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

Parish Staff

REV. PETER J. PALMISANO
Pastor

REV. MARCO VITRANO
Parochial Vicar

REV. COLIN KAY
Weekend Assistant

REV. MR. ANTHONY LAFRANCA
Deacon

ROSE TODARO
Director of Religious Education

RENÉE DI GIROLAMO
Administrative Assistant

JOANNE BRIGLIO
Administrative Assistant

MICHELE FAZIO
Parish Bookkeeper

EVAN TINTLE-CHARPENTIER
Music Director

RUTH ANN CARPARELLI
Music Ministry

ARMANDA CERQUEIRA
Media Specialist

CAROLINA MUÑOZ
Youth Minister - Part Time

PETER S. PIROG
Facilities Manager

LISA BUONO PETER S. PIROG
VINCENT LETO JOHN PRELICH
OLMV Trustees

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	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
Fax: 973-478-4389

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

The Pastor's Points. . .

My Friends:

Believe It or Not

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." While this was a common greeting, Jesus was using it to remind them of His saying, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid". The disciples were hiding in fear, so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: His resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

Now that He is raised from the dead, they can take heart that no one can truly hurt them--even death has been overcome. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of His followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, He showed them His wounds and let them touch Him. He wanted to show that He was not a ghost. He has risen from death and it has no more power over Him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, He bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now He shares that with His disciples when He tells them that they can forgive sins also. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing Him. As Jesus was sent by His Father, He now sends His apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed". That includes everyone down to the present generation who has believed on the word of others - from the apostles in the scriptures to holy people in our own time who have experienced the Lord in their lives. We often think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

Loving you always,

Fr. Peter

Tom Schmidt

© J. S. Paluch Co.

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Faith Giving. . .

Weekend of:	**4/10/22**
Envelopes Received:	**197**
Total Sunday Collection	**4,403**
Loose Cash	**1,104**
Repairs & Maintenance	**92**
Easter Flowers	**270**
Holy Land	**155**
Children	**31**

Mass Breakdown:

Env.:	**5P**	**$1,062**	**8A**	**$745**	**9:45A**	**$378**	**11:30A**	**$1,114**
		116		**164**		**143**		**681**

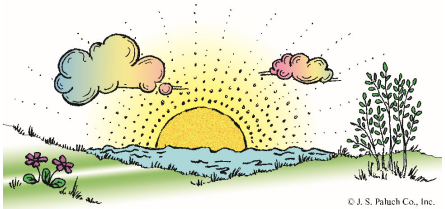
FAITHGIVING

April 24, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"

John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.



Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

CCD Corner

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

About the Gospel: *Today's Gospel shows how Jesus' followers are given the power to spread God's love in the world. The story begins with the fearful disciples meeting behind locked doors. The Risen Lord appears to them on the evening of the resurrection. The first word He speaks is "peace," and then He tells His followers to go out and continue His work: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus breathes on the disciples, giving them the Spirit.*

Thomas is not present when the Risen Lord first appears to the disciples. He tells the others that unless he sees, he will not believe. When Jesus appears to him, Thomas believes. Thomas calls Jesus, "My Lord and my God." The Gospel ends with a message for all believers. Blessed are those who do not see and still believe.

Gospel Question: *Why does Jesus greet His followers with "peace?"*

Question of the week: *How do we show that we believe in God's love for us?*

In Church: *At the end of Mass, say, "Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!" Celebrate the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!*

Family Prayer: *Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior. We praise your goodness and joyfully sing Alleluia at the news of your Resurrection. Amen.*

Calendar

Sunday, April 24th
9:45 AM - C.C.D. - FCH

Wednesday, April 27th
7:00 PM - RCIA - SJC

Sunday, May 1st
9:45 AM - C.C.D. - FCH
11:30 AM - First Holy Communion - Church

Anyone wishing to send Fr. George an Easter card or 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.

