

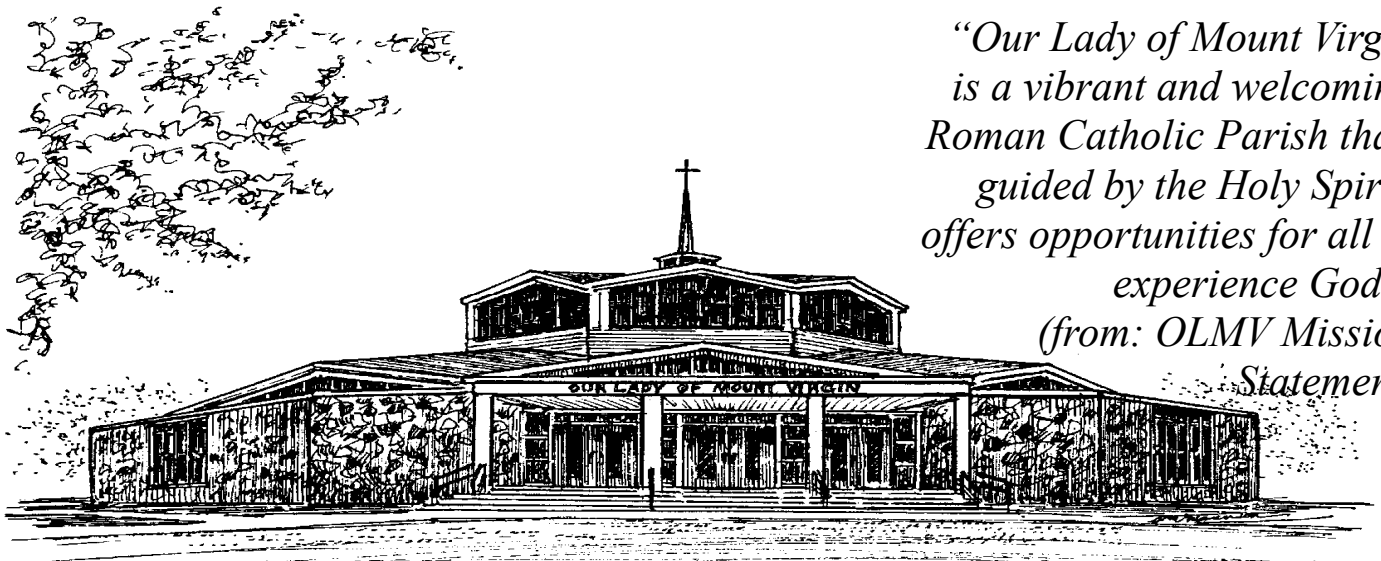
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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December 29, 2013

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www.olmv.net

*"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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2013



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Over all other virtues put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

-Colossians 3:14

MASS INTENTIONS

MON.,	Dec. 30th	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
9:00	A.M.	Anthony Michael Zotte
TUES.,	Dec. 31st	Saint Sylvester I, Pope
12:00	P.M.	Bernard Salvatore r/o Family
7:00	P.M.	Buenaventura Sabale r/o Amelia Villar
WED.,	Jan. 1st	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00	A.M.	Louis Della Valle r/o Tony & Fran Archer
12:00	P.M.	James DeLario r/o Chester & Clara Sadowski
THURS.,	Jan. 2nd	Saint Basil the Great
12:00	P.M.	James DeLario r/o Chester & Clara Sadowski
FRI.,	Jan. 3rd	The Most Holy name of Jesus
7:00	A.M.	Julie Erchick r/o Bill & Children
SAT.,	Jan. 4th	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00	A.M.	Purgatorial Society
5:00	P.M.	James Efinger r/o Mary & James Gorman
SUN.,	Jan. 5th	The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00	A.M.	Parishioners
10:00	A.M.	Mary Karaman r/o Angelo R. Petrone, Sr.
11:30	A.M.	Helen Simmons r/o Jack & Dot Redmod & Janet Patullo
1:30	P.M.	Por la paz en el mundo



Memorials

Week of December 29—January 5

Altar Candles

Frank Oliver r/o Louise Marshall

Sanctuary Candles

Zigmond Wysocki r/o Family

Tabernacle Candles

Philip Grinnell r/o Nana Ediberidze

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION begins after the 7:00 A.M. Mass on First Friday, January 3. Adoration ends right at 12:00 noon.

