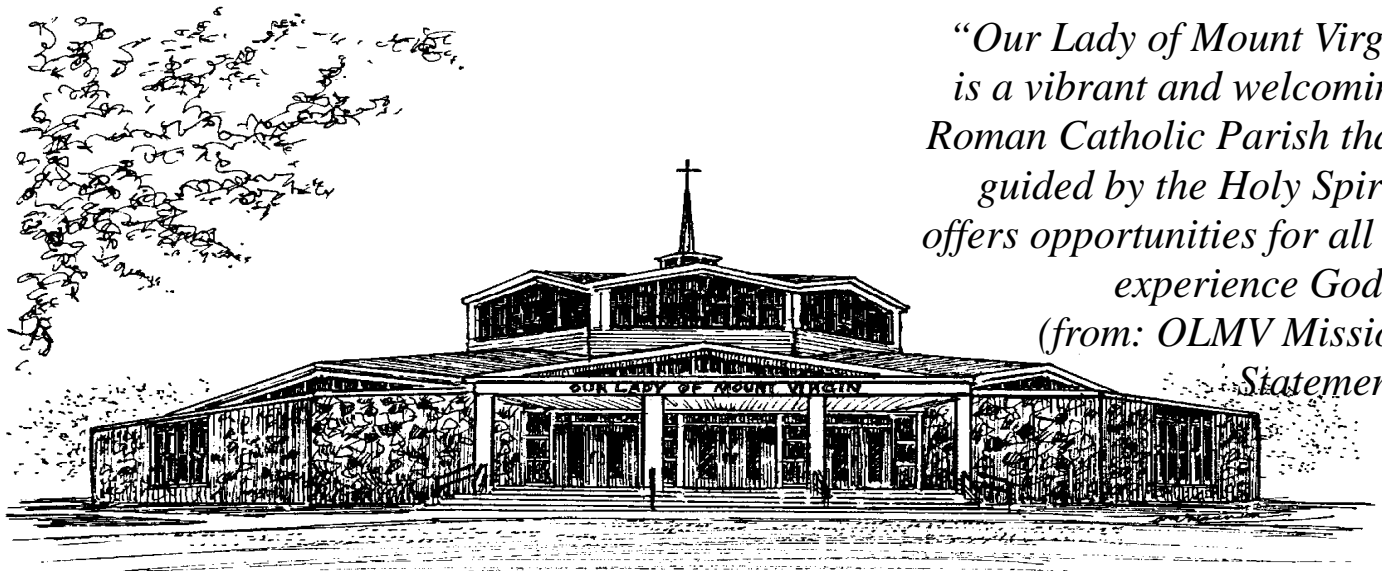


Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

Very Rev. Patrick J. Kuffner, Pastor
Deacon John R. Tietjen
Deacon John Czekaj
Sr. James Xavier Landi S.S.J., Pastoral Minister
Dorothy Zmigrodski, Parish Catechetical Leader
Anita McGinley, Catechetical Assistant
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Ellen Fleming, Parish Office Manager
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December 22, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2013



They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

-Matthew 1:23

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00 7:00	Dec. 23rd A.M. P.M.	Saint John of Kanty Parishioners Novena
TUES., 4:00 7:00	Dec. 24th P.M. P.M.	Late Advent Weekday Parishioners of OLMV Parish Blanca Toro r/o Paula & Neelson Zumbana
12:00	Midnight	Phillip Murray Grinnell r/o Wife, Children & Grandchildren
WED., 8:00	Dec. 25th A.M.	The Nativity of the Lord Christopher E. Roy r/o Tom & Dianne Mendelson
10:00 12:00	A.M. P.M.	Deceased members of OLMV Parish Raymond A. DiLello r/o The Family
THURS., 12:00	Dec. 26th P.M.	Saint Stephen Lisa Harrity r/o Kevin & Alex
FRI., 9:00	Dec. 27th A.M.	Saint John Michelle Healey r/o Husband, Mother & Family
SAT., 8:00	Dec. 28th A.M.	The Holy Innocents Martyrs James Murray r/o Son, Keith & Family
5:00	P.M.	Christopher Roy r/o Ellen Fleming
SUN., 8:00	Dec. 29th A.M.	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Mary Engelman r/o Daughter, Patricia
10:00 11:30 1:30	A.M. A.M. P.M.	Lorenzo Troia r/o Wife & Family Christopher Roy r/o Herrick Family Lucho Ortega Ramirez



Week of December 22—29

Altar Candles

Phyllis Yannuzzi r/o Bruce L. Perone

Sanctuary Candles

Frank DeRosa r/o Mary DeRose

Tabernacle Candles

Patricia Santoro r/o Frank Garilis

Altar Bread & Wine

William Roy r/o The Roy Family

Altar Flowers

Joseph & Theresa Hoski r/o Family

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. Prayers are requested for the recently deceased: Mary Venditti and Nancy Lally.



Father Pat, Father Peter, Deacon John C, Deacon John T, Sister James, Rives Cassel, Mrs. Zmigrodski and our parish staff wish our parishioners a most blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year.



