavor realized slightly over \$1,400.00 which will be placed in our Major Renovations Fund for use in upgrading our Air Conditioning System. Thanks to our many parishioners who supported our show by their presence and by their generosity.

**COUNTERS NEEDED:** Are you willing to give three or four hours once every five or six weeks to serve as a "Counter?" Won't you consider serving our parish as a counter and assist in counting the weekly collection on one Sunday morning every couple of weeks? Please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number or e-mail address with Ellen Fleming and we will get back to you. Please feel free to contact Father Pat if you have any questions.

**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](mailto:dzmigrodski@olmv.net) if you would be interested in participating in this club.

### AUTOMATIC DEPOSIT (ACH BANKING):

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish has an arrangement with Provident Bank for Automatic Deposit (ACH Banking) for our parishioners. Many parishioners tell me that the only check they write out each week is the one for our church; they do all their other banking through automatic deposit or online. Please find applications for automatic deposit banking that are available around the church entranceways. Completed forms should be returned to Father Pat. Please contact Father Pat if you want additional information about this program.

A NOTE  
FROM  
FATHER  
PAT

### My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we consider still more parables as we read and reflect on our Gospel passage. Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a buried treasure, a pearl of great price and a net filled with fish. We begin to realize that Jesus uses parables, long and short to help his followers to more fully comprehend the incredible gift that is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus expresses the "great joy" experienced by the person who finds the treasure. With this discovery, his life will be forever transformed--it is the same with the merchant. Don't both of these characters go off and "sell all their possessions" so that they can obtain their priceless treasures. Jesus makes it clear that the "kingdom of heaven" is a priceless treasure and that his listeners need to be ready to give up all their earthly cares--all those attractions that hold them back--if they are ever to possess this kingdom. And make no mistake, Jesus assures his listeners, the kingdom of heaven is worth it!

Jesus, as we read today's Gospel, is sharing the same message to us.

My brothers and sisters, as we consider the parables of the recent Sundays and the parables of this Sunday, we are invited to consider our lives in respect to our desire to share in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is reminding us that to participate in the kingdom of heaven, we must be willing to take great risk. We must be willing to give over ourselves completely, and without reservation, to life in the Lord. We must be willing to freely commit ourselves to living and sharing the truth of Jesus Christ present among us.

What this means is that we must be committed to putting our faith before our earthly cares. We must be willing to trust in God our heavenly Father and to depend on his never ending love for us. We must be willing to risk ourselves for the sake of the kingdom--for the sake of the risen Lord--and to share our faith with the world.

We live in an age in which we seem to be judged more and more by what we have--even more than by what we have accomplished. Isn't this why a "rap" artist "rapping" to a simple beat can make millions of dollars while celebrating violence or the degradation of women?

We who claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we who worship regularly as Catholic Christians, are invited today by Jesus to consider how we have reacted so far to the incredible treasure, to the "perfect" pearl that is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus suggests to us today, just as he suggested to his followers two thousand years ago, that we must be ready to "sell all we have" so that we might purchase the treasure he has before us. That treasure is life with him!

Are we, you and I, really ready to give ourselves over completely in utter trust to our Lord, Jesus Christ? It is such an easy question to ask. But isn't it really such a hard question to answer. Today, Jesus is inviting us to enter into life with him--to be totally committed to him because it is in and through him that we enter the kingdom of heaven. Are we ready?

In peace and prayer,  
**Father Pat**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 7:30 AM—12:00 NOON.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**



## INFORMATION SHEET

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