

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Nov., 23rd	Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Parishioners
TUES.,	Nov., 24th	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Martyr
12:00	P.M.	James Kura r/o Brother, Ed
WED.,	Nov., 25th	St. Catherine of Alexandria
7:00	A.M.	Alfonsina Pidoto r/o Diane & Mark Korey
THURS.,	Nov., 26th	Thanksgiving Day
9:00	A.M.	Richard Shepard r/o Elinor Shepard
FRI.,	Nov., 27th	Weekday
9:00	A.M.	Rita & James C. Capps r/o Angie Donovan
SAT.,	Nov., 28th	Weekday
8:00	A.M.	James (Jimmie) Huff r/o Louise Ignoscia
5:00	P.M.	Zigmond Wysocki r/o Family
SUN.,	Nov., 29th	First Sunday of Advent
8:00	A.M.	Kathleen Klein r/o Family
10:00	A.M.	Buenaventura F. Sabale r/o Amelia S. Villar
11:30	A.M.	Marie Graf r/o The Graf & Jacobs Families
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING the Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 25 and will reopen on Monday, November 30.

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22—29

Altar Candles

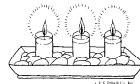
Lynch & Kayer Family r/o Children & Grandchildren

Tabernacle Candle

Debbie Eichert r/o Sister, Sheila

Altar Flowers

Steven Richter r/o Tom & Joann Richter



We offer our prayers ...

for all serving in the Military
for unborn children
for families around the world
for those in need
for those in hospitals & nursing homes..

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14)

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93)

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8)

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37)



**There is only ONE Mass on
THANKSGIVING at 9:00 A.M.
also on
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
at 9:00 A.M.**

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (JOHN 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short?

The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

November 14-15.....	\$9,981.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$3,187.00
Major Renovations.....	\$492.00
Weekly Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

Opportunities to support your Parish

Did you know that in addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may remember them through the following memorial opportunities?

- Floral Memorial at the Altar
- Altar, Sanctuary or Tabernacle Candles
- Meditation Garden Remembrance Bricks
- A gift of cash, securities, or other assets to OLMV
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Is Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church in your will?

Parishioners who wish to make a gift of a specific amount or a percentage of an estate to support OLMV are encouraged to contact Father Pat for more information.

- **New OLMV "On-line Store" OLMV Religious Goods store:**

In partnership with the Catholic Alliance of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Mount Virgin has established an on-line or "e-store." Please see more information under **Pastor's Notes** in the bulletin.

A letter from our Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.” Today’s Gospel passage from the Gospel of John is part of an encounter between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus has been handed over by the leadership of the Jews who want him to be condemned. Pilate is clear that he is the one with power---the power to either condemn Jesus or to set him free. Pilate exercises the power of Caesar, and he questions Jesus about his power: where does it come from, what authority is behind it?

As he so often does, Jesus responds in a most unexpected manner. He seems not to be at all afraid of or humbled in the presence of Pilate, even though it is clear that Pilate exercises the power of life and death for Jesus. Pilate’s kingdom is the rule of Rome, and it seems that he is just toying with Jesus in asking about his kingdom. Jesus is bound, and he is powerless by human standards, yet Pilate teases him, asking: “So you are a king?”

Jesus’ words in reply are just so powerful. Powerful two thousand years ago and still powerful for us today: “For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

It seems odd, doesn’t it, to meditate on the impending death of Jesus in today’s Gospel even as we prepare to begin a new liturgical year and enter into the joyful time of anticipation which we call Advent? Today’s Gospel passage seems especially odd given that we celebrate the feast of “Christ the King.”

When we consider Jesus as our Lord and Savior, it is really impossible to understand Jesus as our King without also contemplating Jesus’ role as the “suffering servant;” that is, the king who leads by service, Jesus is truly the king who affirms the truth---he has been born and has entered our world to affirm the truth of the human family’s true place in the kingdom of God. Jesus’ true act of royal service will be his suffering and death on the cross. The Resurrection becomes the sign of salvation and the eternal presence of the kingdom of God in the world.

We come to know Jesus as our Lord and Savior, as the true King of Glory who entered into the human condition to give voice to the truth---the truth that is God among us! Jesus has come among us to establish a new royalty---the royalty of service: as we are united with Jesus, we are commissioned by our baptism and strengthened by our confirmation to go forth into the world to serve as witnesses to the truth of Jesus: the Word made Flesh.

