

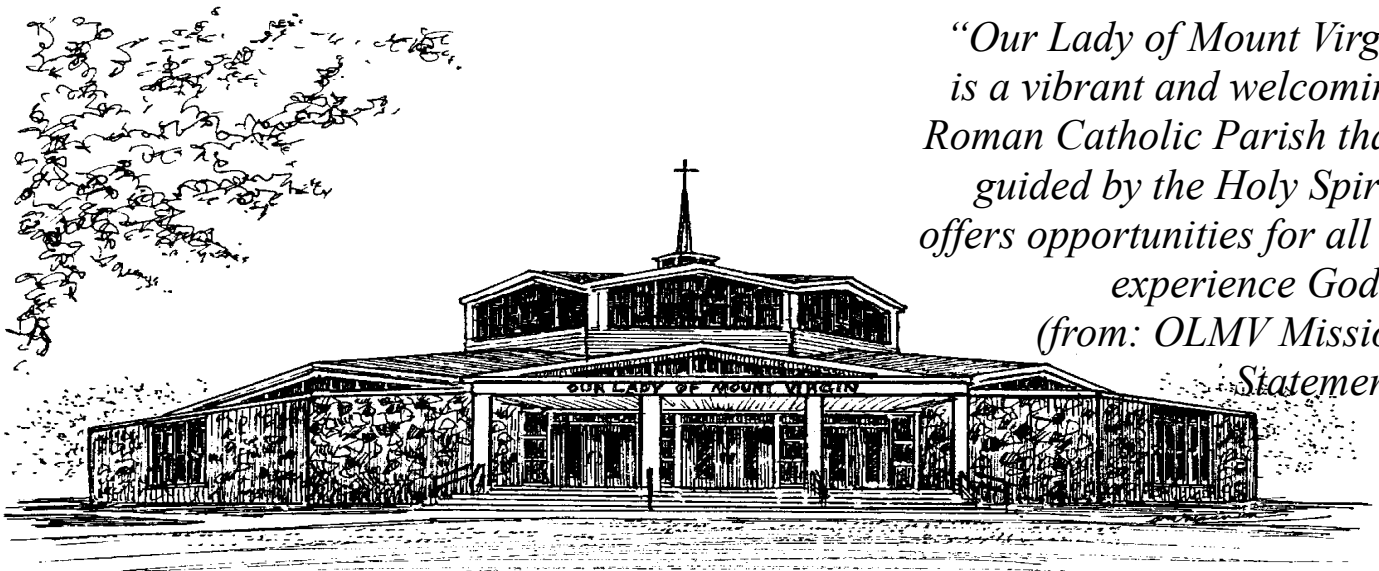
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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October 12, 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

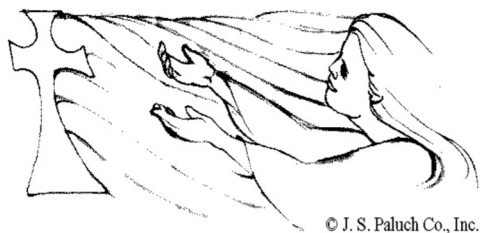
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732-356-2149 ext. 2010

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2014



I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Oct. 13th A.M.	Weekday Parishioners
TUES., 12:00	Oct. 14th P.M.	St. Callistus I, Pope Donald & Renee Gowing r/o Jay & Daphne
WED., 7:00	Oct. 15th A.M.	St. Teresa of Jesus Frank Artelli r/o Rich & Linda Miller
THURS., 12:00	Oct. 16th P.M.	St. Hedwig Anthony Masessa r/o Wife Anna, Theresa & Michelle
FRI., 7:00	Oct. 17th A.M.	St. Ignatius of Antioch Joseph Mansilla Sr., & Jr., r/o Daughter & Sister
SAT., 8:00	Oct. 18th A.M.	St. Luke, Evangelist Rose Biondi & Felix Biondi r/o Family
5:00	P.M.	Frank & Marie Kayser r/o Children & Grandchildren
SUN.,	Oct. 19th	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	William & Constance Bolton r/o Alice & Kevin Donovan
10:00	A.M.	Frank Zakashefski r/o Wife, Dolores, Children & Grandchildren
11:30	A.M.	Joseph & Christopher Comune r/o The Comune Family
1:30	P.M.	Ernesto Naranjo Juan Naranjo—Maria Vellaces

Week of Oct. 12—19

Altar Candles

Felisa Espanol r/o Jay & Daphne DelPrado

Sanctuary Candles

John Dombroski r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Altar Bread & Wine

Robert Sr., Brian, Gary & Michael Rogers r/o Gloria

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.

Memorials



TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6).

Psalms — I shall live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to feast! (Matthew 22:1-14).

WEDDING BANNERS

III Nicholas Wishbow & Marianne Bonina

Children's Liturgy: October 19, 10:00 am Mass

OLMV Christmas Novena begins on: October 20, 7:00 pm .

Remembrance Mass: November 2, 10:00 am Mass.

Welcome New Parishioners: November 9.

Jessie Tree Collection: November 22—23.

Winter Coat Drive: November 29—30.

