

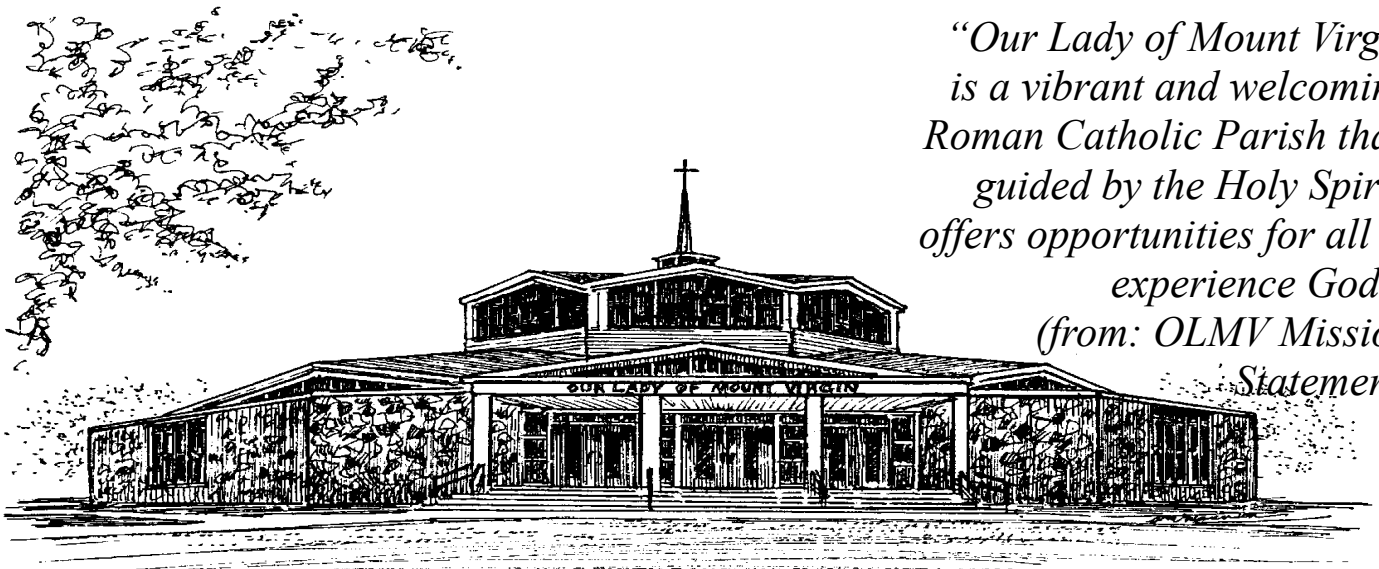
# Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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August 31, 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

**Twenty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 31, 2014



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Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

-Romans 12:2

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>MON.,</b><br>9:00                           | <b>Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b><br>A.M.                         | <b>Weekday</b><br>Helen Berns r/o D. Furguson   |
| <b>TUES.,</b><br>12:00                         | <b>Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup></b><br>P.M.                         | <b>Weekday</b><br>Ed Kura r/o Son, Ed   |
| <b>WED.,</b><br>7:00                           | <b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>A.M.                         | <b>Saint Gregory the Great</b><br>Frank Kopcienski r/o Wife & Family  |
| <b>THURS.,</b><br>12:00                        | <b>Sept. 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>P.M.                         | <b>Weekday</b><br>David Barbara r/o Mom & Dad   |
| <b>FRI.,</b><br>7:00                           | <b>Sept. 5<sup>th</sup></b><br>A.M.                         | <b>BI Teresa of Calcutta</b><br>Tom Mendelson r/o Lottie Murray   |
| <b>SAT.,</b><br>8:00<br>5:00                   | <b>Sept. 6<sup>th</sup></b><br>A.M.<br>P.M.                 | <b>Weekday</b><br>Purgatorial Society<br>Emma Cuccurullo r/o Tony & Monique Sasso   |
| <b>SUN.,</b><br>8:00<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>1:30 | <b>Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></b><br>A.M.<br>A.M.<br>A.M.<br>P.M. | <b>Twenty—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Richard Shepard r/o Family & Richard Shepard<br>Carl Graf r/o Bart & Ginny DeMato<br>Harold & Gladys Lyons r/o The Lyons Family<br>Un buen Año Escolar<br>La Sagrada Familia |

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS-** Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class will be held this **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at Petra House.** Please call the Parish Office to register.

**A Reminder:**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** begins after the 7:30 A.M. Mass on First Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Adoration ends at 12:00 noon.

**Week of August 31—Sept. 7**

**Altar Candles**

Gerald Sullivan r/o Tony & Monique Sasso



**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: Ruth Kellerman and Joseph Zimbardo.



**THE DIGNITY OF WORKERS**

Workers are not to be treated as slaves; justice demands that the dignity of human personality be respected in them, ennobled as it has been through what we call the Christian character. If we hearken to natural reason and to Christian philosophy, gainful occupations are not a mark of shame to man, but rather of respect, as they provide him with an honorable means of supporting life.

