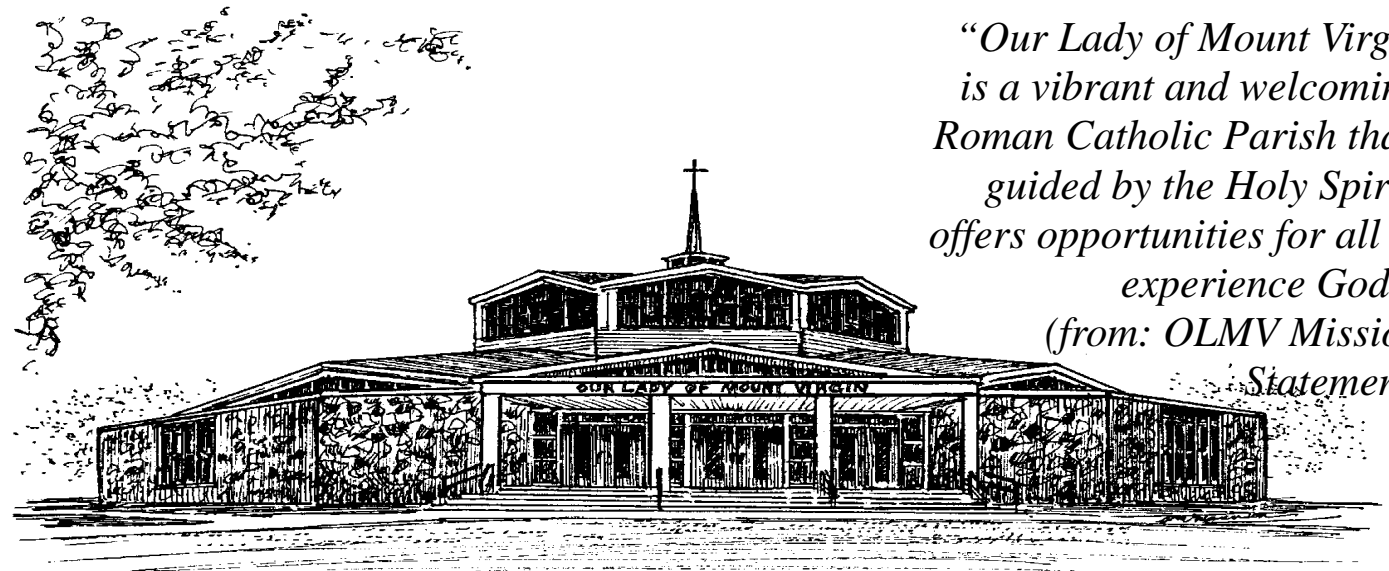


Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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December 1, 2013

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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.
and by appointment

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2013



“You...must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

-Matthew 24:44

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Dec. 2nd A.M.	Advent Weekday Carlton R. Lorah r/o Marcella & Family
7:00	P.M.	Novena
TUES., 12:00	Dec. 3rd P.M.	Saint Francis Xavier Josephine Colaluca r/o Daughter in law, Sheila Sullivan
WED., 7:00	Dec. 4th A.M.	Advent Weekday Parishioners
THURS., 12:00	Dec. 5th P.M.	Advent Weekday Arlene McCullen r/o John McCullen
FRI., 7:00	Dec. 6th A.M.	Advent Weekday Sam T. Bailey r/o The Sarnowski Family
SAT., 8:00	Dec. 7th A.M.	Saint Ambrose, Bishop Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	Harriet Cue Mellor r/o Daughter, Harriet
SUN., 8:00	Dec. 8th A.M.	Second Sunday of Advent Yolanda Jakubowski r/o Ellen
10:00	A.M.	Lourdes DelPrado r/o Jay & Daphne DelPrado
11:30	A.M.	Rita Matts r/o Lottie Murray
1:30	P.M.	Jorge Alberto Reynaldo Vidal

Memorials



Week of December 1—8 *Altar Candles*

Lynch & Kayser Families r/o Children & Grandchildren

Sanctuary Candles

Carlton R. Lorah r/o Marcella & Family

Tabernacle Candles

Amelia Zuccarelli r/o Tony & Monique Sasso

ADVENT NOVENA: Monday, December 2, 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER donations for your special intentions will be taken up by using the “flower envelope” that came in your monthly envelopes. Take this opportunity to remember your loved ones during this holiday season.



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 and vestibule.

2013 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Faith, Family, Community

Did you know that there are several ways to give to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal? You can:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments.
- Make a one-time gift.
- Give by credit card by going online to our secure website: <http://diometuchen.org>, or complete the information on your pledge card.
- Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift.
- Give a gift of appreciated stocks or securities.
- No matter which way you choose, we thank you. Every gift is important and appreciated.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013

Frank DeRosa
Edward Orloski
Phillip Grinnelli
Claire Demartino
Lucy Grace Ricci
Bernard Nicklin
Jose Gillera
Laudelina Perez—Solsana
Jason Perhach
Mary Carter

The weekend of Dec. 7—8

5:00 P.M.— Katelyn Carmona
Amelia Casale
8:00 A.M.— Richie McNulty
Tommy McNulty
10:00 A.M.— Katie Schilp
Mary Schilp
11:30 A.M.— Arista Parillo
Sheridan Hoyt



Altar Servers



ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.



