

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church

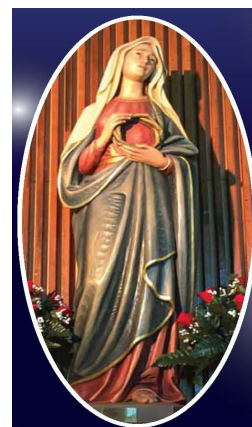


Parish Mission Statement

*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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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 8:00 AM, 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.

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

188 Mac Arthur Ave.
Garfield, NJ 07026
Tel: 973-772-2295
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM-12:30 & 1:30-4:00 PM
Saturdays: Closed
Sundays: Closed

OLS CHAPEL

111 Jewell St.
Garfield, NJ 07026

OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN, GARFIELD, NJ

The Pastor's Points. . .

My Friends:

Usually the first reading is picked to go with the Gospel. This week the connection appears to be a feast. The book of Joshua tells of the Israelites coming into the Promised Land, where they no longer needed to be fed with manna as in the desert. They had been wandering much longer than expected. But now they celebrate the Passover with food from the land. Then we hear the Gospel parable about another feast. This one is also a celebration of forgiveness, for the prodigal son has returned to his father, and the father's forgiveness shows us how willing God is to forgive us. That's where we end the parable, right? Wrong. The parable continues with the older son's complaint about a feast for his brother. Notice the words of the father - *"everything I have is yours."* He's not just being sentimental because they are family. The younger brother had already taken his inheritance, so whatever was left will one day go to the older one. That son cannot forgive his brother and is angry at the father for welcoming the prodigal back.

Most of us have no trouble asking God's forgiveness. But we may have trouble forgiving others. We are so used to thinking in terms of justice that we are not satisfied with forgiveness. When I have been hurt, I feel like hitting back. When you see an action movie, you don't want the bad guy to give up and say he's sorry - you expect him to be destroyed by the good guy.

So we have to ask ourselves, whose idea of justice we live by. Is it the human expectation or is it God's justice, which is mercy and forgiveness? When someone cuts you off in traffic, do you feel like yelling, or offering forgiveness? The Golden Rule could be *"Forgive others as you would be forgiven."* Jesus gave His life for the sins of the world. Do we have the right to ask for more?

Loving you always,
Fr. Peter



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Faith Giving. . .

Weekend of:	3/20/22
Envelopes Received:	244
Total Sunday Collection	3,493
Loose Cash	739
Repairs & Maintenance	332
Collection for the Ukraine	1,568
Central & Eastern Europe Collection	1,285
Easter Flowers	30
Ash Wednesday	5

Mass Breakdown:

Env.:	5P \$935	8A \$848	9:45A \$401	11:30A \$570
Cash:	56	154	47	482

Online donations for February: \$3,147.00.

3/21/22

MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT PARISH ALPHA REPORT Cumulative

				Donor Pledged	Donor Rec'd
2022 Goal:	\$ 22,529	2022 YTD	Parish Totals	\$21,623	\$12,564
Over(Under) based			Bal. of Pledge Totals	9,058	
on pledges	\$ (906)		Average Gift	296	
% of Goal	95.98%		# of Donors	73	
Over(Under) based			Parish Totals	\$ 8,242	\$ 4,632
on Received	\$(9,964.33)	2021 YTD	Bal. of Pledge Totals	3,610	
% of Goal	55.77%		Average Gift	294	
Stretch Goal	\$ 22,827		# of Donors	28	
Over(Under) Based on			Parish Totals	\$21,859	\$21,834
Pledges	\$ (1,204)	2021 End of Year	Bal. of Pledge Totals	25	
% of Goal	94.73%		Average Gifts	251	
Over(Under) Based on			# of Donors	87	
Received	\$(10,262)				
% of Goal	55.04%				

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Fourth Sunday of Lent

About the Gospel: *This Sunday is sometimes called "Joy Sunday." It is a time to remember the joy that Easter brings after the time of repentance of Lent. The prodigal son is a reminder that we also stray from our Father through our sins and can return to the joy of His forgiveness. The parable of the Prodigal Son shows how the father is happy and filled with joy because his son came home. God is like the father in this parable.*

Gospel Question: *What does the Forgiving Father show us about what God is like?*

Question of the Week: *How can you find joy even when you are struggling or suffering?*

In Church: *Notice that the priest may be wearing rose-colored vestments this Sunday as a sign that we are getting closer to the joyful celebration of Easter.*

Family Prayer: *Lord, open our hearts to ask for forgiveness and to forgive others. Show us your mercy and help us to be merciful to others. Amen.*

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL/EVANGELIZATION

To Evangelize is to live out our Baptism Call! We live out our baptism call when we practice the virtue of purity. True purity is unselfish love. Purity is the liberating power that opens the doors of true freedom, peace and joy. To Evangelize - "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5:8

Music Notes.

This week is the story of the prodigal son, which has a simple message for us: Come home! Now is the time when we're going to start seeing a lot of new faces, or maybe faces we recognize, but haven't seen since Christmas. That's okay! Don't wait for them to come to you, but meet them like the father in our story: "So good to see you!"



Did you used to participate in Ministry but let it fall by the wayside? Maybe you even used to sing in the choir way back in the day but fell out of the habit. It's always the right time to "come home." We'd be happy to welcome you in the choir, no matter how long it's been. (It's like riding a bike, it'll come back to you.)

