

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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August 10, 2014

600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey
Parish Office: 732-356-2149 ext. 1001
www.olmv.net

*"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

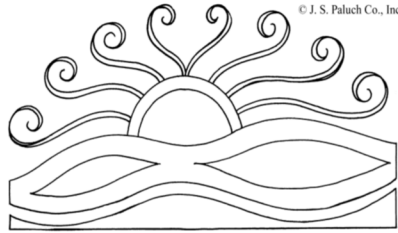
Fax
732-356-1302

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732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2014



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Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from the heaven

-Psalm 85:12

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Aug. 11th A.M.	Saint Claire, Virgin John Fluks, Jr. r/o Marilyn & Family
TUES., 12:00	Aug. 12th P.M.	Weekday Mark Barbieri r/o Maura, Ron, Melissa and Matthew Patalona
WED., 7:00	Aug. 13th A.M.	Weekday Jon Struzinski r/o Jim & Janet Hoxie
THURS., 12:00	Aug. 14th P.M.	Saint Maximilian Kolbe Mary Vendetti r/o Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
7:00	P.M.	Jeanne V. Mooney r/o The Mooney Family
FRI., 7:00	Aug. 15th A.M.	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Emma Cuccurullo r/o Genevieve O'Brien
12:00	P.M.	William Healey r/o Jacobs & Graf Families
SAT., 8:00	Aug. 16th A.M.	Weekday Helen Sleph r/o Donna Morrison
5:00	P.M.	Thomas Mendelson r/o Larry & Gilda Schoenberger
SUN., 8:00	Aug. 17th A.M.	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony Meffe r/o Emilio & Dolores Grignoli
10:00	A.M.	Ruth Rowland r/o Rich & Candy Gianchiglia
11:30	A.M.	Leo F. Collins r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren
1:30	P.M.	Jose Velez Javier Corredor

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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 recently deceased: Gerald Sullivan.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by"

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85)

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5)

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

Week of August 10—17

Altar Candles

Frances Messina r/o Clara, Sam & Bruce Perone

Sanctuary Candles

Lawrence & Sarah Morge r/o Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Blessed Mother r/o Assante Family

Altar Flowers

James & Vina r/o Roy George & Betty Roy

Memorials



ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF August 16—17

5:00 pm— Kevin Meier

Joe Meier

8:00 am— Richie McNulty

Tommy McNulty

10:00 am— Sydney Kukoda

Nicky Kukoda

11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski



Donations in Memory of Helen B. Sleph

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Linda Cheung

Thank you to an anonymous donor for \$1,000 in thanks giving for a special favor received.



"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound." - 1 Kings 19:12

For many of us, our prayers are petitions to God, asking Him for something we want. How many times do we take time, in silence, to ask God what He wants from us? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we listen for Him on a regular basis?

August 2—3.....	\$9,700.53
Hispanic Mass	\$369.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$2,033.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

Thurs., Aug. 14 —7:00 P.M. (VIGIL)
Fri., Aug. 15—7:00 A.M. & 12:00 Noon

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Coordinator of Youth and Young

Adult Ministry:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish is seeking a Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Candidates should be practicing Catholic persons who have a background in theology and/or spirituality as well as experience working with youth and young adults. Candidates need to be available on weekends and evenings. Knowledge of Catholic social teaching and service programs is a plus. Ability to communicate in Spanish also a plus. Position is part-time and salary is negotiable. Possible future full-time position. Interested candidates should forward a resume to Father Patrick Kuffner, Pastor before August 30, 2014.



BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

AUGUST 16—17

It's still summer, but school supplies need to be purchased early to get the best prices and give the organizations time to distribute the items to needy families in a number of charities. These charities include the *Catholic Charities of Perth Amboy*, the *Ozaman Family Shelter* and a number of other charities that help families work towards the day when they will have their own place to live. Items needed are the usual things children need going back to school, such as pencils, pens, binders, backpacks and other items you will see on sale in the stores. Please plan to contribute to this project if you can. Thank you for your participation.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Any standard definition of "Freedom of Religion" would suppose that it is a "fundamental right" of citizens to practice a form of belief without any fear of persecution by the state or individuals, and without any coercion on the part of the state or individuals to participate in activities contrary to such belief.

In recent years, the bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States have sponsored a "Fortnight for Religious Freedom." The purpose of this action is to highlight the concern of the leadership of the Catholic Church regarding what we understand to be fundamental rights in the practice of our faith. The leadership of the Catholic Church has had particular concerns about certain mandates of the Affordable Care Act. In the United States, of particular concern is the recent attitude that has developed that there is a difference between religious faith and religious worship---that we believe and we also act, and that these are not necessarily related.

