

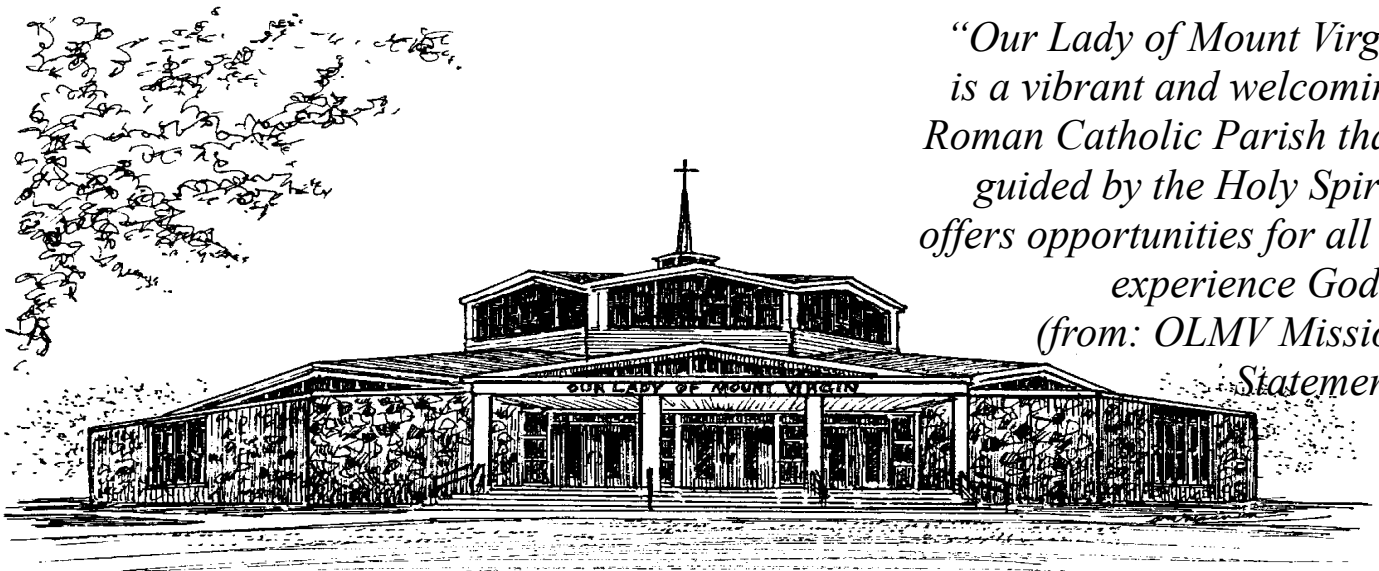
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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September 28, 2014

600 Harris Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey
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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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2014



Have in you the same attitude that is also in Jesus Christ.

-Philippians 2:5

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MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Sept. 29th	Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
7:00	A.M.	Mary Alice & Leslie Bennett r/o A.D. Bennett
TUES.,	Sept. 30th	Saint Jerome, Priest
12:00	P.M.	Frank Oliver r/o Helen Orloski
WED.,	Oct. 1st	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
7:00	A.M.	Dick Malt r/o Malt Family
THURS.,	Oct. 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
12:00	P.M.	Howard Bollin r/o Joan & Joe Ryan & Family
FRI.,	Oct. 3rd	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	William Engelman r/o Daughter, Patricia
SAT.,	Oct. 4th	Saint Francis of Assisi
8:00	A.M.	Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	Jean Hedrick r/o Donna Matthews
SUN.,	Oct. 5th	Twenty—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society r/o Altar Rosary
10:00	A.M.	Margaret Bergen r/o The Bowe Family
11:30	A.M.	Jeanne V. Mooney r/o The Mooney Family
1:30	P.M.	Familias de esta parroquia

Week of Sept. 28—Oct. 5

Altar Candles

Frank DeRosa & Consentino Family r/o Wife, Mary DeRosa

Sanctuary Candles

Michael Green r/o Stefie & Fred Caruso

Altar Flowers

Diana Kizis r/o Family

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: Henry N. Gary.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalms — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interest, but to the interest of others (Philippians 2:1-11).

Gospel — Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

WEDDING BANNERS

- II Alexander Petrone & Cathleen Ludwig
- II Steven Rossi & Theresa D'Addio
- I Nicholas Wishbow & Marianne Bonina

Veterans and Families: OLMV's Veterans' Ministry will host members of the Veterans' Administration this Sunday, September 28: 8:30am – 12:30pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria. Members of the VA will be available to explain benefits and services that are available to veterans, active military personnel and families. Many veterans and families are not aware of programs and services that are available today. A true wealth of information will be available.