Come make music with us. Like the psalm says, "Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name."

Anyone wishing to send Fr. George a get-well card, may address it to: Rev. George Reilly, St. Catherine's Acute Healthcare Facility located at 120 Bloomfield Ave., Building #7 - The Convent, Room 221, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

Calendar

Sunday, March 27th

NO C.C.D.

1:00 PM - St. Joseph Dinner/Tavolo - FCH

Wednesday, March 30th

7:00 PM - RCIA - SJC

Thursday, March 31st

4:00 - 6:30 PM - Sacramental Prep - SJC

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday, April 1st

8:00 PM - The Way of the Cross - Church

Sunday, April 3rd

9:45 AM - C.C.D. - FCH

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FRIDAY MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8:00 AM. WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THE FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS PERFORMING "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" ON FRIDAY NIGHT.



March 27, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Lent

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



The Way of the Cross A Franciscan Mystery Play

On April 1, 2022 at 8:00 PM, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" at Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield, NJ. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, this presentation is not a "play" in the common sense, but is in fact, a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 12 teens and 8 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. Please arrive 10 minutes early.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 AM George Rothfritz - r/b John Prelich, Jr.
Ellen Sarno - r/b Rui & Christina Pereira
And All Souls
- 9:45 AM Dec. Members of the D'Angelo and Versaci
Families - r/b Sal and Angela D'Angelo
Maria Fragale - r/b Salvatore Ribaudo & Angela
Scafidi
Giuseppe DiLiberto - r/b His Wife & Children
Tutte le Anime
- 11:30 AM Richard Saporito - r/b Fr. Peter
Jack Mazzola - r/b Phil Noto & Family
All Dec. Mem. Of the Scimeca & Leto Family -
r/b Santa Scimeca & Family
Catherine Petriello - r/b Her Family
And All Souls

Monday, March 28

- 8:00 AM Carlo Passador - r/b OLMV Rosary Society
Kevin Lynch - r/b John Ferrante
Caterina Alfano - r/b Alberto & Assunta Furnari

Wednesday, March 30

- 8:00 AM Virginia & Joseph Caratenuto and Dominic Tirri
r/b Judith Caratenuto
Carlo Passador - r/b Peter S. Pirog

Friday, April 1

- 8:00 AM In Honor of the Sacred Heart
Frances Prelich - r/b Her Husband, John
Fara D'Angelo - r/b Her Family

Saturday, April 2

- 5:00 PM Maria Scafidi - r/b The Toms Family
Josephine "Jo" Rienzi - r/b OLMV Parish Life
And All Souls

Sunday, April 3

- 8:00 AM Anthony Cangelosi, Sr. - r/b The Family
Vincenza Mazzola - r/b The Mazzola Family
And All Souls
- 9:45 AM Cataldo Mancino - r/b His Wife & Sons
Giachino & Giuseppa Panzarella - r/b Concetta
Panzarella & Children
Tutte le Anime
- 11:30 AM Peter Latona - r/b His Wife, Debbie
Rose Latona - r/b Eugene & Joanne Briglio
And All Souls

**Please remember all the deceased of the parish,
especially Michele Randazzo.**

4th Sunday of Lent

*"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away; behold,
new things have come..."*

2 Corinthians 5:17



In Loving Memory...

The Altar Host will be offered during the month of **March** in loving memory of **Lucy Mealia** as requested by **Parish Life Ministry**.

The Altar Wine will be offered during the month of **March** in loving memory of **Joseph Pucci** as requested by **His Son, Tony**.

The Altar Candle will be offered during the month of **March** for the **Special Intentions of Christine Wamsley** as requested by **Joan Larkin**.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp will be offered during the month of **March** for the **Special Intentions of Jeffrey J. Larkin** as requested by **Joan Larkin**.

The Sacred Heart Candle will be offered during the month of **March** in **Honor of The Sacred Heart** as requested by **Beatrice Basile**.

The Our Lady of Mount Virgin Candle will be offered during the month of **March** in loving memory of **Biagio Huljev** as requested by **The Palumbo, Giordano & Stringer Families**.



Fr. George M. Reilly, Splendora Rastelli, Enid & Vincent Pipitone, Paul & Connie Munier, Tommy Briggs, Maddie Kelble, Carole Tedesco, Pat Nunno, Nicholas Nunno, Deb Nordyk, Jess Kriedler, Genevieve Triola McClory, Jaimie P., Susan Perrelli, Marge Latona, Suzie and Alberto Furnari, Andrea Scalera, Beatrice Basile, Ida Travan, Marie Dolce, Carmen Miele, Frank Battaglia, Evelyn Wescott, Gianna Masciantonio, Neha Gupta, Cheryl Feeley, David Furnari, Rose Collado, Lee Morano, Dianna Indelicato, Johnnie Merk, Francisco Nergon, Frank Masano, Ida Peterson, Mike Dolman and Kathleen Rizzo.

**** Please call the Rectory and speak with Renée, or Joanne at 973-772-2295, if there is anyone you would like to be added to our prayer list.**

Lent - Sacrifice - Clothing Bins - Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books to the Catholic Charities clothing bin? If you do, you have made the connection and you have moved closer to Christ. Thank you.