Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church

Parish Mission Statement

Growing in grace, growing in gratitude and growing in faith by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Crescendo nella grazia, crescendo nella gratitudine e crescendo nella fede per mezzo di vivere il Vangelo di Gesù Cristo.

Lifting our prayers through the intercession of

Our Lady of Mount Virgin & Our Lady of Sorrows

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Our Lady of Mount Virgin website:
www.mountvirgin.com

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday:	5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (Italian), 11:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday & Wednesday at	8:00 AM in Main Church Friday at 7:00 PM in Main Church
1st & 3rd Friday:	7:00 PM (Italian)
4th Friday:	7:00 PM (Bi-Lingual Memorial Mass)
Holy Days of Obligation	7:00 PM - Vigil, 7:00 PM (Bi-Lingual)

DEVOTIONS

Monday:	8:00 AM St. Jude Novena
Wednesday	8:00 AM St. Rita Novena
1st Friday:	5:00 - 7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7:00 PM Sacred Heart (Italian)
2nd Friday	7:00 PM Youth Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3rd Friday:	7:00 PM San Pio (Italian)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM and any day upon request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Sunday: 1:00 PM Contact Rose at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Monthly visitation and communion for home-bounds. Contact the Parish Office.

MEALS WITH A MISSION

63 Harrison Ave., Garfield, NJ 07026 (201) 986-6325

PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our Parish is encouraged to register. Registration is our only means of recognizing anyone as a member of our Parish. It is also important for testimonial letters regarding Sponsorship for the Sacraments. To register, contact the Parish Office during office hours.

CHURCH/RECTORY ADDRESS	OFFICE HOURS	OLS CHAPEL
188 Mac Arthur Ave.	Monday - Friday	111 Jewell St.
Garfield, NJ 07026	9:00 AM-12:30 & 1:30-4:00 PM	Garfield, NJ 07026
Tel: 973-772-2295	Saturdays: Closed	
Fax: 973-478-4389	Sundays: Closed	

Pastor's Page

My Friends:

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted His people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it.

Jesus simplified all these commands when He reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that, as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

Loving you always,

Fr. Peter

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL/EVANGELIZATION

To Evangelize is to live out our Baptism Call! Through these words of Saint Patrick, we can live our Baptism Call. To Evangelize: *"I arise today through the strength of Christ with His Baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, through the strength of His Resurrection with His Ascension."*

FAITHGIVING

March 7, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything…" - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. May we learn to turn away from the false idols of our society - those visible and invisible.

Faith Giving. . .

Weekend of:	**2/28/21**
Registered Families	**1,540**
Envelopes Received:	**145**
Total Sunday Collection	**3,247**
Loose Cash	**345**
Repairs & Maintenance	**145**
Collection for Eastern Europe	**162**
Ash Wednesday	**79**
Easter Flowers	**30**
Black & Indian Collection	**12**

Mass Breakdown:

Env.:	**5P $440**	**8A $242**	**9:45A $354**	**11:30A $1,866**
Cash:	**54**	**45**	**61**	**185**

Don't forget to SPRING AHEAD 1 hour on March 14th at 2:00 AM. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors too!

Third Sunday of Lent

CCD Corner

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John 2:13-25

About the Gospel: Jesus does not like injustice or bad actions. In today's Gospel, He is not happy with the people who are using the Temple for profit rather than for love of God. He says the Temple will be destroyed and built again in three days, but He is talking about Himself! Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

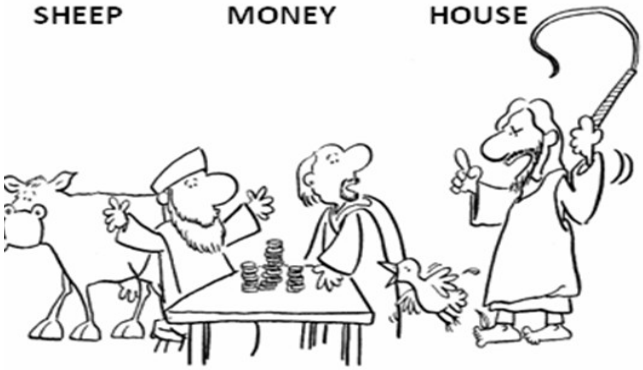
Gospel Question: Why does Jesus chase the merchants and moneychangers out of the Temple courtyard?

Question of the Week: What things in your life do you need to get rid of so you can focus more on God?

In Church: Put some money in the Sunday collection to help people in need.

Family Prayer: Holy Spirit, show us how to let go of things we do not need. Amen.

