

Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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September 7, 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—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2014



“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”
-Matthew 18:19

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MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Sept. 8th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00	A.M.	Ralph & Bernice Cerne r/o Diane & Frank Grabas
TUES.,	Sept. 9th	Saint Peter Claver, Priest
12:00	P.M.	Parishioners
WED.,	Sept. 10th	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Donald & Marie Rickert r/o Patricia Davey
THURS.,	Sept. 11th	Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Frances Messina r/o Rita & Bob Korlesky
FRI.,	Sept. 12th	The Most Holy Name of Mary
7:00	A.M.	Paul Ketterer r/o Anna Butera
SAT.,	Sept. 13th	Saint John Chrysostom
8:00	A.M.	Joseph Chieco
5:00	P.M.	Onofrio Lella r/o Carmella Bradley
SUN.,	Sept. 14th	Twenty—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Kay & Tom Mulrooney r/o Children
10:00	A.M.	Daly & Paulis Family r/o Bob & Agnes
11:30	A.M.	Phillip Piccolo r/o AT& T Friends
1:30	P.M.	Las almas del Purgatorio

Week of Sept. 7—14

Altar Candles

Kay & Tom Mulrooney r/o Grandchildren

Sanctuary Candles

Helen Goleskie r/o Anna & Tina

Mastrobuono

Altar Bread & Wine

John Sardella r/o Audrey Sardella

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: Elizabeth Dolores Bolanowski.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13—14

- 5:00 pm— Amelia Casale
Katelyn Carmona
Vincent Miller
- 8:00 am— Sheridan Hoyt
Taylor Anthony
- 10:00 am— Eliza DeGuzman
T. Sviderskis-Carroll
- 11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski
Mikaehla Pineda
Rhiana Pineda



“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

August 30—31.....	\$8,808.00
Hispanic Mass	\$251.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$828.00
Additional Sisters of Mary.....	\$552.00
Vacation Make-up.....	\$73.00
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 head start! 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 the RCIA process hold out to those in fear and doubt, or who seek freedom from past sorrows or sinfulness?

The Church offers, through this process, a way of belonging that teaches truths that free one from sin and its power, while initiating members into an intimate relationship with God. One finds genuine joy and fulfillment through participation in the divine life experienced through Word and Sacrament. This is all possible because of Jesus Christ and His love.

**(US Catholic Catechism for Adults, page 7)
Welcome Evening: Tues., Sept. 23, at 7 PM in Petra House ...732-609-1091 call Sister James for more information.**

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.
- If you think you might be available to assist *FISH, Inc.* with its ministries to the poor, please call 732-356-0081 and leave a message.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* we read that "the whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments." The Church has consistently taught that Jesus Christ instituted Seven Sacraments which are divided into three categories: Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing and Sacraments of Service. By way of definition, Sacraments are efficacious signs entrusted to the church which are instituted by Christ and transmit divine life, that is, God's grace.

In our modern world which is so affected by individualism and selfishness, it becomes a greater challenge to encourage members of the Catholic community to share regularly in the Sacraments; it becomes an even greater challenge to encourage our Catholic people to participate in the Sacraments at all! A discussion of the Sacraments of Service: Marriage and Holy Orders, revealed that there has been a drop in the number of couples choosing to enter into Sacramental Marriage and young men choosing the path to priesthood.

When statistics are reviewed, it also becomes obvious that the number of babies presented for the Sacrament of Baptism is falling. It naturally follows that there is also a drop in the number of children who enroll in Religious Education programs so that they can prepare for the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. There has been a troubling decrease in the number of the faithful who step forward regularly to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and many members of the faithful are not even aware of the Sacrament of the Sick.

Certainly, with the decline in participation in the Sacramental life of the Church, we have also seen an alarming decline in the number of Catholic persons who attend Mass each weekend. It is an unfortunate truth that as a believing community, we have lost too many members as a result of troubling revelations of grave sin on the part of clergy and others; sins made even more horrific by additional revelations of cover-up of crimes. But it is also true that we have lost, and continue to lose members because so many get caught up in the excesses of a society that encourages inappropriate behavior, corporate greed and "personal" fulfillment.