The following "little ones" were Baptized on **Sept. 21, 2014**
 Hayden Sophia Moroney, daughter of Mark & Kelly Moroney
 Jack R. Grivner, son of Amy & Keith Grivner
 Charlotte R. Lukac, daughter of Lauren & James Lukac
 Emily & Ryan Smedley, twins of Tom & Bridget Smedley

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4-5

- 5:00 pm— Natalie Zychlinski
James Lawrence
Vincent Miller
- 8:00 am— Richie McNulty
Tommy McNulty
- 10:00 am— Lorenzo Troia
T. Sviderskis-Carroll
A. Sviderskis-Carroll
- 11:30 am— Madison, Haley & Hunter Logue



Our Weekly Offering

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." - Matthew 21:28
 Christian discipleship is not easy, God never promised it would be. But, what He did promise is that if we put Him first in all things, He will provide all that we need. Through our daily decisions we have the opportunity to generously share our gifts and help those who may not be in position to help themselves.

September 20—21.....	\$11,791.00
Hispanic Mass	\$333.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$1,078.00
Additional Peter's Pence Collection.....	\$83.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

LAZARUS MINISTRY

Saturday, October 18...from 9AM to Noon, in OLMV Parish Center

"THEN CAME THE MOURNING..."

Dr. Kathleen Detlet presents: A morning workshop for those who are part of or interested in Bereavement Ministry as well as for those struggling with grief after a year or more. **Please call to reserve a seat by October 10th**. Donna at 732-805-5657 or Margie at 908-202-0892

AND

Send a \$15 fee to: Lazarus Ministry c/o OLMV
Make checks out to OLMV.

RCIA

Are you an adult thinking more deeply about God? about faith? about things that last ?

Are you an adult thinking about joining the Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who considers yourself Catholic but has but has never been baptized? or been confirmed?

or celebrated First Communion?

If so, please call Sister James at 732-609-1091 for more information...

or to find out about the RCIA process.

If you missed the WELCOME NIGHT, it is not too late to join us.

**You are still invited and urged to
COME AND SEE what RCIA is all about!
Hope to see you at Petra House at 7 PM on
Tuesday, September 30.**

NAOMI TEA...Join other Widows for a Sunday Tea to share time, prayer, and gentle conversation, as we remember our loved ones, and grow in our gratitude for the gift of life and love. Come and bring a neighbor or friend who might need a ride. **All Widows are welcome to Petra House on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 12:30 to 2 PM.** Small, bite-sized treats are welcomed, too! Please come and support others who understand and share your loss!

JOIN A GREAT TEAM...EVANGELIZATION!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, from 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Joseph's Shrine for our **Second Annual Picnic-Retreat Session.**

Become part of a strong group with good ideas, action plans, and lots of spirit-filled desire to spread the GOOD NEWS to those inside and outside our parish boundaries: *That All May Be One!* PLEASE CALL Sister James (732-609-1091) to let us know if you want to join our team on this retreat and get to know us as we grow as disciples. Perhaps you will decide to become a permanent member of our group. **WE NEED YOU...COME & SEE!**

OLMV 2015 PARISH MASS CALENDAR WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014. FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE THE WEEKEND OF **OCTOBER 11 AND 12, 2014.** FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. MAILED IN OR DROPPED OFF FORMS WILL BE PROCESSED IN ORDER AFTER FORMS OF PERSONS IN LINE ARE RECEIVED.

A NOTE
FROM
FATHER
PAT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It hardly seems possible that it was 16 years ago that I received a letter from Bishop Breen informing me that he had accepted my application to enter the seminary and begin formation for the Priesthood. At the time I was principal of a Catholic elementary school, and I first thought that I was being accepted to spend a year "discerning" my vocation to the priesthood. I was elated that Bishop Breen accepted me as a candidate for our diocese. Elation quickly turned to apprehension as it dawned on me that I was to begin seminary studies immediately, and that I would have to give up my job, home and security in just a few short weeks. I realized that I was going to have to make a "leap of faith."

It was a true adjustment for me to go so quickly from a person who led a school to a student who sat behind a desk. It was a true adjustment for me to enter into a world of academic study and prayer that followed a daily schedule. I was no longer "calling the shots;" rather, a bishop, a rector and many others were now calling them for me.

As I prepared to begin a four-year process of formation at the seminary, I realized that I would not be part of the work force, and that I would no longer be receiving a regular paycheck. You can imagine, I am sure, that I had concerns about my finances during the time that I would not be able to work. There was tuition and room and board, health and car insurance, cost of using a car, personal expenses, books and other school supplies, just to name a few of these concerns.

