

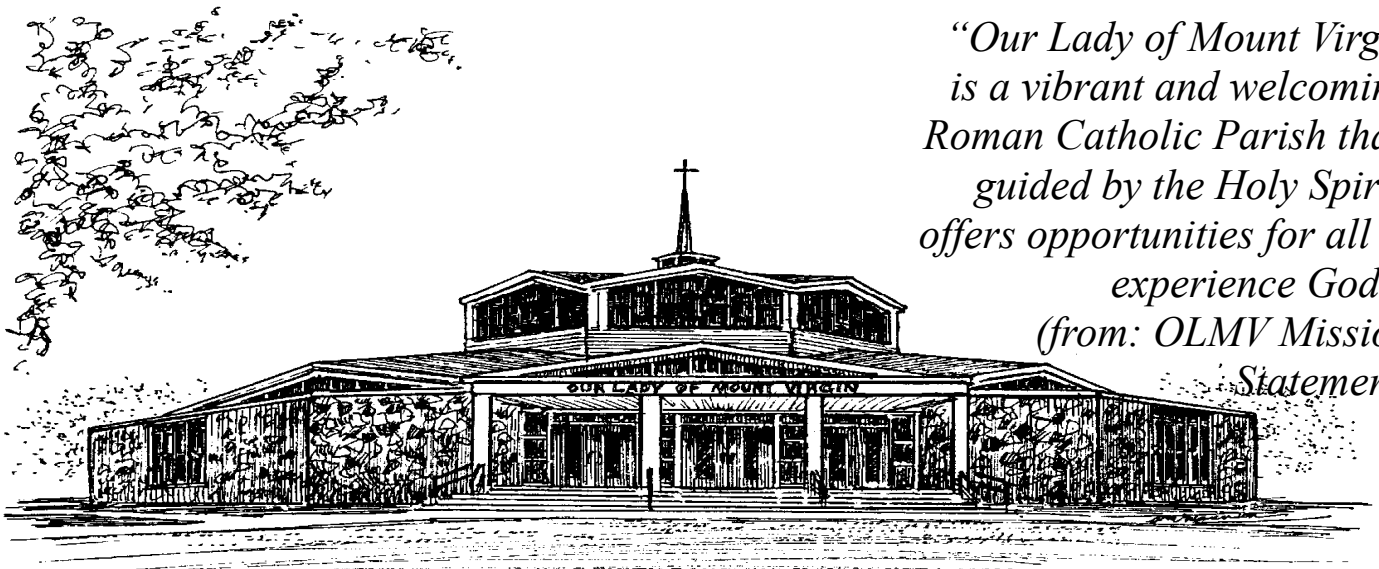
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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October 19, 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2014



“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.”
-Matthew 22:21

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Oct. 20th A.M.	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest Barbara J. Mastrull r/o Joseph R. Mastrull
TUES., 12:00	Oct. 21st P.M.	Weekday Parishioners
WED., 7:00	Oct. 22nd A.M.	Bl. John Paul II, Pope Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph r/o Sisters of Petra House
THURS., 12:00	Oct. 23rd P.M.	Weekday Frances Messina r/o Carmella Bradley
FRI., 7:00	Oct. 24th A.M.	Weekday Gerald & Stella Sullivan r/o Sullivan Family
SAT., 8:00	Oct. 25th A.M.	Weekday Deceased of the Aldarondo & Nunzello Families r/o Family
		5:00 P.M. Helen O. Ianiero r/o Clement Ianiero Sr. & Children
SUN.,	Oct. 26th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00	A.M.	Laura Consentino r/o Susan Consentino, Daughter
10:00	A.M.	George, Veronica & Robert Lasko r/o RoseMary & Family
11:30	A.M.	Ramon Aldarando r/o Son & Family
1:30	P.M.	Francisco Cabezas En el cumpleaños de Leticia Castelblanco

Week of Oct. 19—26

Altar Candles

Jenny Frappolli r/o Ann Bruggner

Altar Bread & Wine

Agnes & Patrick Coughlin r/o Daughter, Mary

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: Leo Prohaska and Adele S. Deddy.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalm — Give the LORD glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (I Thessalonians 1:15-5).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).



The following couple was married on Saturday, October 11, 2014

Alexander Petrone & Cathleen Ludwig

The following couple was married on Sunday, October 12, 2014

Steven Rossi & Theresa D'Addio

This year, OLMV Church will celebrate our annual "**Remembrance Mass**" for all who have died at the **10:00am Mass on Sunday, November 2, 2014**. The names of the members of our parish who have died during the past year will be announced as part of the "Prayer of the Faithful." All members of our parish are invited to remember their deceased loved ones who have been called home to God.

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

Jessie Tree Collection: November 22—23.

Winter Coat Drive: November 29—30.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 25—26

- 5:00 pm— Kevin Meier
Joe Meier
Vincent Miller
- 8:00 am— Sheridan Hoyt
Taylor Anthony
- 10:00 am— James Lawrence
Jackie Mai
Christina Mai
- 11:30 am— Isabel Martinez
Mikaehla Pineda
Rhiana Pineda



“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.” - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship.

October 11—12.....	\$9,986.62
Hispanic Mass	\$439.00
St. Vincent de Paul Collection.....	\$3,229.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,205.00
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.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

I am pleased to announce that I have asked Kelly Rooney, a parishioner here at OLMV, to serve as Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish; happily, she has accepted this invitation. Kelly will begin to assess the past history of Youth and Young Adult activities here at our parish, and will be contacting young persons, parents and our young adults as we prepare to move into an exciting future here at OLMV. Parishioners who might be interested in working with Kelly in areas of Youth Ministry or Young Adult Ministry are invited to leave your name and phone number/e-mail at the parish office and Kelly will get back to you.