We come today to the end of liturgical year. During the past year we have had the opportunity to reflect of the truth of Jesus present in the world. Hopefully we have entered into the truth and are now ready to go forth among our brothers and sisters and proclaim the truth of Jesus.

Today we celebrate the end of our Church year---but we really celebrate the opportunity to enter anew into the life of the Lord---to proclaim the truth.

In peace and prayer,

Father Pat

*What is gladness without gratitude, and
where is gratitude without God?*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of thankful praise.



We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. Why not plan to attend Mass as a family on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 A.M. This will be the only Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Families will be invited to share symbolically in God’s goodness to us by their attendance at Mass and by taking home a loaf of bread which should be eaten during your Thanksgiving meal.

**Father Pat, Father Mark, Deacon John C, Deacon John T, Deacon Tom,
Sister James, Mrs. Zmigrodski, Mr. Cassel, Mr. Kura and all of our Parish Staff wish you a blessed and happy
Thanksgiving! May all who are planning to travel, visit family and friends, and return home safely.**

CALL FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: 4th GRADE AND UP



Boys and Girls in grades 4 and above are invited and encouraged to become altar servers here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. Altar servers assist the priests and deacons at Mass and at other important Liturgical actions that take place here in our church. The ministry of Altar Service is a truly special way to honor the Lord and also to share in the work of the church. Please take an altar server sign up form that can be found around the church entranceways, complete it and return it to the parish office. Contact Father Mark at mkehoe@olmv.net if you have questions about altar service.

THE DEANERY SCHOOL- HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY



Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield (www.holysavioracademy.com)

Holy Savior Academy is accepting students coming into pre-kindergarten through grade 8. Please contact the school at **908-822-5890** to arrange an interview or to have a tour of the facility.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



New and gently used hats, coats and gloves (Desperate need of infant and young adult washable coats) Collection begins Monday, November 23. Items can be dropped off at the Cry Room.

The last day of the collection is November 29. On November 29, coats will be sorted in the church and distributed to local areas.

OLMV Altar Rosary Society will hold its Annual Christmas Party, Thurs. Dec. 3, at 6:00 pm at Carpaccio Ristorante, Middlesex. Tickets are \$28 per person. For more information contact Dianne, 732-690-6590 by November 24.

CHRISTMAS JESSIE TREE

Parishioners are asked to take a tag from the Christmas tree, purchase the gift and return both gift and tag - **unwrapped** to the church by December 13th. Please leave the gifts in the Blessed Mother Chapel. Delivery will be made on December 14th. You may want to include a gift receipt with gifts of clothing.



We look forward to your continued support. We provide gifts to 10 organizations including Catholic Charities, Roosevelt Care Center, Great Expectations and a number of other organizations.

Volunteers are needed to sort, bag and deliver the gifts on Monday morning December 14, 2015 after the 7:00 am Mass.



The OLMV Book Club started their 2nd year!!!! Our first meeting took place on September 28th where we discussed *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.

The next meeting will be on November 30th where we will discuss the book *The Shack* by William P. Young and we will also have a special guest speaker!

Winter Faith-Sharing Sessions Beginning Soon!

Join us for a 6 session program as we reflect on the theme of God's **MERCY**, using the words of Scripture and the writings of Pope Francis. We offer both morning and evening sessions for your convenience: Wednesdays at 10 AM or 7:00 PM in Petra House. Come to **either** session-we **begin on Jan. 6th** (schedules are on bulletin boards around the church). All are welcome, but **you must pre-register in the parish office on or before Dec. 18th** as you will need your book to prepare for the first session. This is a great way to participate in the YEAR OF MERCY!

READERS: Please pick up your new 2016 Workbook in the Mary Chapel. Name labels are on each book. Thank you!

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF:



We have just completed our Fall session, and although we will not begin a new session until next April, please know you are not alone. The holiday season is upon us and it is a difficult period of the year for many who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Should you need a listening ear, do not hesitate to contact the Bereavement Ministry through the Parish Office and someone will get back to you.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN 2016 PARISH MASS CALENDAR IS NOW OPEN.

FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TABLES AROUND THE CHURCH. FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. FORMS WILL BE PROCESSED AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

Few Notes from our Pastor:

- ◆ **Advent Novena:** Monday, November 23, 7:00 pm in the church.
- ◆ **New OLMV “On-line Store” OLMV Religious Goods store:**

In partnership with the Catholic Alliance of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Mount Virgin has established an on-line or “e-store.” Parishioners as well as members of the wider community will be able to access the on-line store through our web-site: **olmv.net**. Once you have accessed the store, you can choose items from the different catalogues. Please note the page number and number of the item as well as its cost. When you have finished shopping, just call the Catholic Alliance and place your order. Please remember to give the parish code so that our parish gets credit for your order. You will receive an e-mail bill that can be paid through “Pay-Pal.” Orders will be shipped direct to you or to any address of your choice. The site seems a little onerous at first, but is really very simple once you get the hang of it. Whenever you shop through this site, you are also supporting Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. The phone number for the Catholic Alliance is: **1-800-858-2372** and the code for our parish is: **OLMVNJ001**.

- ◆ **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration:**

The **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is December 12, 2015. This year the feast falls on a Saturday. Here at Our Lady of Mount Virgin we have begun a tradition of honoring Mary under the title of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** as a way to incorporate more fully our Spanish speaking families into our parish community. This year, we will celebrate a special Mass on Saturday evening, December 12, 2015 at 5:00pm in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. This will be our usual Vigil Mass and will contain prayers and hymns in both Spanish and English. The celebration of Our Blessed Mother under the title of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** is a beautiful way to honor the mother of God who is our special patroness here at OLMV. It is also a beautiful opportunity to join with each other as we recognize the gifts that each of us bring to our parish. All are invited to this beautiful and prayerful celebration of our faith.

- ◆ **Oktoberfest:**

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our recent “Oktoberfest.” Special recognition to Berta Ippich-Ebert and to Dave Czachur who served as chairpersons. Special thanks also to the members of their committee who helped to make this wonderful event happen. Thank you to the many parishioners who supported the evening and shared a great meal!!!

- ◆ **Thanksgiving:**

A blessed and prayerful Thanksgiving to everyone. As usual, we will have a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00am on Thursday morning, November 26. What a beautiful way to begin our day of thanksgiving: thanking the Lord for all the good in our lives!

2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Grace, Mercy & Peace

We can show our gratitude to the Lord this Thanksgiving by sharing our blessings with those less fortunate. One way to do this is by making a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Annual Bishop’s Appeal:

So far, **Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parishioners** have donated or pledged \$38,700.00 to the 2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have already responded to Bishop Bootkoski’s appeal for support for the good work of our diocese. Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 732-562-2431 for questions about giving to the annual appeal.

DON’T MISS THIS CHANCE TO GROW IN OUR FAITH!

If you are over 18 years of age and have celebrated Baptism and Communion, but not yet been confirmed, this program is specially **DESIGNED FOR YOU!** **ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS** begin with a **WELCOME/INTRODUCTORY NIGHT on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 PM in Petra House.** Come and learn how you can deepen your love and commitment to Jesus and your understanding of the Catholic faith. For further information, or to register for the 10 session program, please **contact Sister James (732609-1091 or sjaxier@olmv.net)**

Day of Recollection: *Christ is Our Hope:*

The Diocesan Office For Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a Day of Recollection at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church in Bridgewater on **Sunday, November 15, 2015: 1:30 – 5:00pm.** An afternoon of prayer, sharing and reflection with time for personal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is planned for persons with disabilities, their caregivers and family and friends. Please see additional information on the bulletin boards around the church or contact the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432. Persons interested in attending this day of recollection are asked to contact the office prior to the event.

WILL YOU HELP ?

The members of our parish’s **LAZARUS MINISTRY** are grouped into four teams each reaching out, in a special way, to meet the needs of a family who has lost a loved one. **If you or someone you know, would like to learn more about this Ministry and help in one of these areas, please contact Sister James at: sjaxier@olmv.net or at 732-609-1091.**

Boletín en Español
Domingo de 22 de Noviembre del 2015
XXXII Domingo Ordinario

**REGISTRARSE EN LA PARROQUIA
ES IMPORTANTE!!**

Para calificar para la preparación sacramental (Bautizo, Eucaristía, Confirmación, Matrimonio) AQUELLOS QUE NECESITAN REGISTRARSE...