"You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever." (Psalm 16:11) Jesus has shown us the path to abounding joy. It comes when we give generously of ourselves. It comes when we love and serve one another. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we don't always recognize Jesus' way. Or maybe we just try to ignore it.

Nov. 23—24.....NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING
Weekly Parish Expenses.....\$19,246.00



Our parish families are invited to attend the **K of C Breakfast with Santa** on Sunday, December 8, 2013. Santa will be present and there will be coloring books and crayons for the children. There is a special price for families that includes Mom and Dad and all the children under 14 years of age for \$28. The single rate is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children. The Knights look forward to sharing some great food and real parish fellowship. Plan to join Santa and the Knights here at OLMV between 9:00 am and 11:30 am at the Parish Center.



Plan Ahead: Because Thanksgiving is so late this year, we will be putting the Jessie Tree up the weekend of November 23-24, 2013. 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 7—8, 2013**. You may wish to include a receipt in gifts of clothing or slippers. Volunteers will sort, bag and deliver the gifts on December 9, 2013 after the 7:00 am Mass. We look forward to your generous contribution once more. This year we will again be donating gifts to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, homeless shelters and nursing homes in the area.

MASS FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church will hold our 2nd Annual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12, 2013. This will be a bi-lingual Mass (Spanish and English), and our new portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe which hangs in the Blessed Virgin Chapel will be “enthroned during the Mass. We acknowledge, with gratitude, *The Valadez Family* who donated this beautiful portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe to our parish.

Winter Bible Study Beginning Soon!!!

Join us for a 6 session program (plus celebration) as we deepen our discipleship and more fully **EMBRACE THE KINGDOM!** Both morning and evening sessions are offered for your convenience: Wednesday at 10 AM or 7:00 PM in Petra House. Come to either the evening or morning sessions, which begin on January 15 (schedules are on bulletin boards around the church). All are welcome, but **you must pre-register and there is a \$12 book fee**. Please come to the parish office to **register on/before January 6. Books will be given out at registration so you can prepare for the Introductory Session!**

OLMV ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:

Thank you for supporting our Bake Sale last month!

Winter Coat Drive: Nov. 30, Dec. 1.

Coats will be sorted for distribution on December 8th. Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

Sunday, Dec. 1: 8:00 am Mass & Communion.

Altar Rosary Society Christmas Party will be Thursday, December 5th at Russo's in Bound Brook. Contact Dianne Mendelson for more information (732-469-7419)

As the season of Advent approaches, the **Altar Rosary Society** wants to say thank you for your continued support of our activities throughout the year! May God bless you and your family this Advent Season. If you are interested in joining our group; contact adriannesvid@aol.com for details!



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes, especially as we get older, it seems that time moves forward “in the blink of an eye”. It seemed like just the other day when I shared with you that I had the privilege to travel to the Vatican for some rest and renewal. And it was a beautiful trip! Prayerful! Peaceful! Restful! I came home to OLMV with a renewed spirit, eager to share the presence of Jesus Christ with you. I can hardly believe that we are now celebrating the 1st Sunday in Advent, having experienced the end of our “Year of Faith,” and having engaged in so many spiritual endeavors and activities here at OLMV. I actually wonder to where the month of November disappeared.

So a beautiful autumn has led us to the beginning of yet another Advent. I hope and pray that Advent, 2013 is a powerfully spiritual time for our parish. It is the time when we are invited each Sunday, and during the week, to take a few minutes out of our busy lives and consider our relationship with the Lord as we “make our hearts ready” to meet the baby Jesus on Christmas morning.

Today's Gospel passage is taken from Matthew's Gospel where we encounter Jesus as he continues his “Journey to Jerusalem.” Jesus invites those who are with him, and also us – 2,000 years later – to “stay awake” and to “be prepared” because, at an hour we do not expect the Son of Man will come. As we begin to consider the coming of the Lord in earnest during these next few weeks, Jesus invites us to continue to consider both “end times” and “new beginnings.” In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we cannot take his presence for granted. I think that Advent is a time in which we have the opportunity to spend quiet time with the Lord, even as we negotiate the busy schedule of everyday activities as well as the many obligations we have in preparation for the season of Christmas. Jesus reminds us today that there is more to our faith experience than the occasional celebrations of the great events of God's presence among us. After the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics began to refer to themselves as “Easter people.” There was even a song that had as a refrain, “We are and Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” I suppose that the theology behind this is that we center our lives as Catholics on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There can be no doubt about the importance of the Resurrection to us as Catholics. But, today, as we begin to prepare, in earnest, for the birth of the Lord, Jesus invites us to “stop for a little while” and to quietly consider our own preparation for the Coming of the Lord. I think that today Jesus is reminding us that the Lord is coming--we will celebrate a beautiful moment of faith on Christmas morning. But Jesus is also reminding us that “the Son of Man” is coming ---at a time that we do not know---and we must be prepared.

Preparing for the coming of the Lord is more than a mere four week ritual ---it must be an activity for a lifetime!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

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