

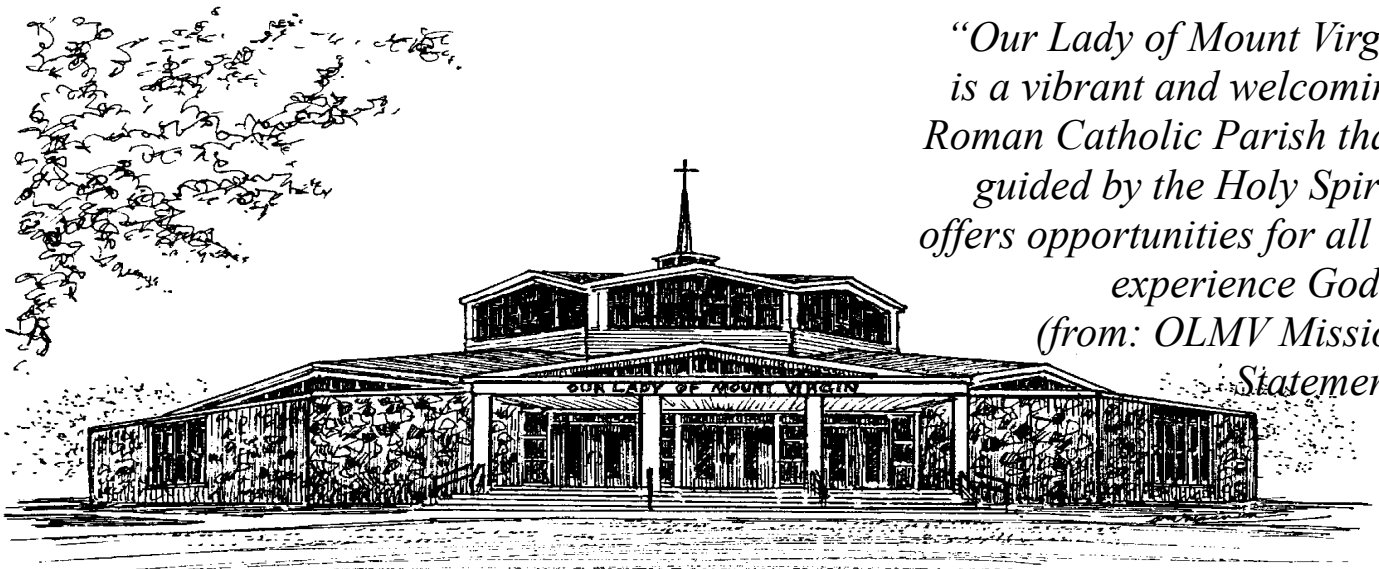
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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October 5, 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2014



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God.
-Philippians 4:6

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Oct. 6th A.M.	Saint Bruno, Priest Deceased of the Kubesko Family r/o Henrietta Capano, Children & Grandchildren
TUES., 12:00	Oct. 7th P.M.	Our Lady of the Rosary Vincent Anthony Aiello r/o Rose Marie Cusumano
WED., 7:00	Oct. 8th A.M.	Weekday Helen Goleskie r/o Altar Rosary Society
THURS., 12:00	Oct. 9th P.M.	St. Denis, Bishop Philip Grinnell r/o Catholic Daughters of the America
FRI., 7:00	Oct. 10th A.M.	Weekday Parishioners
SAT., 8:00	Oct. 11th A.M.	St. John XXIII, Pope Nicholas DeGirolamo r/o Marlene Petriello
5:00	P.M.	John J. Turick Jr. r/o Tangee
SUN., 8:00	Oct. 12th A.M.	Twenty—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Raymond Durborow r/o Wife, Marion
10:00	A.M.	Stephen & Margaret O'Malley r/o Art & Eileen Liming
11:30	A.M.	George Bradley r/o Wife, Carmie
1:30	P.M.	Luisa Ames

Week of Oct. 5—12

Altar Candles

Edward J. Orloski r/o Helen Orloski

Tabernacle Candles

Kopystenski & Murray Family r/o Lottie Murray & Family

Altar Bread & Wine

Calogera Truncali r/o Tripoli 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: Anne Lacey, Catherine Vogel and William F. Carey.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalms — The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel — The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

WEDDING BANNERS

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

THANK YOU to everyone who supported last weekend's Altar Rosary Bake Sale as well as the Annual Fall Clothing Drive which was sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society. Funds raised by the Altar Rosary Society provide for the upkeep of our Sanctuary area and for the vestments, linens and sacred vessels that are used during our liturgical ceremonies.

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 4-5

- 5:00 pm— Kevin Meier
Joe Meier
- 8:00 am— Sheridan Hoyt
Taylor Anthony
- 10:00 am— Sydney Kukoda
Nicky Kukoda
- 11:30 am— Katie Schlip
Mary Schlip



Our Weekly Offering

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42 Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

September 27—28.....	\$9,643.50
Hispanic Mass	\$386.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$695.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

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!**

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.

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.

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!

The Cultural Diversity Ministry will begin planning the **2015 "International Night"**. The Ministry seeks to promote understanding and appreciation for the rich cultural diversity of the OLMV Parish family.

