

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Nov., 30th	St. Andrew, Apostle
7:00	A.M.	Sylvia Lavelle r/o The DeNardo Family
TUES.,	Dec., 1st	Advent Weekday
12:00	P.M.	Bernard Salvatore r/o Margaret Salvatore & Family
WED.,	Dec., 2nd	Advent Weekday
7:00	A.M.	Parishioners
THURS.,	Dec., 3rd	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
7:00	A.M.	Arlene McCullen r/o John McCullen
FRI.,	Dec., 4th	Advent Weekday
9:00	A.M.	Mary & Joe Lucas & Ann Buratti r/o Sharon
SAT.,	Dec., 5th	Advent Weekday
8:00	A.M.	Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	Josephine Colaluca r/o Daughter in law, Sheila
SUN.,	Dec., 6th	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00	A.M.	Gregory Consentino r/o Daughter, Susan
10:00	A.M.	Helen Haverstick r/o Tom Stiff
11:30	A.M.	Thomas Kuhn r/o Jim & Janet Hoxie
1:30	P.M.	Comunidad Hispana de OLMV

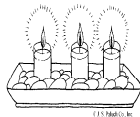
FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 29—DEC. 6

Altar Candles

Bob & Millie Scarano r/o Barbara Lyons

Sanctuary Candle

Carlton Lorah r/o Marcella



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. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Jennie Nittolli.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25)

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Nov. 29.....NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING
Debt Reduction.....
Major Renovations.....
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

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.” 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**.

A letter from our Pastor

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope and pray that everyone had a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving celebration. I hope and pray that everyone who visited with family and friends had a wonderful time and feel renewed in spirit!

How fast time seems to move forward. We begin today a new liturgical season as we celebrate the 1st Sunday in Advent. Jesus reminds us that we must to “be vigilant” as we prepare for the coming of Christ. We must be vigilant that we don’t neglect the joyful preparation to meet the Christ-child because we become swept away by the demands of the secular “holiday season!”

We have already begun that hurried process we call Christmas preparation! These next weeks become a maze of interconnecting activities and pressures as we negotiate our everyday responsibilities with demands of shopping, decorating, baking and cooking, planning gatherings with family and friends and, hopefully, finding some time for the Lord.

Advent is that special season when we experience “hopeful anticipation” as we await the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. And while always hopeful, it is also a time of spiritual preparation! We are reminded in today’s first reading that God will send the people a Messiah: the shoot for David who will do what is right and just in the land. In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds his listeners, and us, that we need to remain ever-vigilant because the Son of Man will come in a cloud with power and great glory!


While our readings suggest “end times,” we consider their power for us in this Advent season as we meditate on the place of the Lord in our hearts; as we prepare to welcome Jesus as the Christmas Child. Jesus is the “shoot of Jesse” sent by God. Jesus is the Son of Man who enters the world in order to bring the human family everlasting life and eternal salvation!

And so, we begin today our Advent preparation! We must spend time each day considering Jesus’ presence in our lives. We must spend time each day considering our personal relationship with Jesus. We must spend some time considering how we hope to develop our relationship with Jesus in this new liturgical year.


We must open our hearts and souls to Jesus beginning right now. This is the message of today’s Gospel! We need to hopefully, spend a little extra time at Mass so that we might come to know Jesus just a little more deeply in our lives. We must find time to experience reconciliation with Jesus by making a good and complete Confession. Only as we reconcile with the Lord can we hope to reconcile with each other! We need to spend time basking in the presence of Jesus by visiting our church, by reading passages from the Scripture and by praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart. We must prepare for the Birth of the Lord by opening our hearts to the very Word of God, the Word made flesh, who is ever-present among us.

In peace and prayer,

Father Pat



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.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Our parish families are invited to attend the Knights of Columbus "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 6th. There is a special family rate of \$25 for families that includes Mom, Dad and all children in the family who are 14 years of age and under. Adult rate \$8, senior rate \$7, child rate is \$6.

The Knights look forward to sharing a great breakfast and some real parish fellowship with you. So plan to join Santa and the Knights at the Parish Center between 9:00 am and 11:30 am.