*You who labor as you pray  
lift your heart to God with your hands.*

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**this Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Labor Day.**

**TODAY'S READING'S:**

**First Reading** — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalms** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

**WEDDING BANNERS**

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

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**  
**WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6—7**

- 5:00 pm— Amelia Casale  
Erin Rooney
- 8:00 am— Jonathon Massarelli  
Tommy McNulty
- 10:00 am— Sydney Kukoda  
Nicky Kukoda  
Jackie Mai  
Christina Mai
- 11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski  
Connor Fitzpatrick  
Gavin Fitzpatrick



“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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| August 23—24.....           | \$8,407.50  |
| Hispanic Mass .....         | \$420.00    |
| Major Renovations Fund..... | \$589.00    |
| Sisters of Mary.....        | \$5,860.00  |
| Weekly Parish Expenses..... | \$19,246.00 |

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!!!!*

***Whom does the Church invite to participate in the RCIA process?***

**The Church invites all who want to discover a satisfying answer to their spiritual hungers. The Church offers Jesus Christ and His love to all seekers, old and new, and to those who might label themselves as alienated and indifferent...the Church offers Jesus as the fulfillment of hope. (US Catholic Catechism for Adults, page7)**

**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. Veterans, come learn about your benefits, at OLMV.
- Blessing of the Pets: October 5.
- Octoberfest: October 11.
- Handcrafting Justice Sale: October 18—19.
- Artisan Fair: November 16.
- Winter Coat Drive: November 29—30.
- OLMV Winter BLOOD DRIVE: January 11, 2015.



**My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

In today’s Gospel passage Jesus tells Peter, “Get thee behind me, Satan. You are not thinking as God does but as humans do.” At first we are shocked and horrified that Jesus would speak to one of his chosen disciples in such a harsh way. But as we spend time considering the deeper meaning of Jesus’ words, we begin to realize that he is speaking about the human capacity to become self-centered and selfish. We are reminded that God looks “outward” as he shares his goodness and love in the world. Too often, however, our human response is colored by individualism, hedonism and materialism.

We continue to reflect on how human selfishness in the modern world impacts the life of the church. Today we look at the sacrament of Ordination to the holy Priesthood and the call to “Consecrated Life.”

The sacrament of Holy Orders is the sacrament that confers upon those chosen the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes possible the exercise of sacred power to be used in the service to God’s people. Ordained ministers exercise their service to God’s people by leading the Church in the areas of teaching, divine worship and pastoral governance. Deacons and priests share in the “fullness” of the sacrament with the bishops who have the primary responsibility of governing the church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Deacons share primarily in the office of service while priests share primarily in the office of divine worship. When the priest celebrates the Mass, he is acting “in persona Christi,” that is, Jesus Christ acts in and through the actions of the priest.

Certain men and women are also call to “Consecrated Life.” Women Religious are members of a Religious Order. They are usually referred to as “Sisters” or “Nuns” and live lives “in community” dedicated to God and service to God’s people. Men Religious might be priests or “Brothers” who belong to a Religious Order. They also live in community and are dedicated to serving God and God’s people. Members of Religious Orders, men and women, take “vows” which are solemn promises to live a certain way. Most men and women religious take vows of “poverty, chastity and obedience.” These are called the “Evangelical Councils.”

The number of active priests in the United States today is significantly lower than 40 years ago. Each year more priests are retiring or dying and there are fewer seminarians preparing to replace them. This is also true of many congregations of Women Religious and Men Religious.

Certainly the changing values of the modern world have had a dramatic effect on young men and women as they consider life choices. The Church believes that the call to the Priesthood as well as the call to Consecrated Life comes from God. We must, however, be willing to listen to God as he speaks to us in the depths of our hearts and souls, and we must also have the courage to respond positively to God’s invitation.

We consider Peter, today, who tries to convince Jesus not to follow the will of God the Father. Basically, he is suggesting that Jesus “take the easy way.” We might also consider the “rich young man.” Jesus invited him to “join him on the journey.” The rich young man refused because he was too attached to the things of the world. Selfishness? Individualism? Modernism? It is hard to say “Yes” to the Lord!

Jesus might well be calling you. Are you listening? Are you willing? Are you courageous?



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

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](http://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.



**Handcrafting Justice Sale:** Members of the Cultural Diversity Ministry will again sponsor a *Hand-Crafting Justice pre-holiday sale* on the weekend of October 18 and 19 in the Parish Center. *Handcrafting Justice* is a project of the **SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**, who distribute and fair trade handcrafts made by women in 20 countries throughout the developing world. Your support of HCJ's partners makes a tremendous difference in their lives, supporting their efforts to live a dignified life. Please join us in promoting fair trade at this sale before and after all the Masses. We had a tremendous response last year and expect to have a larger assortment of Christmas items, as well as toys and other beautiful items. You can also shop online at [www.handcraftingjustice.org](http://www.handcraftingjustice.org).

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:00pm at The Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood Township, NJ. For more information, visit their website: [www.arrayofhope.net](http://www.arrayofhope.net) or for tickets call 800-965-9324 or visit: [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com)

**OLMV ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Benediction and Meeting this **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 P.M.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet at the 8:00 A.M. Mass next **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Bake Sale after all Masses the Weekend of September 27 – 28.**  
**Clothing Drive: September 28, 8:30 am—Noon**

*We thank you in advance for your support!!!*

**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.



**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.**

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