The Bishops are clear in their teaching that our freedom to believe and live out our faith are both very much a part of our Freedom of Religion, and that governmental agencies need to continue to honor "religious exemption," as has been long-held policy.

It is important to consider religious freedom as a fundamental right, and to further consider exactly what this means in our everyday lives. As Americans, we generally hold to the belief that we are and will always be free to live our lives without governmental interference, especially in areas of religious faith. Fundamental rights, especially those associated with our Constitution are sacrosanct, and must always be respected. As Americans, we don't expect about having our rights violated, especially in our own country.

Consider the plight of the people of Mosul in Iraq. Ten years ago there were over 300,000 Christians living peacefully in this city---one that dates back to ancient times. As recently as two months ago, there were less than 30,000 Christians in this city. In the past two weeks, Islamic fundamentalists; jihadists, really nothing better than "thugs" who operate under the title of "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" or ISIS, overran this city. They have claimed the city of Mosul for Moslems only and have forced Christians to flee to refugee camps. The Christians have been told to get out, convert to Islam or face death. Homes have been confiscated and Christians have been routinely robbed of their meager possessions as they have been forced to pass through ISIS checkpoints while traveling to safer areas. ISIS rebels have systematically destroyed religious sites, particularly those of Christian perspective. They routinely desecrate statues and painting of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin. Religious buildings are destroyed or changed to serve as Mosques. Even the great Shrine of Jonah, the prophet, sacred to Christians, Jews and Moslems was deliberately blown up. The offices and residence of the Syrian Catholic Archbishop of Mosul was set on fire and leveled!

We who are the Catholic Community of Our Lady of Mount Virgin are called by our baptism to be concerned and supportive of our brothers and sisters whose religious freedoms are under attack, especially in the Middle East and also in Darfur in Sudan. Now is the time for our leaders to act. Religious freedom must be respected, and preserved for all!

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. Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, is currently taking registrations for the 2014-15 school year. Come tour the pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school, meet our new principal, Kristen Kiernan and ask about plans for the upcoming school year, including the "Academic Power Hour" and the 12-month pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year olds. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 908-822-5890 or visit www.holysavioracademy.com.

OPEN HOUSE: Wed., Aug. 27 (6:00—8:00 pm)

GOLDEN AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 4:00 PM

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Forms must be signed by a pastoral minister and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the **deadline for registration Monday, October 6th**. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed.

A Buddy Ball program is being established at Middlesex Recreation Department as part of a Girl Scout Gold Award Project. This program allows handicapped children to play organized sports with a buddy for assistance. Special needs children can register now at the Recreation Department; fee of \$5. Fall sports are baseball and cheerleading. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Alaina Chemey at amchemey@msn.com or the Recreation Department. ***Thank you!***

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc August 16—17.
We thank all of our generous parishioners for their support!



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

IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Kool Kars Show: September 14.
 Religious Education Begins: Sept. 16.
 Catechetical Sunday: 10:00 am Mass: Sept. 21.
 Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale: Sept. 27—28.
 Clothing Drive: September 28.
 Blessing of the Pets: October 5.
 Octoberfest: October 11.
 Artisan Fair: November 16.
 Winter Coat Drive: November 29—30.
 OLMV Winter BLOOD DRIVE: January 11, 2015

Thank you for your support of July's St Joseph's Basket. We collected \$474 which was sent to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. St. Joseph's Basket for the month of August will be for the ***Domenican Sisters of Summit, NJ***.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CATHECHIST NEEDED!!

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 Dorothy at 732-356-2149 ext. 2011.
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 a Gabriella en la Oficina Parroquial.

GOING TO RUTGERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK?

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Masses

12:00 PM Busch Student Center, Rm..120ABC
 6:00 PM Cook Campus Center, G.H. Cook Room
 6:00 PM Livingston Student Center, Rm.202ABC
 8:00 PM St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St. (CAC)

Daily Mass (M—F)

12:15 PM The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)

Opening Activities

Thurs. Sept. 4: 5 pm BBQ on the plaza, Livingston
 Fri. Sept. 5: Luau, 6pm, at The Catholic Center
 Sat. Sept. 6: Tailgate, Howard at RU at 10 am (2 hrs prior to game time)
 Fri. Sept. 12 at dusk: Googa Mooga
 Tues. Sept. 9: First Spirit Nite: Tonight's Topic: "Surviving at Rutgers" - We can give you tips on how to not only survive, but thrive at Rutgers!
 Sat. Sept. 13: Tailgate; RU vs. Penn State
 Check us out at the Involvement Fair on Sept. 5!!!

Visit us online at www.catholic-center.rutgers.edu

INFORMATION SHEET

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