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.

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

St. Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

REMINDERS -

December 30th: Mass at 9:00 am ONLY

December 31st: Mass at 12 Noon and 7:00 pm (Vigil)

January 1st: Mass at 9:00 am. & 12:00 Noon

January 2nd & January 3rd: resume regular daily schedule

January 4th: resume regular weekend schedule 8:00 am & 5:00 pm Masses

January 5th: 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am.

REMINDER PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, December 30: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 31: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1: **The Parish Office will be closed**

The weekend of January 4 – 5



Altar Servers

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.....	\$7,486.00
Major Renov. Fund.....	\$823.00
Retirement Collection (Additional).....	\$260.00
Spanish Mass (Dec. 8).....	\$309.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners for your generosity at Christmas. Especially in these challenging economic times, your generosity to our parish, to the poor among us, to our diocese, and in response to the many challenges that present themselves is truly Christ-centered and living proof that core Gospel values are the backbone of our parish community.

*Father Pat, Father Peter, Deacon John T,
Deacon John C, Sister James, Mrs.
Zmigrodski, Rives Casell and the parish staff
wish all of you and your families a Happy,
Holy and Safe New Year !*



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Thank you Lord for giving me
the brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
as each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
that I might help a friend.
Give me strength and courage
so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty
help me fill it with good things.
Each new day fill with joy
and the happiness it brings.
Please give the
leaders of our world
a courage born of peace,
that they might lead us gently
and all the fighting cease.
Please give to all upon this earth
a heart that's filled with love;
a gentle happy way to live
with Your blessings from above.

2013 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith, Family, Community

The *Office of Family Life* empowers families to accept and embrace Catholic values by courageously modeling those values for society by the joyful acceptance of cultural diversity, the compassionate outpouring of love for those who are hurting or in need and for the ongoing affirmation of the dignity of all human life. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports these vital ministries.

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!**

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

A NOTE
FROM
FATHER
PAT

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have just experienced Christmas! We have worshipped together and, hopefully, have spent time these past days considering Jesus Christ who is always present among us. We have been with family and friends; we have shared a great meal and have exchanged presents.

Now we are already thinking about the New Year. Now is a good time to re-examine today's second reading. If the other day was about encountering Christ as the new-born baby, now is the time to consider living as a true follower of the Christ-child. Saint Paul teaches us today exactly how to live lives as followers of Christ. Our second reading is an incredible guide to "living the Christian message" that can be found in the entire New Testament. We celebrate the Holy Family today, and we are invited to consider how we can best live as part of the "Christian Family."

If you make today's second reading a part of your everyday life, this coming year will be more peaceful, calmer and more hopeful. It is a true "blueprint" for the Christian life.

Saint Paul teaches us that we need to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." And he recommends a large dose of "forgiveness." Most important for us, he says we must "put on love," and let the "peace of Christ control our hearts." We must also be "thankful," and "let the word of God dwell in our hearts."

My brothers and sisters this is a blueprint for serenity and peace in 2014. A short and simple paragraph, but one packed with real Pauline wisdom!

The other day I was sitting in front of the television---exercising the muscle in my right thumb (channel surfing!). I came across "Doctor Phil." He was with a family that apparently had been fighting for over a year---still upset about the presents that were exchanged over a year ago! He had lots of empathy as he tried to help this family sort out its estrangement. I thought to myself---they forgot about "Christ" in Christmas. They had no serenity or peace. With all of Doctor Phil's good advice, unless they found Christ, they would never get over last year's mess.