The following "little ones" were Baptized on December 8, 2013

Madison Mikelle Skapyak, daughter of Matthew & Kristin Skapyak

Bella Angelina Gonzales, daughter of Victor & Michelle Gonzales

PLEASE NOTE: special mass schedules are in this weekend's bulletin and on the bulletin boards around the church. Last Mass on December 25 is at 12:00 noon.

MEDITATION GARDEN AND REMEMBRANCE WALKWAY—

Have you purchased your memorial brick yet? Memorial bricks are a beautiful way to show your support for OLMV Parish and to honor family members. Bricks can be ordered through the parish office: \$150.00 for a 4" x 8" brick and \$250.00 for a 8" x 8" brick. When we work together in praise of God---then the Lord's presence becomes powerfully present --- right here in Middlesex!

NO CONFESSIONS ON DECEMBER 28th, 2013

ADVENT NOVENA – Our Advent Novena continues on **Monday, December 23 at 7:00 P.M.** All are invited to attend.

PLAN AHEAD... The Parish Office will be closed **Tuesday, December 24th** and **Wednesday, December 25th** and will reopen on **Thursday, December 26th at 10:00 am.**



The weekend of January 4—5

5:00 P.M.— James Lawrence

Erin Rooney

8:00 A.M.— Richie McNulty

Tommy McNulty

10:00 A.M.— Alexis Labrada

T. Sviderskis-Carroll

Sheridan Hoyt

11:30 A.M.— Natalie Zychlinski



"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.

Dec. 14 –15..... NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING
Weekly Parish Expenses.....\$19,246.00



Tuesday, December 24, Vigil

4:00 P.M. (a Special Liturgy with our parish children.)

7:00 P.M. Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

(Lessons and Carols at 3:30, 6:30 and 11:30 P.M.)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.

Due to the large crowds who attend Mass on Christmas, the last Mass will be celebrated at **12:00 noon**

Tuesday, December 31

12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Holy Mother of God

9:00 A.M. And 12:00 Noon

**2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community**

As Christmas nears, you are asked to make a special effort to remember the 2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is a gift—given in faith—that provides enduring hope for thousands of people throughout the Diocese of Metuchen. Please consider making a gift today.

THANK YOU to all our parishioners who participated in our annual "Giving Tree" collection. Our Lady of Mount Virgin's generosity will make the celebration of Christmas much more hopeful for some of the poorer members of society.

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: Wednesdays at 10AM or 7:00 PM in Petra House. Come to either the evening or morning sessions, which begin on January 15 (schedules are on the 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!**

CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

The blood Drive for OLMV is scheduled for **Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church Hall.** The holiday season is a particularly difficult time to keep the blood supply at a sufficient level due to busy schedules & potential of inclement weather. We specially need RH negative donors but all types are needed.

Please take an hour out of your schedule on **January 12** to save a life! To be eligible you must be at least 16 yrs. old and weight 110 lbs. Some form of ID is required. If you have any questions, please stop by the drive.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Joseph had a dream, and when he awoke from the dream, he "did as the messenger of God commanded him." Joseph took Mary, to whom he had been betrothed, into his house. Joseph acted with an incredible faith in following the voice that had stirred with his heart. Joseph was a good man and he was righteous. When he found that Mary was pregnant, he planned to "quietly divorce her." In his time, he would have been justified in publicly condemning her and having her stoned. And now, because of a dream, his faith is such that he defies convention and still takes Mary as a wife.

As we contemplate today's Gospel passage, we are compelled to consider the incredible faith of Joseph. Not only does he remain faithful to Mary, he willingly takes the sone she is carrying as his own.

God's provides the solution that Joseph needs so that he can make sense out of the situation in which he finds himself. In a simple dream Joseph hears God's voice through the presence of a messenger from God (an angel!!!). This messenger tells him to trust in God. The messenger tells Joseph not to be afraid, and to bring Mary "into your home" and that she "is with child by God's Spirit."

Joseph is made aware that God has a plan and that he is to be an important part of this plan. Joseph, with a great leap of faith, immediately enters into God's plan. He follows the advice of the messenger; he trusts in God and has faith to do all that is asked of him.

As we celebrate Holy Mass today, just a few days before Christmas, we are asked to think about how the Lord speaks to us regularly through his messengers---just like he spoke to Joseph. For just like with Joseph, God has a plan for each of us, but we must be willing to listen with the ears of the body as well as the ears of the soul. We must also become attuned to God's messengers in our lives. God's messengers speak to us from deep within our soul, but God's messengers are also all around us---interacting with us in our daily lives. We need to be aware that God calls to us in many ways to reveal his plan for us, and we need to be vigilant today and always. We must be ready to hear and to answer the call of the Lord.

And this is finally what Advent is about. Like Joseph, the messengers of God come to us in so many ways and reveal to us God's very Word. Today we are reminded that we must listen and we must also be ready to act!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

***"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the princes are home,
when the moon is dancing with the sun
-the work of Christmas begins:***

***to find the lost, to heal the broken
to feed the hungry, to be outspoken,
to always love and never hate,
to show the world, how GOD is Great!"***



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