

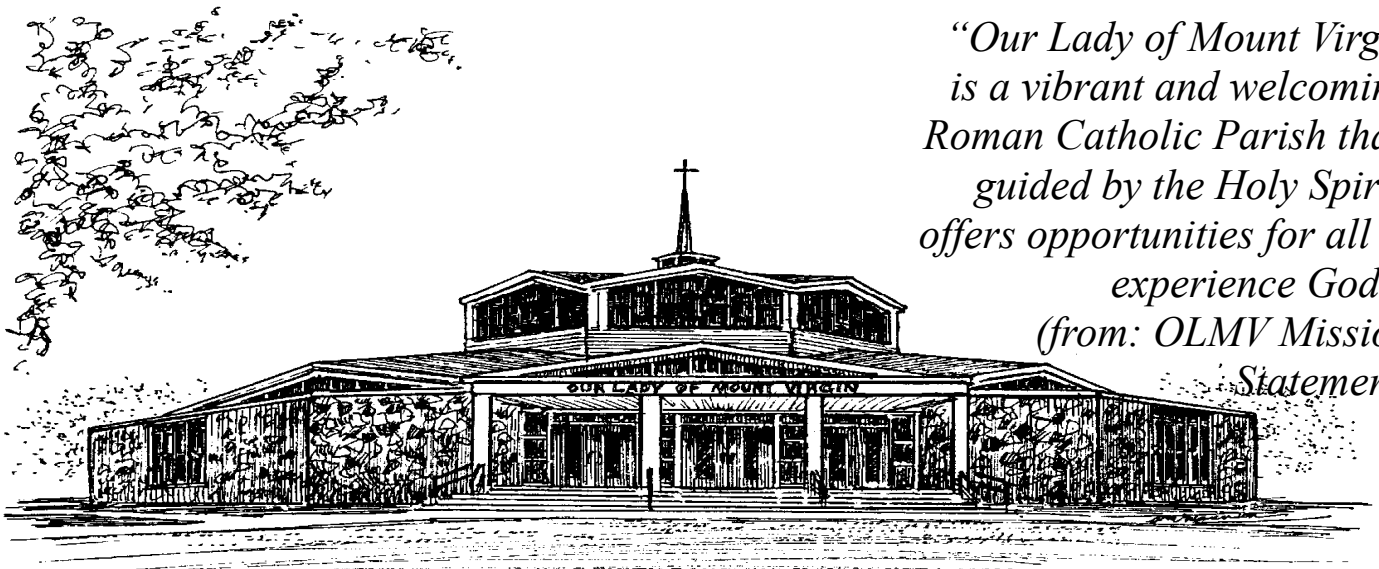
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church

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August 3, 2014

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Parish Office: 732-356-2149 ext. 1001
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.

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2014



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All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

-Isaiah 55:1

MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	August 4th A.M.	Saint John Vianney Deceased Sisters of St Joseph r/o Sisters of Petra House
TUES., 12:00	August 5th P.M.	Weekday Robert & Loretta Goodwin r/o The Goodwin Family
WED., 7:00	August 6th A.M.	The Transfiguration of the Lord Mary R. Greiner r/o Betty Roy
THURS., 12:00	August 7th P.M.	Weekday Franco LaMicela r/o The Tripoli Family
FRI., 7:00	August 8th A.M.	Saint Dominic, Priest Bill Carr r/o Anna Carr
SAT., 8:00	August 9th A.M.	Weekday Frances Crynock r/o Husband & Family
5:00	P.M.	Onofrio Lello r/o Tony & Monique Sasso
SUN., 8:00	August 10th A.M.	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners
10:00	A.M.	Genevieve Jeskie r/o Evelyn Davis
11:30	A..M.	Edmund O'Brien r/o Wife, Lucille O'Brien & Family
1:30	P.M.	Sara de Miranda, Maria de Janira Cuellar

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAYS AT 1:00PM: JULY 11 THROUGH AUGUST 29.

Week of August 3—10

Altar Candles

Pattie Thomas r/o Sister Sheila



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: Yen Nguyen and Chen Chao.

**An attitude of gratitude
is central to
the stewardship way of life.**

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

WEDDING BANNERS

III Katia Sanchez & Roddy Caraballo

Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish will begin advertising for the position of Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Candidates should be practicing Catholic persons who have a background in theology and or spirituality as well as experience working with youth and young adults. Candidates need to be available on weekends and evenings. Knowledge of Catholic social teaching and service programs is a plus. Position is part-time and salary is negotiable. Interested candidates should forward a resume to Father Patrick Kuffner, Pastor.