Do you have serenity and peace? My prayer as we look to 2014 is that we proclaim Jesus Christ each and every day. Together may we take to heart the words of Saint Paul to the Colossians. May we live these words and become beacons of serenity and peace!

May God bless you in 2014!!!

In peace and prayer,
Father Pat

I want to thank the many wonderful parishioners here at OLMV for your kind remembrances, cards, Spiritual Bouquets, gifts and Christmas blessings that have been so generously shared with me. In particular I want to thank our parishioners who have made donations for the poor of our parish. During the month of January, our Saint Joseph Basket will be for the Dominican Sisters in Summit, NJ. Thank you also to everyone who faithfully supported our St. Joseph Baskets each month. - - - *Father Pat.*



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL:
HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

For information, please contact the school administration at 908 - 822 - 5890 or log on to the school's web page at: Holy SaviorAcademy.com

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO GROW IN OUR FAITH! ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS:

are about to begin! Join this small group who gather to deepen their understanding and commitment to Jesus and to learn more about the Catholic faith. If you are over 18 yrs. of age and have celebrated Baptism and Communion, but not Confirmation, you are welcome to our **FIRST MEETING ON MONDAY JANUARY 6 AT 7:00 PM IN PETRA HOUSE**. Please call Sister James to register or for further information (732-609-1091).

LAZARUS MINISTRY: General Meeting on Monday, January 13, at 7:00 PM in Petra House. All parishioners are welcome to this meeting to learn how just a little of your time can mean a great deal to those who have lost a loved one. There are many aspects to the ministry; one will enable your gifts to be used for the good of others! Join one of our four teams and learn how you can help. Please call Sr. James (732-609-1091) if you have any questions or ask a member of our Ministry.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: Mass & Communion at the 8:00 A.M. Mass next **Sunday, January 5th**. **There is no meeting in January.**

2013 YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope that you will consider making good use of your income tax charitable deduction. Giving gifts of cash (check) or securities which have appreciated in value can help assure maximum benefits for you and your charitable interests.

Your 2013 year-end gift to Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church or to the Diocese of Metuchen can significantly reduce your income taxes, while providing meaningful support to the various ministries that are vital to the physical, spiritual, and emotional health of our Church. Please contact Father Pat for additional information. Thanks for your past and continued generosity.

PEACE

*First keep the peace within yourself,
then you can also bring peace to others.*



**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
"HELP LINE"
732-356-2149, option 6**

**All calls for assistance are confidential.
VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:**

**donate a running or non-running vehicle to help the less fortunate.
To do so please call the help line at 732-356-2149 x 6**

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 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.

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!

**CAN YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE?
RETOUVAILLE—A LIFELINE FOR
TROUBLE MARRIAGES**

If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold or distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again---then the **RETOUVAILLE** program may help you.

The next program begins the weekend of **February 28—March 2, 2014**. All inquires are confidential. For further information please call the *Family Life Office* (days) 732-562-1990 ext. 1624.

A real heart-felt "**Thank You**" to the members of our **Altar Rosary Society**, to our **Knights and to our Parish Youth** as well as other **parishioners** who assisted in the decoration of our church for Christmas this year. Our church---especially our worship space---was just beautiful. No one entered our church who was not moved to prayer and gratitude before the Christ-child.

Monthly Food Collection for FISH, Inc. Thanks to all who participated in last week's food collection for the pantry at FISH, Inc. The response of food was very generous and was appreciated by the staff at the pantry. Many thanks also to the drivers who delivered the food on Monday morning. 72 bags of food were delivered and 2 cases through the generosity of our parishioners!

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.

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NOTAS DEL PADRE PAT...

-Si desean ofrecer la intención de la Santa Misa en memoria de algún ser querido o por alguna intención en especial, pueden pasar por la oficina y reservar Misas para este nuevo año 2014. Cada Misa tiene un costo de \$10.00.

-Gracias a todas las familias que colaboraron con el Compartir Navideño. Que Dios bendiga sus hogares y llene de paz sus corazones!

Que Dios les bendiga!!

Padre Pat.

INFORMATION SHEET

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