Pasar por las oficinas y recoger un formulario de inscripción y un sobre de bienvenida.

INFORMACION SACRAMENTAL

- **Bautizo, Confirmación, Primera Comunión, Matrimonios** llamar a nuestras oficinas de Lunes a Jueves a partir de las 8:30 am—2:00 pm (732) 356.2149 ext. 1001.
- **Bautizos:** Los padres **DEBEN SER MIEMBROS ACTIVOS E INSCRITOS** en la Iglesia OLMV **ACTIVOS** significa: venir a misa y usar sobres dominicales.

Los padrinos tienen que ser Católicos practicantes de alguna Iglesia donde vivan.

Los padres deben asistir a una clase de preparación para el bautismo.

-Matrimonios: Favor llamar a nuestras oficinas (732) 356.2149 ext 1001.

- **Clases de Preparación Bautismal** (1er Jueves de cada mes 7:30 pm en la casa Petra.) Familias que deseen participar deben llamar a la Oficina parroquial, ser miembros registrados y activos de la parroquia.
- **Clases de Catecismo:** Las inscripciones se han cerrado para este año 2015-2016. Gracias!

NOVENA DE ADVIENTO EN ESPAÑOL:

LES INVITAMOS A REZAR EL SANTO ROSARIO A LA 1:00 PM EN LA IGLESIA TODOS LOS DOMINGOS.
ESPERAMOS PODER CONTAR CON SU PRECENCIA!!!

Atención

Comunidad Hispana!!!

Les invitamos a reservar el **20 de Diciembre** para una Misa especial y un compartir Navideno - Villancicos cantados por los niños de la parroquia.

Todos los niños interesados en participar lo pueden hacer anotándose después de Misa con Ana y Joaquin o pueden sus padres llamar durante horas de oficina para registrarlos. Será un momento muy lindo para toda la Comunidad entera en estas festividades!



**MAS INFORMACIÓN POR VENIR EN
FUTUROS BOLETINES!**

ATENCIÓN COMUNIDAD!

Clases de Inglés como segunda lengua:

Los miércoles de 6-8 pm en el Centro Parroquiano.

Todos son bienvenidos!

**UNA INVITACION ESPECIAL PARA
TODOS LOS FELIGRESES!!!**

Dios nos ha dado tantos dones y talentos que pueden ser compartidos con la Iglesia. Si deseas ser voluntario en la Iglesia de alguna manera, puedes tomar en cuenta algunas de las siguientes áreas en las cuales podríamos necesitar de tu ayuda:

- Ministro Eucarístico
- Monaguillos
- Lectores
- Ministros de Hospitalidad
- Lectores
- Sirviendo una mes al mes en el café social
- Visitando a los enfermos

Recuerden que somos una Comunidad nueva y estamos trabajando en el desarrollo de la Comunidad el pueblo de Dios, invita a un familiar o un amigo a asistir a Misa y hasta parte como miembro activo de esta gran tarea para todos que es el crecimiento de nuestra comunidad. Gracias!

**Actividades y anuncios de la parroquia
Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen**

- **Adoración al Santísimo:** Primer y tercer Viernes de cada mes, de 7:30 am—12:00 medio día, son todos invitados a pasar un tiempo en devoción y en oración con el Santísimo.
- **Collecta de alimentos para los más necesitados FISH:** Tercer Domingo de cada mes. Las bolsas de comida las pueden dejar en la capilla donde se encuentra la estatua de la Virgen María.
- **Proxima Clase Bautismal:** Jueves 3 de Diciembre 7:30 pm. Familias que deseen participar deben llamar a la oficina parroquial.
- **Feria de Manualidades: LAMENTAMOS INFORMAR QUE LA FERIA FUE CANCELADA.**
- **Collecta de Abrigos:** La collecta de abrigos, guantes y bufandas que estén en buen estado será el fin de semana del 28 y 29 de Noviembre. Las personas que deseen donar los pueden traer a partir del Lunes 23 de Noviembre y dejarlos en el “Cuarto de los Niños en la Iglesia” o “Cry Room”.