Fortunately, the Diocese of Metuchen was very generous in assisting me during my years in formation. The diocese covered the entire cost of tuition and room and board. In addition, the diocese arranged for me and other seminarians to "work" in parishes during the summer months and to receive a small stipend which helped to cover incidental expenses during the school year. Without this assistance, it would have been impossible for me to complete my seminary training. And this assistance would not have been possible without the generous response of the parishioners of the Diocese of Metuchen to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

This week begins the Diocese of Metuchen 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Just as the proceeds of the Appeal in the years through 1998 – 2002 helped to make my vocation to the priesthood a reality, so will the proceeds of this year's Appeal help our seminarians who are presently in formation.

You are aware, I am sure, that meeting the needs of so many in our diocese is a challenge every day. It is through programs run by Catholic Charities, our diocesan Seminary Board, the Office of Family Life, and so many other programs and offices, that the needs of our diocese are successfully addressed. The success of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal assures the People of God in the Diocese of Metuchen that Christ will continue to be proclaimed and that the needs of so many will be met.

Members of our diocese and members of our parish are invited to share generously in response to the Bishop's Annual Appeal this year. Your generosity as a member of the church has a direct impact on the formation of our priests and deacons, on young women and children in need and on many who look to the church every day. Thank you for your support to the 2014 Appeal!!!

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 new 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for Religious Education will officially close in 2 weeks. At this time, the following grades are full and closed (unless additional catechists come forward). **CLOSED:** Level 1 for students who are NOT 1st Graders; Grades 2, 3, 6, 7 and the 7PM Session for 8th Grade.

Special Rite of Blessing...Sunday, October 12 at 10 AM Mass, we will celebrate a Rite of Commissioning for those parishioners who joined new ministries in the past year. If you wish to be included in this ritual blessing, please contact Sr. James at 732-609-1091 or sjxavier@olmv.net, and be sure to bring the special symbol of your ministry with you to the Mass so it too can be blessed. This is a way to say *thank you* and to ask God's special blessing upon you for your service to our parish.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their **Third Octoberfest October 11, 2014**. It will be held in the **Parish Center at 6:00 pm**. It will feature incredible German food made the old fashion way and great music. Adult tickets are \$15, Seniors \$13, children 5-12 are \$5.00 and children under 5 are free. Cash beer bar. The first two **Octoberfest** were huge successes. Don't miss out this year! **Tickets for sale after all weekend Masses.**

LIFE CHAIN (October 5, 2-3:30 pm) is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. All are invited to participate in the Somerville Life Chain, which will be taking place between Somerset Street and Mountain Avenue. **For more information, contact Kevin Dugan at (908) 788-7736.**



**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.**

**2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal
*Life-Changing Faith***

The Diocese of Metuchen presently has 145 active permanent deacons with another 32 in formation. While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our permanent deacons do so much more. To name just a few ways they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and hospitalized. We are blessed to have Deacon John Tietjen and Deacon John Czekaj, serving here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons. Please consider making your gift today.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Our Lady of Mount Virgin welcomes new members. Catholic Families who move into our area are invited and encouraged to become active members of our faith community. Registration forms are available at the parish office during normal business hours. In addition to completing the registration form, new members need to meet with the OLMV Evangelization Team after the 10:00am Mass. Invitations are sent through the mail after the registration form has been completed and returned to the parish office. Registrations are processed after families have met with the Evangelization Team and been properly welcomed to our parish.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Altar Rosary Mass & Communion:
Sunday, Oct. 5, 8:00 am Mass

Monday, Oct. 6, 7:00 pm Rosary followed by meeting
Altar Rosary Society Annual Communion Breakfast.

*Sunday, October 5th, 2014 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Center.*

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

BLESSING OF THE PETS: Our annual "Blessing of the Pets" will take place on Sunday, October 5 at 2:00pm. Parishioners can bring their pets to the grassy area behind Petra House. All pets will receive a blessing. Please note the time, as this has changed from previous years.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
PROGRAM AT OLMV**

OLMV will begin an ESL Program on Wednesday night, October 1, 2014 (6:00 – 8:00pm) in the cafeteria of the Parish Center (enter through the main entrance which is across from the Church – on Drake Avenue).

This program will meet on Wednesday and will serve members of our parish who have limited ability in English. We welcome members of our parish community who believe that they will benefit by attending such a program and enhancing their ability to communicate in English.

Tutors for ESL

The OLMV ESL Program is looking for tutors who would be available to assist in this program: persons who can work one-on-one, and also tutors who can assist during classroom instruction. Please call the parish office and give your name to Ellen Fleming if you think you might be available to assist with the ESL program.

INFORMATION SHEET

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