

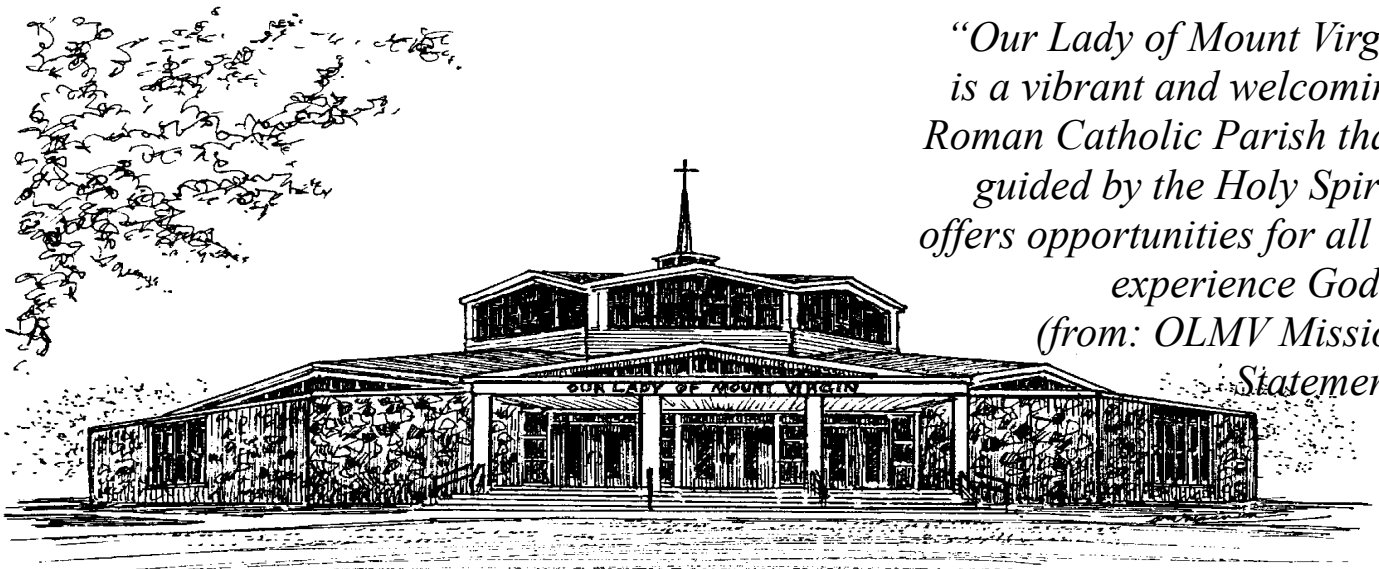
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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August 17, 2014

600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey
Parish Office: 732-356-2149
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

Religious Education
732-356-2149 ext. 2010

Adult Faith Formation
732-609-1091

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2014



Observe what is right,
do what is just; for my
salvation is about to
come, my justice, about
to be revealed.
-Isaiah 56:1

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Aug. 18th A.M.	Weekday Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	Aug. 19th P.M.	Saint John Eudes, Priest James Murray r/o Wife, Lottie & Family
WED., 7:00	Aug. 20th A.M.	Saint Bernard Herbert Schmitz r/o Berta & Frank
THURS., 12:00	Aug. 21st P.M.	Saint Pius X, Pope Felicia Skowronski r/o Daughter, Marion Durborow
FRI., 7:00	Aug. 22nd A.M.	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bill Carr r/o Anna Carr
SAT., 8:00	Aug. 23rd A.M.	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin Mary Greiner r/o Monique & Tony Sasso
5:00	P.M.	Onofrio Lella r/o Maria & Vincenzo Morano
SUN., 8:00	Aug. 24th A.M.	Twenty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners
10:00	A.M.	Wilma Jean Hambrick r/o Jerry Bognar
11:30	A.M.	Katherine Moschuk r/o Nancy Belford
1:30	P.M.	Divino Niño y la Virgen de Guadalupe

Thank you to *Anna Middleton* for her generous donation in memory of *Amy Antunes*.