JERUSALEM	PASSOVER	PIGEONS
WHIP	MARKET	SANCTUARY
ZEAL	BODY	COINS
SHEEP	MONEY	HOUSE



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Looking for Sunday Mass Volunteers

We need more volunteers to be Ministers of Hospitality (MOH). The job of Ministers of Hospitality involves execution of the social distancing and other safety measures instituted by the Archdiocese of Newark that are enabling us to welcome parishioners back to Mass during the time of the corona virus pandemic. In addition, the MOH, if they so choose, will be needed, on occasion, to run the slide presentation that projects the readings, hymns and responses during Mass.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Steve Browne @ spbrowne@optonline.net or 201-937-4989 or Lisa Buono @ lckb57@aol.com or 201-805-2548.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven."
Pope Francis

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father."

So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 2021 (Spanish). Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (for Spanish option 2) or e-mail Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English) or elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org (Spanish)

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

*** All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed**

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 7
8:00 AM Cataldo Mancino - r/b Rosa Nocera
9:45 AM Margherita & Antonio Tantillo - r/b The Family
Vincenzo & Cira Leto - r/b Cira & Salvatore Leto
11:30 AM Peter Latona - r/b Maria & Salvatore Ingraffia
Ciro Randazzo - r/b The Family

Monday, March 8
8:00 AM Sal Mastropole, Jr. - r/b His Family
George Stanko - r/b John Prelich, Jr.

Wednesday, March10
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
In Thanksgiving for St. Jude - r/b Joan Caruso

Friday, March 12
7:00 PM Spec. Int. of Arianna Bonvento - r/b Her Family

Saturday, March 13
5:00 PM Perpetual Memorial Mass
Leo Milito - r/b Fr. Peter
Carlo Sacco - r/b Annemarie Sacco

Sunday, March 14
8:00 AM Giuseppe & Domenico Lombardi - r/b Joanne Latona
Connie & Emil Porcoro - r/b Emil Ciliento & Florence Mazzer
9:45 AM Gaetano & Anna LoBianco - r/b The Family
Maria Ruisi - r/b Anna & Santo LoCascio
11:30 AM Salvatore LoPinto - r/b His Friends from GHS
Anthony Damato, Sr. - r/b His Wife & Children

Please remember all the deceased of the parish, especially Aida Wilkens and Louis Scalera.

In Loving Memory…

The Altar Candle will be offered during the month of ***March*** *in loving memory of* ***Salvatore Mastropole Sr. and Salvatore Mastropole Jr.*** as requested by ***The Family.***

Baby Arianna Bonvento, Joseph Bullaro III, Caitlyn Manger, Splendora Rastelli, Enid & Vincent Pipitone, Paul & Connie Munier, Tommy Briggs, Maddie Kelble, Carole Tedesco, Pat Nunno, Nicholas Nunno, John Nordyk, Jamie P., Genevieve Triola McClory, Susan Perrelli, Marge Latona, Suzie & Alberto Furnari, Andrea Scalera, Lorraine & Ed Ransom, James Michaels, Mary Lentini, Peggy Knee, Stephania Argueta, Sammy Basile, Roseann Borelli, Tiffany Giansante, Ida Travan, Tanya Berghuys, Pamela Gallagher, Mary Sacco, Antonino LoCascio, Marie Dolce, Anthony Spinella, Maria Carnevale, Gardenia Hougmba, Charlie Landers, Joseph Dorney, Santo LoCascio, Sr. Angela Ventura, Santo LoCascio and Linda Tintle.

VERY IMPORTANT!
Call for Mass Reservations!

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Italian - 11:30 AM

Due to the capacity limits set by the Archdiocese
Everyone wishing to attend Weekend Mass MUST call for a reservation
(973) 772-2295

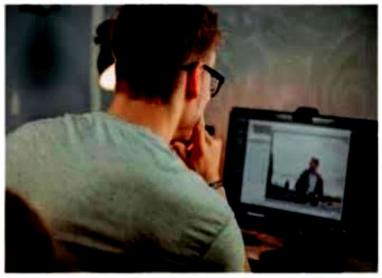
Please leave a voicemail, if necessary. The rectory office listens to them and your reservation will be complete.

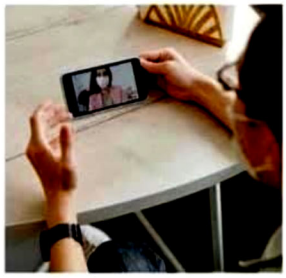
Please note that no one will be admitted without a mask or a reservation.

Third Sunday of Lent

"I, the Lord, am your God… You shall not have other gods besides me."

Exodus 10:2a, 3





COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Services

NJ Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) at the Family Service Bureau of Newark is available to assist communities affected by COVID-19. We are a neighbor helping neighbor team with staff on-call to provide the following services:

- Online Support for Stress Management Techniques
- Develop New Coping Skills
- Compassion Fatigue
- Communication Techniques
- Resource Linkage

NEW JERSEY hope and healing

Hours of Operations: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone Number: 973-272-7488
Email Address: FSBNJHH@newcommunity.org

Services offered in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Passaic counties. Various languages are available.

Services are available remotely for families, individuals and youth.

FSB Family Service Bureau of Newark — A New Community Affiliate

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