"International Night" is an opportunity to join together in celebration of our many cultures with food, song and dance. The Cultural Diversity Ministry personally invites you to attend our planning session scheduled for **October 14**. Please come and share your ideas. For further information please email **Mary Konapacki** at marysbaskets@hotmail.com or call 732-563-0391.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel passage we hear the parable of the tenant farmers. A landlord has rented the vineyard to them before he went on a journey. It was understood that at the time of the harvest, the landowner would receive the proceeds that were due him. The Landlord sends servants to collect his share. The tenant farmers beat one, kill another and stone a third. The landlord sends his son, thinking that he will be respected and that the tenants will hand over his share. The tenants conspire together and decide to kill the son and receive the inheritance that would have been his. The outraged landlord sends his army which destroys the tenants.

This parable is really a story about God, the prophets, the Son of God and the people whom God has chosen for his own. It is a story of what happens when God's chosen become selfish and try to possess what belongs to God.

God has entrusted his creation to the human family; in addition, God has revealed his presence at different times and has given us a "blueprint" so that we might correctly form our relationship with him. The tenants are God's Chosen People, and they have been given dominion over God's creation. Throughout the centuries, prophets have been sent by God to remind the Chosen People how they are to be in relationship with God. Over the centuries, the people have rejected the prophets. The son of the landlord is the Messiah, Jesus, who had been sent by God to redeem the world. In the parable, the greedy tenants kill the son, foolishly thinking that by eliminating the son they will gain control of God's creation--- on their own terms rather than on God's terms. How foolish! Ultimately the tenants are destroyed by their own greed and selfishness, and they inherit nothing.

My brothers and sisters, in our modern world that is so beholden to secularism and materialism, many have forgotten that all we have is part of God's creation. We are merely "caretakers" of God's creation and God expects us to share his creation with our brothers and sisters in the world. We are also expected to make a proper "return to the Lord" for all the good he has bestowed upon us!

As we consider today's Gospel passage we might want to ask ourselves, "How well am I tending the vineyard of the Lord? Am I hoarding the part of God's creation that has been entrusted to me? Do I make the mistake of presuming I am a landlord (God) rather than a tenant (one who has been chosen)? Each of us must then ask, by my actions am I one of those responsible for mistreating the servants of the landlord; am I one of those responsible for killing the landlord's son?"

In peace and prayer,

Father Pat

IMPORTANT DATES--MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Octoberfest: October 11.

Children's Liturgy: October 19.

Handcrafting Justice Sale: October 18--19.

Artisan Fair: November 16.

Winter Coat Drive: November 29--30.

OLMV Winter BLOOD DRIVE: January 11, 2015.



**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 1 week. 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.

New "Prayer" Candle Stands: In a few weeks OLMV will begin to use new Candle stands in the Blessed Mother Chapel and in the Crucifixion Chapel. The new stands are made of fine wood and will have non-burning electrified "candles" that can be lighted by the press of a button. Our new "electrified candles" will be a beautiful expression of our prayer to the Lord. Our electrified candles are environmentally friendly and are a powerful expression of our commitment to reverence God's creation by minimizing pollution and trash.

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.**

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 Gabriella Rosales if you think you might be available to assist with the ESL program.

Respect Life Sunday:

This Sunday, October 5 is **Respect Life Sunday**. The USSCB invites the faithful to consider ways in which we can show reverence for life at all its stages. There are opportunities to participate in "Prayer Chains" and to volunteer time and talent in programs that assist young mothers and babies in need. We are also asked to take time to pray that the hearts of many are enlivened with love for all, and that all might reverence life in all its stages until the time of natural death. Why not plan to say at least one rosary "for life" today.



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

Each year in our diocese, over 2,500 eighth grade and high school students participate in the "Because I'm Worth It" event sponsored by the **Office of Respect for Life**. Busloads of energetic youth gather to hear renowned speaker Pam Stenzel's chastity presentation. In a rally-like atmosphere, Stenzel captivates her audience with the serious physical, medical and emotional repercussions of sex outside of marriage. It is very powerful and, in many cases, life-changing.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to underwrite the cost of the chastity education outreach to our youth.

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc. October 18—19 We are asking each family to consider donating one or more of the following:

- A box of cereal or
- A package of rice or pasta or
- A canned good item or
- A can of coffee or
- A box of tea bags or
- Any single non-perishable food item

Many in our parish are contributing a bag full of these items, and we are very grateful – **Thank you.**

THANK YOU to an anonymous parishioner for the donation of \$2,000.00 to the church.

CHILDREN'S BINGO NIGHT:

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.

The Christina S. Walsh Breast Cancer Foundation

Presents "**The Annual Comedy Benefit**" on **Sunday October 19, 2014**. Bring a group of friends and enjoy a night out. Hosted by Vinnie Brand's Stress Factory Comedy Club, 90 Church Street, New Brunswick, NJ. Dinner at 5:00 pm. Show at 7:00 pm. Ticket price \$40.00 includes dinner, door prizes and show. All proceeds will directly help patients battling breast cancer. For more information call **Mary or Dave Czachur at 732-469-1139**.



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 sell 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.

INFORMATION SHEET

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