

# Our LORD Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2014



"I was hungry and gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink".  
-Matthew 25:33

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MON.,</b>	<b>Nov. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest</b>
7:00	A.M.	James Kura r/o Brother, Ed
<b>TUES.,</b>	<b>Nov. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b>
12:00	P.M.	Ronald Stanzione r/o Wife & Children
<b>WED.,</b>	<b>Nov. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b>
7:00	A.M.	Joseph Pecora r/o The Butera Family
<b>THURS.,</b>	<b>Nov. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
9:00	A.M.	Parishioners of OLMV
<b>FRI.,</b>	<b>Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b>
9:00	A.M.	John C. Petriello r/o Kristina Hansen
<b>SAT.,</b>	<b>Nov. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b>
8:00	A.M.	Victoria O'Rorke r/o Kevin & Shirley Anderson
5:00	P.M.	Zigmund Wysocki r/o Family
<b>SUN.,</b>	<b>Nov. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00	A.M.	Parishioners
10:00	A.M.	Mary R. Greiner r/o Irma Brosky
11:30	A.M.	Robert Lasko r/o Barbara & George Hague
1:30	P.M.	Cominidad Hispana



There is only ONE MASS ON THANKSGIVING at 9:00 A.M. and on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Week of November 23—30

### Altar Candles

Lynch & Kayser Families r/o Children & Grandchildren

### Tabernacle Candles

Debbie Eichert r/o Sister Sheila

### Sanctuary Candles

Victoria O'Rorke r/o Kevin & Shirley O'Rorke



### Memorials



"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" - MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule

November 15– 16.....	\$9,710.50
Hispanic Mass .....	\$406.00
Major Renovations.....	\$212.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$3,514.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

**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 recent deceased: Ralph A. DeVuyst.



The following "little ones" were Baptized on November 16, 2014  
Christopher Stephen Wallace, son of Jayson & Jeanine Wallace  
Megan Maria Ruecksties, daughter of Ronal & Allison Ruecksties



The following couple was married on Saturday, November 15, 2014  
Michael Lynch & Kimberly Valent

We pray that our Lord will bless them with every grace as they begin their married life.



I Joseph J. Chojnowski & Elizabeth D'Addio

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 29—30

5:00 pm—	Haley Logue Madison Logue Hunter Logue
8:00 am—	Richie McNulty Tommy McNulty
10:00 am—	James Lawrence Lorenzo Troia Jordan McEvoy
11:30 am—	Isabel Martinez Mikaehla Pineda Rhiana Pineda



## *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.

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**Father Pat, Father Mark, Deacon John C, Deacon John T, Sister James, Mr. Cassel, Mrs. Zmigrodski and all of OLMV Staff, wish you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!**

**May all who are planning to travel, visit family and friends return home safely.**

**CHRISTMAS JESSE TREE** - Because Thanksgiving is so late this year, we will be putting the Jessie Tree up the weekend of **November 22-23, 2014**. As in the past, parishioners are asked to take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift and return both tag and gift - **unwrapped** - to the church by the weekend of **December 6-7, 2014**. You may want to include a receipt in gifts of clothing or slippers. **Volunteers are needed** to sort, bag and deliver the gifts on Monday, December 8 **after the 7:00 am Mass**. We look forward to your continued generous support again this year.



**WRAP OTHERS IN THE WARMTH OF LOVE THIS ADVENT SEASON!** OLMV Altar Rosary Society will be collecting used and wearable winter coats. **Donations can be dropped off in the Cry Room the weekend of November 29—30.** Any questions, please email Adrienne at [adriennesvid@aol.com](mailto:adriennesvid@aol.com) or contact the Parish Office. **Thank you.**



## **ADULT CONFIRMATION** **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 24**, at 7 PM in Petra House. Come join a small group who gather to deepen their understanding and commitment to Jesus and to learn more about the Catholic faith. For further information, or to register for the 10 session program, please contact Sister James (732-609-1091 or [sjxavier@olmv.net](mailto:sjxavier@olmv.net)).



## **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

How quickly we have travelled through the "Cycle A" readings this liturgical year. It hardly seem possible that we have come together for the past 52 Sundays to worship our God and to consider the Good News. Most of our Gospel passages this year have been taken from the Gospel of Matthew, and as we look to the final Gospel for this liturgical year, we are invited to consider how we have lived the "Corporal Works of Mercy" during our earthly journey.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks about the final judgment when the "sheep will be separated from the goats." Jesus suggests that the final judgment will center on how well we have responded to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the world--how we have lived our lives in connection to the Corporal Works of Mercy. Jesus suggests that we will be judged in response to how well we have seen Jesus in the hearts and souls of our brothers and sisters who are in need.

In today's passage, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on our actions---on the active expression of our Christian faith. Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on how well we met the needs of those who were hungry, who were thirsty, who needed a place to rest, who were in prison, who were in need of clothes, who were in need of medical treatment. Jesus teaches that the "king" will challenge all those who are present at the judgment by reminding them that God expects us to treat our brothers and sisters with the same respect and awe as we would if we knew we were in his presence: "As you have done for one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, so have you done to me!"