Pope Saint John Paul II spoke of an "urgent need" to engage the world in a "new evangelization," reminding everyone of the truth of Jesus Christ. He was clear in his teaching on the "new evangelization." "Evangelization" means the missionary effort of the Church to convert people, get them into the churches and draw them into a deeper life in the Church." The "new evangelization" hopes to reach first of all alienated Catholics who may have become secularized." In other words, we are invited as part of the church to encourage those among us who have lost their way to come back to the church.

Today we don't need to be concerned so much with what to do with people once that have come into the Church. **We need to be true evangelizers who are able to get them in the door in the first place!**

In peace and prayer,

Father Pat



**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. For more information, call 908-822-5890 or visit www.holysavioracademy.com.

Children's Ministry and Mass:

OLMV Children's Ministry will begin the 2014/2015 Spiritual Year with a Children's Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, September 21, 2014. Children in Grades 1-5 are invited to come to the sanctuary during the homily to listen to Father Pat speak to them about our faith. There will be a craft afterwards in the Church Hall for all the children. Refreshments will be available. Adults are invited to come down to the Church Hall as well to enjoy a cup of coffee, a Danish and some quality time with other terrific parishioners!!! Plan to be there on the 21st!



Handcrafting Justice Sale: Members of the Cultural Diversity Ministry will again sponsor a *Handcrafting 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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:

Sunday, September 21 is Catechetical Sunday. Father Pat will commission and bless our Catechists and Aides as they get ready to share our faith with the children of our parish. Please be there in support of these outstanding parishioners who work so diligently with the youngsters as they open their hearts to the Lord!

NEW PARISHIONERS: New parishioners (parishioners who completed forms after July 1, 2014) will meet with the Evangelization Team on **Sunday, September 14 after the 10:00am Mass**. New Parishioners are invited to meet in the Church Hall (below the church) for a brief introduction to who we are as "The Catholic Community of Our Lady of Mount Virgin." New parishioners should receive an invitation in the mail during the next week or so. Please be sure to attend this important meeting and have the opportunity to find out about our parish community.



**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
"HELP LINE"
732-356-2149, option 6
EN ESPAÑOL: 732-356-2149 ext.1001**

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS:
Bake Sale after all Masses the Weekend of September 27 – 28.
Clothing Drive: September 28, 8:30 am—Noon
*Altar Rosary Society Annual Communion Breakfast.
Sunday, October 5th, 2014 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Center.*
*Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting September 7th
We thank you in advance for your support!!*

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF ~ Have you suffered the passing of a loved one, a spouse, a child, a parent, a companion, a friend? The Bereavement Ministry is to comfort those who grieve. In the aftermath of loss, moments of joy and normalcy are often mixed with moments of sadness, denial and even anger. We hope that Journey Through Grief will help you to heal and find your way toward peace. Our second session will begin on Thursday, October 2, through November 20, 2014 from 2:30 pm—4:00 PM at Petra House, 613 Harris Ave, Middlesex (between OLMV Church and the Mediation Garden) with parking at the back lot. Registration is required and forms are available in the Parish Office and on the tables around the perimeter of the church. For additional information, you may call Monique at: 732-356-9001, Pat at 732-356-8886 or Mary at 732-331-6147.

VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Our Lady of Mount Virgin will be hosting the Veterans Administration on **Sunday, September 28**, beginning after the 8:00am Mass and continuing until 12:30pm. "All Veterans and Families are invited to stop by **the Parish Center Cafeteria** across from the church, and learn about your VA benefits. Members of the VA will be available to answer questions concerning veterans benefits. Stop by and see if you are receiving all that you are entitled to receive!!! Refreshments will be served. The OLMV Veterans and Military Personnel Ministry will be on hand to offer support to all those who have served and to their families. The OLMV Veterans and Military Personnel Ministry will hold its first meeting on **Monday, September 22 at 7:00am in the Parish Center cafeteria (450 Drake Avenue)**. The Ministry is looking for new members. Come to the meeting and find out how we hope to support our Veterans, Military Personnel and their Families.

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.
ARS Communion Breakfast: 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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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