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (also known as the Holy Year of Mercy). The motto of the year is "Merciful like the Father," from Luke 6:36, where Jesus says, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."



The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 2015), when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. That door will then "become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope." (*Misericordiae Vultus*). On December 20, Bishop Bootkoski will open a *Door of Mercy* at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen.

May we use this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to shape our lives to be "Merciful like the Father."

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



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.

Sunday, December 6, 8:00 am Altar Rosary Mass & Communion

Preparing for Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage here at OLMV are invited to contact the Parish Office to arrange to meet with Sister James, pastoral minister, or one of the priests. Couples should contact the office as soon as possible to ensure that there will be sufficient time to complete the process of preparation. Engaged couples should feel free to contact the Parish Office with any questions concerning marriage preparation.



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!

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish has made available Spiritual Donation Cards, found in baskets at the entrances of the church. A donation to the Society may be made in honor of a loved one, living or deceased. Please fill out the envelope, place your donation in it and leave it in the parish office or in the collection basket. The lovely card may be sent to the person of your choice. 100% of your donation is used to assist those in need in our community. Your support is truly appreciated.

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.



OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY "HELP LINE"
732-356-2149 ext. 6

All calls for assistance are confidential
VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:

donate a vehicle to help the less fortunate.

To do so please call the help line: 732-356-2149 ext. 6

The St Vincent de Paul Society,
thanks our parishioners for their support.

Donations cards can be found at the church entranceways.

God bless you!

Few Notes from our Pastor:

- ◆ **Advent Novena:** Monday, November 30, 7:00 pm in the church.
- ◆ **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.

Important Dates:

- **Annual Used Coat Drive** – Sunday, November 29
- **Advent Mass of Anointing** – Saturday, December 5 – 11:00am
- **Advent Taize Prayer** – Sunday, December 6 – 7:00pm
- **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)** – Tuesday, December 8 (Vigil Mass – Monday at 7:00pm; Masses on Tuesday: 7:00am and 12:00 noon)
- **Advent Penance Service** – Thursday, December 10 – 7:00pm
- **Mass Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Saturday, December 12 – 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
- **Children's Liturgy** – Sunday, December 13 - 10:00am
- **Advent Novena each Monday at 7:00pm**
- **Giving Tree** – December 12—13
- **Breakfast with Santa** – Sunday, December 6

OLMV “Eblast” system:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish now has an “Eblast” system which we plan to begin using as an additional means of parish communication. Eblasts allow the parish to communicate through e-mails to a wide parish audience. Using this system will allow the parish to share important information to all who sign up---in a timely fashion. To sign up to be part of this system and add your e-mail to the Eblast list, please visit our parish website at www.olmv.net and click “**new e-mail sign-up form**” and follow the directions to register. Thank you.

A Special Thank You:

Thank you to the generous parishioners who responded to our recent “Debt Reduction” collection. Thanks also to our many parishioners who generously responded to our annual All Saints and All Souls collections. The priests of our parish remember the loved ones of our parishioners at Masses during the month of November. Your generous response to our extraordinary collections helps our parish to continue to proclaim the **Presence of the Lord** in our community.

2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Grace, Mercy & Peace*

Ministering to those experiencing pain, confusion and fear, and those preparing for death is the role of the clergy assigned to **Hospital Ministry**. They respond to calls at every hour of the day and night providing sacramental and pastoral presence in hospitals and health care facilities throughout the diocese.

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry.

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.

Evening Prayer in the tradition of Taizé From Darkness to Light

On Sunday, December 6, 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 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. Silence will provide time for personal meditation and reflection. 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.**



Banner Bearers needed for the Christmas Midnight Mass

We are looking for four banner bearers for the Christmas Midnight Mass. If you are a high school student or an adult and you would like to carry a banner for the Mass, please see Rives Cassel after any weekend Mass or call the office. There will be one rehearsal.

Boletín en Español
Domingo de 29 de Noviembre del 2015
I Domingo de Adviento

**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 10 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 el “Cuarto de los Niños en la Iglesia” o “Cry Room”.