

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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August 24, 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

Twenty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2014



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“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
-Matthew 16:19

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Aug. 25th A.M.	Saint Louis Dominic R. Armenti r/o John & Annette Guarino
TUES., 12:00	Aug. 26th P.M.	Weekday John A. Tomassetti r/o Marguerite
WED., 7:00	Aug. 27th A.M.	Saint Monica Richard Coles r/o The Ludwig Family
THURS., 12:00	Aug. 28th P.M.	Saint Augustine William Roy r/o Family
FRI., 7:00	Aug. 29th A.M.	The Passion of St. John the Baptist Deborah Marie Cowell & Brianna Michelle Cowell r/o Waide Family
SAT., 8:00 5:00	Aug. 30th A.M. P.M.	Weekday Howard Bollin r/o Terry Heinold Katherine Moschuk r/o Terry Heinold
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	Aug. 31st A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	Twenty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners Katherina Cramer r/o Dianne Mendelson Carol Royer r/o Anna Massesa Un buen Año Escolar La Sagrada Familia

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Week of August 24—31

Altar Candles

William Roy r/o The Roy Family

Sanctuary Candles

Gerald Sullivan r/o Susan Ragucci

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 recently deceased: James V. Efinger and Virginia Trotter.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138)

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).



The following “little one” was Baptized on August 17, 2014
Christopher A. Caccavale, son of Chris & Candace Caccavale

WEDDING BANNERS

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF August 30—31

- 5:00 pm— Kevin Meier
Joe Meier
- 8:00 am— Richie McNulty
Tommy McNulty
- 10:00 am— James Lawrence
T. Sviderskis-Carroll
- 11:30 am— Katie Schilip
Mary Schilip



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.



“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

August 16– 17.....	\$10,252.00
Hispanic Mass	\$245.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$1,069.00
ACH Banking for July 15.....	\$2,052.50
ACH Banking for Aug. 15.....	\$1,972.50
Mass of the Assumption.....	\$2,685.00
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.

Our **Adult Formation Groups** will meet again in the fall in Petra House on Wednesdays at 10 AM and 7 PM.. We will use the books that were given to all parishioners last Christmas: **REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM**. We have a few books on hand which can be purchased (\$3) in the parish office if you have misplaced yours, or did not receive one. Please be sure to bring a copy to the FIRST SESSION which is on Wednesday, October 1. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you have already read the book...that is a great headstart! Now you can rediscover its riches, and discuss and share them with other members of the parish. Fliers with more information are located on bulletin boards in church. Registration is required no later than Monday, Sept 22! Everyone is welcome!!!!

What does RCIA mean?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the title of the process designed to prepare adults for entrance into the Catholic Church by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Through this process, the Church helps seekers in their search for a deeper awareness, knowledge, and experience of God and what it means to be a Catholic in today's world. (US Catholic Catechism for Adults, page 525)

TE DEUM Ministries – Array of Hope:

Array of Hope presents an evening of "Faith, Hope and Love: A Musical Multimedia Experience" featuring Matt Maher on September 19th, 2014 at 8:00pm at The Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood Township, NJ. For more information, visit their website: www.arrayofhope.net or for tickets call 800-965-9324 or visit: www.itickets.com

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. Veterans, come learn about your benefits, 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.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Catholic Church, marriage is esteemed as a sacrament---instituted by Christ. As Catholic persons, we are taught that marriage is a vocation in which a man and a woman join together in love, and are united in an unbreakable bond. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Christ's grace in the Sacrament of Marriage protects the essential purposes of marriage: the good of the couple and the generation and education of children. These purposes are protected and fostered by the permanence of the marriage bond and the mutual fidelity of the spouses. A very important statement by the celebrant at a marriage is "what God has joined together, no person must ever separate."

In today's culture that embraces individualism, hedonism and materialism, the Sacramental nature of marriage and our covenantal understanding of the marriage bond is increasingly under attack. Today young persons are bombarded with shows on television as well as articles in magazines that diminish the sacred aspect of marriage and well as the power of shared love in the sacrament. Today we must suffer through "bridezilla" shows, shows where others decide who should marry and to whom they should marry. "Destination weddings" as well as destination bachelor and bachelorette parties suggest the extravagance and the "it's all about me" attitude that surrounds wedding planning today. Instead of the powerful expression of love being exchanged by a couple, too many weddings today become a combination of "Can You Top This" and "The Price Is Right!"

Today, many young Catholic persons choose to marry outside the church. Succumbing to the pressure of modern living, many more choose to live together without marriage, civil or religious.

During the Second Vatican Council, Church leadership began to refer to a family, that is, husband, wife and children, as "the domestic church." By this, the church means that the Christian home is the place where the children receive the first proclamation of the faith. The family is a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtue and Christian charity.

As the Church loses young couples to individualism, hedonism and materialism, it also experiences a loss of its domestic church. The Church is diminished as young persons chose modernism over faith---lived within the structure of our Church. This becomes ever clearer when we see diminishing numbers of children baptized into the faith and fewer children registering for religious Education.

It is up to us, the wider Catholic community, to support Sacramental marriage and to do all we can to support our young people to know their faith and to participate in worship and prayer---at home and with their church!

Father Pat

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who supported our FISH Collection for the month of August. We collected 110 bags of food.



**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.

**"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.

Diocesan workshop:

One Body in Christ workshop: September 13, 2014: 9:30am – 2:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville. This workshop will focus of making persons with disabilities feel welcome and vital at parishes and in various ministries of the church. For additional information, contact the Office of Respect for Life at 732-690-1990 x 1629.

D.E.P.T.H. S.

DEPTHS (Diocesan Certification of Enrichment and Education in Pastoral Skills, Theology, Human Development and Spirituality) is a tiered program for adults who are involved in parish ministry. This program was developed using the guidelines of the USCCB document: *Co-Workers in the Vineyard*, and offers monthly seminars as well as opportunities to "network" with peers and diocesan staff. Please find additional information on the parish bulletin boards, or contact Jennifer Hinton at the diocese at 732-562-2478.

Annual Critical Life Issues Conference:

On Saturday, October 18, 2014, the Diocese of Metuchen will sponsor the "Annual Critical Life Issues Conference" at the Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center 8:30am – 3:30pm. Experts in the field will address a number life issues. The conference will also feature exhibits of products and services pertaining to life issues. Registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch and all handouts. For additional information or to register contact: <http://diometuchen.org/critical-life> or call 732-562-1990 x 1629.

An Afternoon for Catechists:

The Parish of Saint Phillip and Saint James in Phillipsburg in cooperation with the Catechetical Office of the Diocese of Metuchen is hosting "An Afternoon for Catechists" on Saturday, September 20, 2014: 12:15 – 4:00p, with a Vigil Mass to follow at 4:30pm. Prayer and Workshops will be presented in both Spanish and English. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this "Afternoon!" Please contact Dorothy Zmigrodski, at the OLMV Religious Education Office for questions or to register.

Bishop Ahr "Ahr Star" Program:

Bishop Ahr High School will once again sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to support two children who have extraordinary medical Issues. Two youngsters, Brody Kasnowski and Christopher Krakowiecki are this year's "Ahr Stars." The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on October 2, 2014 at Bishop Ahr High School Cafeteria. Serving will take place 4:30pm – 7:00pm. Please contact the school at 732-549-1108 x 648 for additional information or to order tickets.



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.



**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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