Week of August 17—24

Altar Candles

Joseph Pakozdi r/o Frank & Barbara Suchak

Sanctuary Candles

Helen Goleskie r/o Ellen Fleming

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.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be reboked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Caanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).



The following “little ones” were Baptized on August 10, 2014
Patrick J. McGee, son of Scott & Denise McGee
Angelina H. Zmigrodki, daughter of Benjamin & Tara Zmigrodski



The following couple was married on August 9, 2014
Katia Sanchez & Roddy Caraballo

We pray that our Lord will bless them with every grace as they begin their married life.

WEDDING BANNERS

I John Rerecich & Gina Briggi
I Bradley King & Kelly Rice

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF August 23—24

5:00 pm—	Natalie Zychlinski
8:00 am—	Sheridan Hoyt Amelia Casale
10:00 am—	Eliza DeGuzman Lorenzo Troia
11:30 am—	Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue



Our Weekly Offering

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

August 2—3.....	\$8,894.00
Hispanic Mass	\$299.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$1,385.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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.

FISH, Inc. – Dunellen Area:

For many years now, *OLMV Parish* has been a strong supporter of *FISH, Inc.* in our area. We donate food on a monthly basis and we also provide *Christmas gifts and Children's "Back to School"* items. Thank you to the many parishioners who regularly reach out to the poor through *FISH, Inc.*

FISH is asking generous parishioners and supporters to consider supporting the programs in the following ways:

- A donation of \$40.00 will provide the means to purchase one of nineteen light fixtures that need to be replaced in the food room
- A licensed electrician who might donate a few hours to install some of the new fixtures
- A volunteer who is over 21 and has a "clean" driving record to serve as an "on-call" driver in the morning, Monday through Saturday. Must be able to lift 60lbs
- Volunteers who can cover the phone "Hotline" one, two or three times each month.

How does one become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church?

The Church now uses a pastoral process for initiating new members into the Church, forming them into Disciples of Christ. The process, referred to as RCIA, is more than a welcome; it is an invitation to undertake a spiritual journey that is focused on Jesus Christ and His Kingdom of salvation, love, justice, and mercy. Jesus reminds us that this Kingdom is already in our midst, and as His disciples we are asked to assist Him in bringing it to its fullness. (US Catholic Catechism for Adults, pgs 6,7)

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. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Alaina Chemey at amchemey@msn.com or the Recreation Department. ***Thank you!***

A NOTE
FROM
FATHER
PAT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I listened in sadness to a TV news report about a dog that was thrown from a moving vehicle onto the Garden State Parkway. It was hit by another vehicle whose owner stopped to provide aid to the injured animal and then called 911 to request assistance. A police officer wrapped the dog in a blanket and drove it to a nearby vet who determined that it needed medical treatment in an animal hospital. The dog was transported there, received the necessary treatment and is now recovering.

Stories like this both sicken us when we consider human cruelty, but also inspire us as we consider the lengths the human family will often go to "right a wrong!"

We live today, sadly, in an age of individualism, materialism and hedonism. Too many of our brothers and sisters in the world have lost their capacity for service to those in need. So often people respond with a surprising callousness to the suffering of others. When we lose our capacity to care for others and to make an effort to assist them in their distress, we begin to become diminished as human beings who can make a difference---we stop responding with goodness to sin and evil in our world.

Far too many people, even Catholic believers, have bought into the philosophies of individualism, materialism and hedonism. With the encouragement of many who claim to speak for society, we are encouraged to put ourselves first always, to ask, "What's in it for me?" and to respond to others' needs only insofar as the response is ultimately beneficial to us. We are taught today, from our youngest days to put ourselves first and to engage in behavior that "feels good." Even many of us who consider ourselves Catholic believers have a diminished sense of service. We no longer see the incredible beauty in experiencing the "Corporal Works of Mercy" which are at the heart of "lived-faith."