As we come to the end of this liturgical year and look with expectation to "new beginnings" regarding our spiritual lives, we are asked to spend some time considering who we are as "Children of God" and how well we have supported all the other "Children of God" throughout the world.

As they are being cast out of the Kingdom, the "goats" ask plaintively, "When did we encounter you and not provide for your needs, oh Lord?" The message that is given is clear and harsh, "What you did for these, the least of my children, that is what you did for me!"

In simplest terms, Jesus is letting us know that there is little room in the Kingdom of God for the selfish. It is a reminder that as Catholic believers, as true Christians, we have been commissioned to live and act upon that which we believe.

We remember that last week's Gospel passage invited us to remember that we are called to be generous in using our talents ---the gifts God has given to each of us---to proclaim the Kingdom of God, to share the "Good News" that Jesus is **present and active** in the world.

Today, as we consider the Gospel passage, Jesus is making clear that we must use our talents best in generous response to the needs of others. Jesus reminds us that prayerful worship, while necessary and important, is not enough to ensure Eternal Life with the Father. We must also respond with great love to those who "cry out to the Lord in their need."

Let us be among those who hear and answer the "cry of the poor." Let us truly be the "sheep of God!"

**In peace and prayer,**

**Father Pat**



## **THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

Holy Savior Academy is the Catholic School for the Middlebrook Deanery. Located at 149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, it serves children in Pre-K through grade 8. After school programs are available as well as a year-round pre-kindergarten program. Please review the school web-site: [holysavioracademy.com](http://holysavioracademy.com), or contact the principal, Mrs. Kristen Kiernan, at 908-822-5890 to find out additional information or to request a tour of the school.

### **OLMV PARISH CALENDAR...**

**Our Advent Novena continues this Monday, November 24 at 7:00 P.M. This is the time we prepare for the beginning of our new Church year and the birth of our Lord.**

#### **REMEMBER...**

If the weekend Mass is being offered for your loved one please report to an usher. You have the privilege of carrying up the gifts in the offertory procession.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** meets each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. at the Parish Center cafeteria.

**OLMV BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS:** High School Basketball registrations will be held on **November 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 — 8:30 P.M. in the Parish Center Lobby.** For more information please contact Pat Cullinan by email at [pacmanc056@aol.com](mailto:pacmanc056@aol.com).

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS:** December 4, 7:30 P.M. at Petra House. Families must be registered parishioners here at OLMV. Call the parish office to register in advance.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE AT OLMV:** Our Annual Penance Service will take place on **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.** in the Church. A number of priests will be on hand to hear confession.

**What a good way to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** OLMV will hold our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.** This will be a bi-lingual Mass (Spanish and English). We welcome and invite everyone to join us to Celebrate our Lady.

**MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** This beautiful and hope-filled liturgy will be offered on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M.** All who are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the sick are invited to participate and to receive this Sacrament of healing.



**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***

When we recognize that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, how can we not be truly thankful? This sense of gratitude runs deep, compelling us to respond to the Lord's generosity with every ounce of our being and in every way possible. That's stewardship!

***One way to express your gratitude to the Lord is by sharing your financial resources with others through the ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consider making a gift today.***

## **Evening Prayer in the tradition of Taizé**

### **From Darkness to Light**

**On Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 P.M.** in the church, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish will celebrate an evening prayer service in the tradition of the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. Set in the soft radiance created by many glowing candles surrounding icons, meditative chants will be interspersed between readings of sacred scripture including prophecies of the coming of the Messiah and reports of the impending birth of Jesus as chronicled in the gospels. Ample amounts of silence will provide time for personal meditation and reflection. The celebration will culminate with communal intercessions in which everyone will have the opportunity to offer silent or public petitions to the Lord. This special Advent prayer service will help you leave the stress of everyday life at the door and feel the calming influence of contemplative communal prayer.

**Come wait in joyful expectation for the birth of our Lord.**

**Come pray through song, scripture, and silence.**

**Come meditate in the soft glow of candlelight.**

**THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our successful Second Annual Artesian/Craft Fair last Sunday. A special note of thanks to our parishioners who supported this event, to Steve Casale, Rozelyn DeSagun, Barbara Benson, Glenn Scarponi and their crew for setting up for the event, and finally to our Knights for covering the kitchen.

**THANK YOU** to Jozanna's Restaurant and Proprietor, Frank Bozzomo, for the gift to Our Lady of Mount Virgin based on their ad in our bulletin. Jozanna's gives back 5% of sales to our church when customers present their ad which can be found on the OLMV bulletin. Thank you also to our parishioners who support our advertisers.

**A Holiday Play:** GB Productions and the Saint Thomas Players present "It's a wonderful Life" at Saint Thomas the Apostle Auditorium, 333 route 18, Old Bridge of December 3, 4 and 6 beginning at 8:00pm. For tickets or further information call 732-238-4028.

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### **NOTAS DEL PADRE PAT...**

**Clases de Inglés como segunda lengua:** Todos los Miércoles a las 6:00 P.M. en el Centro Parroquiano.

**Próximo Compartir:** Domingo 30 de Noviembre. Todos son bienvenidos.

**Padre Pat.**