OLMV 2015 PARISH MASS CALENDAR WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014. FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND **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 18—19

5:00 pm— Jonathon Massarelli

Erin Rooney

8:00 am— Amelia Casale

Mikaehla Pineda

Rhiana Pineda

10:00 am— Eliza Deguzman

T. Sviderskis-Carroll

A. Sviderskis-Carroll

11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski

Connor Fitzgerald

Gavin Fitzgerald



Our Weekly Offering

"And my God will supply every need of yours..." - Philippians 4:19. God really does provide for those that are grateful and generous. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

October 4 - 5.....	\$10,754.00
Hispanic Mass	\$372.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$2,121.00
Heat/AC Collection.....	\$4,121.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

**Sacraments for Children Who Attend
Local Catholic Schools:**

Children who are parishioners at OLMV and who attend Catholic Schools in our Diocese are eligible to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation** here at our parish. The parish will also grant permission for these children to receive the Sacraments at the parish where the school is located. Parents of children in Catholic schools who plan to receive sacraments here at OLMV, must contact Mrs. Dorothy Zmigrodski to find out the sacramental requirements that must be completed prior to the reception of any sacrament. Families who wish their child/children to receive sacraments here at OLMV this year need to contact Mrs. Zmigrodski as soon as possible to ensure that all parish requirements can be completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**.

Our Lady Of Mount Virgin Parish and the Knights Of Columbus are holding their Second Annual Holiday Artisan Craft Fair Sunday, November 16th from 8:30am to 3:00pm in the Parish Center. Unique, hand-made crafts can be purchased from the artists themselves for holiday gifts or for your own collections. Admission and parking is free and food and beverages will be available for sale along with door prizes and a 50/50. Please stop by and support your Parish and the Knights Of Columbus Council 12700. Vendor space available. Check the OLMV website for more information.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we live in a very fast-paced world where we must negotiate daily with instantaneous communication, sound bytes and visual imaging that barrage our senses with such intensity that we have a hard time processing all this information.

Just as an example, just this morning, I googled "Catholic Church Synod on Marriage and Family Life" and the screen indicated that there were 391,000 possible hits. Right now, at the Vatican, a synod is meeting to discuss this topic and I was interested in finding out what Pope Francis said to the members when he spoke to them at the introductory session. And, just as an interesting aside, while there are hundreds of thousands of hits on the Internet, I haven't seen any mention of this synod on the major television networks.

Many of our parishioners might remember that almost a year ago, Catholic persons from around the world were invited by the Vatican to complete a survey that dealt with issues of sexuality, marriage and the family. Every Catholic diocese was asked to reach out to clergy and laity with the questionnaire and to compile and send the results to the Vatican. The synod is now reviewing the responses of the People of God and discerning how the church can best respond in the modern world to present day issues concerning sexuality, marriage and the family.

With so much material about this topic available on the internet, it is almost impossible to wade through it and find a few articles that are both accurate and unbiased. It just isn't as easy as we often think to find good information and to use it to form solid opinions that are based on factual information.

Today we are inundated with information about the "family." What constitutes a family? Can a family be something other than a grouping of husband, wife and child? Can loving adults be considered a family unit even if they chose not to marry? How is the church to respond in the modern world to challenges to traditional understanding of marriage and family? How can the Catholic Church be relevant in the modern world, particularly in areas of marriage and family life?

It seems that in his wisdom Pope Francis is asking us as church to consider important questions about who we are as people of faith. And as faithful followers of Christ, how we best respond to modern day issues with an openness and compassion. I think that Pope Francis as asking Catholic people everywhere, ordained ministers as well as lay people, to look with the eyes of love and mercy rather than with the eyes of judgment on our brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis, I think, is inviting us to wade through the information surge that does affect us all, and to see our brothers and sisters as exactly that: our brothers and sisters.

A number of years ago, Cardinal Joseph Bernadin, former Archbishop of Chicago, suggested a path to help bring both conservative and progressive Catholic people together. He called it the "Common Ground Project." The Cardinal's hope was that Catholic believers, even when they came from different perspectives, could work from their common beliefs to develop a path toward cooperation and peace. Maybe it is time for Catholic people today to try to do the same.

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 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

Religious Education Classes are now closed for any further registrations.

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.

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.

THANK-YOU to all the parishioners; military, veterans and families who participated in the Veterans Administration outreach. Thank you to the "Apostolate for the Military, veterans and families committee" here at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin. We had over 55 parishioners participate. The Lady of Mt. Virgin committee is forming to meet the needs of those serving in the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. We are seeking members who would be interested in this mission. The next meeting will be **Tuesday October 28th in the church hall at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome.**

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.**



**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 *Office of Vocations* provides two basic services to the Diocese of Metuchen. First, it takes care of the education and formation of her seminarians, this includes pastoral visits to each of those young men studying for the Diocese of Metuchen every semester. Second, the Office assists young men and women who may be hearing the call to serve within the Diocese and empowers parishes to find candidates that will make good and holy priests, sisters and brothers.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this essential ministry. Please give generously.

ATTENTION GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES:

OLMV will be hosting the **Family of God Religious Medal Program** for all registered Girl Scout Brownies in Grades 2 & 3. This is a series of activity-based meetings that help Catholic Girl Scouts discover the presence of God in their everyday lives. Girls completing the program will receive their Family of God medal at Girl Scout Sunday in the Spring of 2015. A Parent/Informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Telephone registration is required so books may be ordered. Please contact Kelly Rooney at (732) 302-0132 to register or for more information.



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!!! Registration forms can be found on the tables around the church.

NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY: OCTOBER 19, at the 10:00 am MASS.

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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