ALTAR SERVERS: Calling youngsters who are willing to participate in the powerful ministry of Altar Service! Boys and girls, young men and young women who will be in **grades 4 through 8 in September, 2014** are invited to serve at God's altar at Mass on weekends and at special liturgies. Serving at the altar of God is a special honor and privilege for our younger members of the parish. **Anyone interested please pick up a form for altar server found around the church entranceways, and return them to Fr. Pat.**

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF August 9-10

- 5:00 pm— Amelia Casale
Taylor Anthony
- 8:00 am— Isabel Martinez
Sheridan Hoyt
- 10:00 am— Arista Parillo
Jackie Mai
Christina Mai
- 11:30 am— Natalie Zychlinski



“Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy?” - Isaiah 55:2

Of all the ways we are asked to be generous, giving our money can be the most challenging. God understands this. Remember though that we are called to be generous with all our gifts, including our money. We are called to give from our “first fruits” and not from what is “leftover”.

July 26—27.....	\$9,581.00
Hispanic Mass	\$363.00
Major Renovations Fund.....	\$711.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

MINISTERS OF OUR PARISH:

We are in need of additional Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality for our weekend Masses and for special occasions. We are also in need of additional Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors proclaim the Word at Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday as well as during the week. Eucharistic ministers serve at Mass by assisting the priest and deacons in distribution of Holy Eucharist. Eucharistic Ministers are also needed to visit the sick, aged and infirm, and to bring them Holy Communion. Interested parishioners should contact Sister James.

BOOK CLUB: We have had a nice response to our Book Club that will be starting up this year. The first book selection will be "The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. If you are interested in taking part in the book club, please e-mail Dorothy Zmigrodski at dzmigrodski@olmv.net. We will meet once every 2 months to discuss the selected books. The first meeting will be at the end of September.



BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

AUGUST 16-17

I know it's still summer but school supplies need to be purchased early to get the best prices and give the organization time to distribute the items to needy families in a number of charities. These charities include the *Catholic Charities of Perth Amboy*, the *Ozaman Family Shelter* and a number of other charities that help families work towards the day when they will have their own place to live. Items needed are the usual things children need going back to school, such as pencils, pens, binders, backpacks and other items you will see on sale in the stores. Please plan to contribute to this project if you can. Thank you for your participation.

GOLDEN AND SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 4:00 PM

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

Forms must be signed by a pastoral minister and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration Monday, October 6th. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed.

IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Kool Kars Show: September 14.
Altar Rosary Society Bake Sale: September 27—28.
Clothing Drive: September 28.
Blessing of the Pets: October 5.
Octoberfest: October 11.
Artisan Fair: November 16.
Winter Coat Drive: November 29—30.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel passage can be understood on so many different levels, and there is just so much that can be pulled from it as we continue to open our hearts to the presence of the Lord. Certainly, the "feeding of the 5,000" is such a powerful image, and it is very easy to fill up pages with thoughts on this incredible miracle. I think that it is also important, however to consider two other important aspects of this Gospel passage if we are to understand more fully its spiritual dimensions.

First, this passage begins as Jesus hears for the first time of the death of his cousin, John. We know that Jesus is deeply affected by this news. He separates himself from the crowd. He needs time by himself so that he can pray to his heavenly Father and also so that he can mourn. We also become aware that the people have a deep need to have Jesus present to them. When they hear that he has gone into mourning, they set out---in vast numbers---to meet up with him. It seems that they are already there when he disembarks from the boat in which he has travelled. It would have been understandable if Jesus let them down gently and insisted that he needed some time to himself. But this is not what happens. Jesus is moved with pity for the crowd---they are filled with hope and expectation as they enter into his presence. He spends time with them, he cures them and shares his presence with them. Finally it gets late in the day and his disciples advise him that he needs to send them away. If they don't go now they will never be able to purchase provisions for their journey home. Jesus refuses to send them away and asks that they bring him their provisions so that he can feed them. The disciples do this even though they know that it is both an incredible and impossible request. There were thousands of people and only a little bread and a little fish. But Jesus takes this food and offers it in blessing and prayer to God the Father. In an action that can only be understood as "eucharistic," Jesus breaks the bread and gives it to his disciples so that they can share it with the crowd. Everyone eats until satisfied! Much more is collected as left-over food than was originally offered! What an incredible miracle!

There are just so many different interpretations for this miracle: some that are of great theological depth and others not so much!