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!

On November 21, 2014 the Felician Sisters, who have ministered in Metuchen (Trenton) Diocese since 1905, will celebrate 140 yrs. of service and presence in North America. In response to Pope Francis' call to Celebrate Consecrated Life, Bishop Bootkoski will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on October 26 thanking God for His many blessings on the Felician Sisters and the people they serve. You are invited to join them in prayer at this Mass which will be offered on Sunday, **October 26, 2014 at 10:30 am at St. Helena Church, Edison, NJ.**

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,

When you came to church last weekend, you noticed new "Candle Stands" in the Blessed Mother Chapel and in the Crucifix Chapel. The new "candles" are electronic rather than traditional and are lit with the press of a button. As with anything new, change raises questions: Why did we make the change? What is the offering? Why didn't we keep some of the older candle stands for parishioners who prefer to lite traditional candles? Does God really listen to our prayers when we lite "fake" candles?

The decision to upgrade the candle stands, made with the support of the Pastoral and Financial Councils, was made for a couple of reasons: The candles continue to increase in price and the offerings given no longer justify purchasing candles, the plastic inserts that contained the candles sometimes became too hot and begin to melt and burn. A few times this past year a burning/melting plastic insert produced so much heat that the glass globe exploded. The electronic candles are safer, cleaner and environmentally friendly.

Why do we, as Catholic believers, light candles, anyway? In its wisdom, the Church has instituted "**SACRAMENTALS**" to assist the faithful in the practice of our faith. **A sacramental is a sacred object or sacred action that helps to open our hearts to share in God's grace.** Examples of sacramentals that we use regularly would be crucifixes, a cross or a medal that we might wear around our neck, the sign of the cross, a rosary, candles, holy water, a prayer shawl or a prayer card. The objects/actions themselves are just that, objects or actions. But we know that they lead us to be open to the presence of God in our lives. Usually they are blessed and help direct us in our prayer.

Often, when we enter a church, we dip our right hand into a holy water font and make the sign of the cross with the blessed water. Sometimes we will genuflect and pray "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" as we bless ourselves. Just about every week someone will come to me after Mass and ask if I can bless a medal or other religious object that they want to use themselves or give as a gift. We bless and reverence these sacramentals because we understand that they help us to become closer to God.

Candles, both traditional and electronic, that are available to parishioners in different chapels in Catholic Churches around the world are "**SACRAMENTALS.**" As Catholic, we believe in the power of "intercessory" prayer. We pray to God for assistance and favors, and we also pray asking the Blessed Mother and the saints to "intercede" for us to God as we pray for special favors. We light a candle as an outward sign that we are asking God for assistance. We also make a donation in thanksgiving to God for his graciousness in our lives. This donation is given for the "Good of the Church."

So, the lighting of a candle in church while we pray is a "sacramental." The donation we make is a thanksgiving to God for hearing our prayer!

Our new electronic candles are lit on a 24 hour cycle and shine brightly the prayers and hopes of our parishioners who place their trust in God, in the Blessed Virgin Mary and in the saints. OLMV parish invites you to "light a candle!" OLMV thanks you for your generous donation placed with love and hope in the "Offering" receptacle. The suggested offering is a gift of between \$1.00 and \$5.00.

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 this 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.

FEW NOTES FROM FATHER PAT:

Oktoberfest:

Congratulations to the members of our Knights of Columbus who made last weekend's Oktoberfest such a success. The food was great. Tim Kerwin did a wonderful job as our bartender. Everyone seems to have had a really good time. Special recognition goes to Berta Ippich-Ebert, Dave Czachur, Ken Antunes, Bill Lawrence, Steve Casale and so many others!!!

Confirmation Class:

During these past few weeks our Eighth Grade Confirmation Class has completed its Retreat, and the students and sponsors have signed their "Contracts" which highlight the activities they must complete prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2015. The Seventh Grade Confirmation class has also signed their contracts and will participate in their "Discovery Day" Retreat in the coming weeks. Let us all remember these extraordinary youngsters as they continue their journey in our faith.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Financial Report has been reviewed by our Financial Council and accepted by the parish "Trustees" and by the Director of Finances of the Diocese of Metuchen. Father Pat will speak briefly about our outlook next weekend. A 2013/2014 Financial overview will be available around the church entranceways for review.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society:

Thank you to our parishioners for the generous response to last weekend's "free will offering" in support of our Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of the many people in need who contact us for assistance. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Mount Virgin is still accepting new members who might assist with their work in meeting the needs of the poor. Anyone interested in joining the Saint Vincent de Paul Society can contact the parish office and leave your name and number and a member of the Society will get back to you. 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***

Naomi's Way is a transitional housing program for single mothers operated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. All of the clients are involved in vocational or educational training and attend monthly life skills workshops focused on areas such as health and nutrition, parenting, and budgeting.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been life-changing for hundreds of young women who have found a path to self-sufficiency at Naomi's Way. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

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.

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.**

RINCON ESPANOL

-Recuerden que las clases de Ingles son todos los Miercoles de 6:00—8:00 pm, en el Centro Parroquiano.

-Se necesitan voluntaries que hablen los dos idiomas Ingles/Espanol, que sirvan como voluntaries durante las clases de Ingles los miercoles. Si esta interesado llamar a la oficina parroquial.

Que Dios les bendiga.
Padre Pat.

INFORMATION SHEET

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