The **Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders** are the "**Sacraments of Service**" given to us by Christ as gifts, gifts that enable us to share God's goodness in the world by our actions with and toward others. It is clear today from the alarming drop in Sacramental Marriage and in yearly Ordinations to the Holy Priesthood that individualism, materialism and hedonism have had a grave impact on the Catholic Church and its members!

Today it is estimated that only about 20 percent of people who claim to be Catholics worship regularly at Mass on Sunday. Sadly, among the 20 to 40 year age group, regular practice of the faith is even less. In the 50's and 60's, large Catholic parishes often had two or three marriages on Saturday and one or two more during the week. It was rare to have a weekend when no marriages took place. Here at OLMV we will have 20 wedding celebrations this year, but six of them are validations. Far too few young couples even marry in civil ceremonies and the drop-off of sacramental marriages is just staggering.

Individualism, materialism and hedonism really have a negative impact on our lives in general, and certainly on the practice of our faith. In marriage, we promise to give ourselves over to our spouse and to children. In Holy Orders, the priest promises to give himself over in service to Christ through ministry to God's people. Service! Giving of one's self! Sacraments! More next week!

Father Pat



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR
ACADEMY NEW REGISTRATIONS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.**

Join us for our Open House, Wednesday, August 27 from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM at Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield. Come tour the pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school and ask about plans for the upcoming school year, including our Academic Power Hour and the year-round pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Visit with our faculty and staff as well as with school parents and students. For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit www.holysavioracademy.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

OLMV Church will continue to celebrate a Sunday Mass geared to our younger parishioners at a monthly 10:00am Mass. Following Mass we will provide the children with the opportunity to reinforce the Gospel lesson by participating in an activity. Refreshments will be available for the children and all adults are invited to mingle over a cup of coffee and a danish. Check the bulletin for specific dates. Are there a few Moms and/or Dads who might be willing to help? Call the office and leave your name and phone number or e-mail to assist with this ministry. Please contact the parish and someone will get back to you.

Save the Date: October 25, 2014 after the 5:00pm Mass, the Children's' Liturgy Ministry will host a **Children's Fun Bingo Night**. Fun, snacks, prizes for every child, a great opportunity to spend quality "fun" time with your children and other families---as nice as yours!!! Watch future bulletins for additional information.

WEEKLY COLLECTION PROCEDURES: On September 13 and 14 we will begin a change in the weekly collection process. On weeks when there is a second collection, the ushers will take this collection immediately after the first collection instead of waiting until the post communion meditation. Ideally, the collection (or collections) are taken during the period of preparation and are included among the "gifts" that are presented to the celebrant.

Hopefully this small change in procedure will enable our parishioners to more prayerfully focus on their "Thanksgiving to the Lord" after Communion without the distraction of baskets passed through the rows of pews. Our Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality thank you, our parishioners, for your understanding and for your cooperation as we make this slight change to our collection procedures.

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.
Veterans Administration: September 28. Come & learn from our Veterans here at OLMV.
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



Calling All who Like to Sing

The choir of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church is looking for new members in all voice parts. The choir sings primarily at the 10:00am Sunday Mass and is open to all men and women, high school age and up. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00pm in the choir room (in the church basement). If you love to sing and can carry a tune, we would love to have you join us. See Rives Cassel after any Mass if you have questions.

ALTAR SERVERS: Children who are entering grade 4 or above this September are invited to serve at the altar. Parents of children who are interested in becoming altar servers should contact Father Pat at the parish office.

**"DIVORCE AFFECTS EVERYONE...
IT HAPPENS, AND IT HURTS"**

The Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, **NEW** ministry to men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. ***"The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide"*** is a 12 week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single and much more. This program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. **Pre-registration is required no later than September 15, 2014.**

DATES: Tuesday (September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 16, 2014)

TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM

PLACE: ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER (146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854)

FEE: \$25.00. TO REGISTER: Ro Bersch (908) 313-5947 or (908) 470-0678.



**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.**

INFORMATION SHEET

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