We are invited to consider what this miracle means for us today in 2014. Even when exhausted, hurting and shocked to the depth of his being, Jesus remains faithful to his mission to announce the kingdom of God. And we are reminded that we are called to do the same! Jesus spends time with the people and then invites his disciples to participate in the lived experience of sharing the "Good News." And we are reminded that we are called to do the same! Jesus fed the souls of the crowd first and only then did he feed their bodies. Both are important, but Jesus is clear that salvation comes first.

I think that today's miracle story reminds us that we must live the Corporal Works of Mercy but we must live the Spiritual Works of Mercy first. We are reminded that we need to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. First we need to fill souls with faith in the Lord. Bread not broken in prayer offered to God our Father is just bread. Bread broken in prayer offered to the Father becomes the Bread of Life! Go forth and proclaim the Lord!

Father Pat



**THE DEANERY SCHOOL: HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY
NEW REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING
ACCEPTED.**

For more information contact the School's Office at 908-822-5890 or log on to the school's website at: holysavioracademy.com.

Holy Savior Academy, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, is currently taking registrations for the 2014-15 school year. Come tour the pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school, meet our new principal, Kristen Kiernan and ask about plans for the upcoming school year, including the "Academic Power Hour" and the 12-month pre-kindergarten program for 3- and 4-year olds. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 908-822-5890 or visit www.holysavioracademy.com.

SAVE THE DATE: September 11, 2014, 7:00 P.M., by the Monument at Victor Crowell Park off Rt. 28/Raritan Avenue. Middlesex Borough will hold its Annual September 11 Memorial Candlelight Ceremony. We encourage everyone to attend this service to remember those who have lost their lives on this fateful day, and also to acknowledge our military men and women who are currently serving home or abroad. Please bring your candles or any luminaries. In anticipation of this memorial ceremony, we are asking the citizens of Middlesex Borough to forward the names and rank of family members, friends or neighbors who are currently serving in any branch of the military so that they may be recognized during the ceremony. Please forward these names at your earliest possible convenience to Monique Sasso, 332 Giles Avenue, Middlesex, NJ 08846, by phone at 732-356-9001 or e-mail at ms332@optonline.net.

**"DIVORCE AFFECTS EVERYONE...IT HAPPENS,
AND IT HURTS"**

The Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, **NEW** ministry to men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. "*The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide*" is a 12 week program featuring thirty-minute DVD sessions each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single and much more. This program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. **Pre-registration is required no later than September 15, 2014.**

DATES: Tuesday (September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 16, 2014)
TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM
PLACE: ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER (146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854)
FEE: \$25.00. TO REGISTER: Ro Bersch (908) 313-5947 or (908) 470-0678



**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.
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

Religious Education:

**CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE
FOLLOWING GRADES:**

1st Grade Catechist and Aide

2nd Grade Aide

Please contact Dorothy Zmigrodsky, if you can help at 732-356-2149 ext. 2011.

Hispanic Catechist Needed: If you, or you know of anyone having experience from your native country and would be interested in becoming part of this formation process, please call Gabriella at the Parish Office. **Maestra de Catesismo:** si usted tiene experiencia de su país natal y estaría interesado en formar parte de este proceso de formación, por favor llame Gabriella en la Oficina Parroquial.

Next Food Collection for Fish, Inc August 16—17. We are asking each family to consider donating one or more of the following:

- A box of cereal or
- A package of rice or pasta or
- A canned good item or
- A can of coffee or
- A box of tea bags or
- Any single non-perishable food item

Many in our parish are contributing a bag full of these items, and we are very grateful – but our collection would be “over the top” if every family would give even one item a month. Thank you for whatever you can do to help the needy in our area. Thank you to our generous parishioners who donated food in the month of July, we collected 111 bags of food!

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish has an arrangement with Provident Bank for Automatic Deposit (ACH Banking) for our parishioners. Many parishioners tell me that the only check they write out each week is the one for our church; they do all their other banking through automatic deposit or online. Please find applications for automatic deposit banking that are available around the church entrances. Completed forms should be returned to Father Pat. Please contact Father Pat if you want additional information about this program.

<<<<<<<<<<RINCÓN ESPAÑOL >>>>>>>>>

NOTAS DEL PADRE PAT...

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.

Lectores: Oportunidades para servir durante Misa. Para mas información llamar a Gabriella al 732-356-2149 ext. 1001.

-Si desean llevar la Virgen a sus hogares lo puede hacer registrándose en la parroquia de Lunes a Jueves de 8:30 am—2:00 pm.

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial durante el verano: De **L-J 8:30 am—4:00 pm, V—8:30 am—1:00 pm.**

Padre Pat

INFORMATION SHEET

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