2022 Anniversary Masses

We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022! These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 24, 2022	3:00 PM	25 years (All counties)
May 15, 2022	3:00 PM	50 years (All counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years can also join us. If you are celebrating any of these anniversaries and would like to take part in this celebration, please stop by the Rectory to fill out a Registration Form.

BECOME A CONTINUOUS LEARNER IN THE AREA OF YOUR FAITH.

The members of the bible study program invite new members of OLMV parish to join our spring 2022 program. The spring program will begin on Thursday, April 7th at 6:15 pm in the Saint Joseph's Center. The program is scheduled for eight sessions. The first and third Thursday of each month ending in July.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Congratulations!!

We wish to congratulate everyone who will receive Jesus for the first time in the Holy Eucharist, on Sunday, April 1st at the 11:30am Mass. We ask you, as their parish family, to pray for them often.

Sophia Capodici
Domenico Vito Care
Katie Rojas Garcia
Matthew D. Gomez
Alyssa Guzman
Cara Nicole Lobel
Alexia Chiara Lora
Chiara Maniscalco
Rachel Menendez
Alyssa Sydney Patane
Ariana Scaduto
Vennessa Szewczyk

A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize Your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of Your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of Your Kingdom. Soften my gaze, so that I view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion You showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of Your glory.
In Your sacred name, I pray.

Amen

Music Notes,

I feel bad for Thomas, I really do! He gets such a bad rap. He gets called "Doubting Thomas," but really, all he's asking for is proof! His friends are making some pretty wild claims and all he wants is the evidence. Really, he should be called "Realistic Thomas" or "Practical Thomas." But the nature of a miracle is that it transcends the realistic and the practical. People give all kinds of very realistic and practical reasons why they can't sing: *"Oh, I don't know how to read music, I don't have a good voice, I don't have a lot of free time, you wouldn't want me in the choir."* Well, that all sounds very realistic and practical...but you might be ignoring what's miraculous about you. Each one of us is unique and has something to contribute. Before you say "it's impossible," give yourself a chance. Try believing - even just a little bit - that you have something special to offer. I bet you'll surprise yourself.

The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED is for the blood he gave;
GREEN is for the grass he made;
YELLOW is for the sun so bright:
ORANGE for the edge of night;
BLACK is for the sins we made;
WHITE is for the grace he gave;
BLUE is for the hours of sorrow;
PINK is for a new tomorrow.

A cup of jelly beans, so colorful & sweet,
is a prayer, a promise, an Easter treat!

4/13/22

MONTHLY DEVELOPMENT PARISH ALPHA REPORT
Cumulative

				Donor Pledged	Donor Rec'd
2022 Goal:	$ 22,529	2022 YTD	Parish Totals	$24,868	$18,431
Over(Under) based on pledges	$ 2,339		Bal. of Pledge Totals	$6,436	
% of Goal	110.38%		Average Gift	$243	
Over(Under) based on Received	$ (4,097)	2021 YTD	# of Donors	102	
% of Goal	81.81%		Parish Totals	$11,669	$ 6,539
			Bal. of Pledge Totals	$5,130	
Stretch Goal	$ 22,827		Average Gift	$188	
Over(Under) Based on Pledges	$ 2,041	2021 End of Year	# of Donors	62	
% of Goal	108.94%		Parish Totals	$21,859	$21,834
			Bal. of Pledge Totals	$ 25	
Over(Under) Based on Received	$ (4,395)		Average Gifts	$ 251	
% of Goal	80.74%		# of Donors	87	

OUR LADY OF MT. VIRGIN CHURCH

FATHER PETER'S BINGO BIRTHDAY BASH

FRIDAY, APRIL 29th @ 7:30 pm

(doors open @ 6 pm – 18 & older only)

==========

CASH PRIZES ***50/50 RAFFLE*** ***TRICKY-TRAY***

free coffee/tea & birthday cake
light refreshments for sale

==========

AMERICAN LEGION POST #147
1 LEGION PLACE, ELMWOOD PARK, NJ

==========

TICKETS: $20
INCLUDES ONE PACKET OF PLAYING CARDS
ADDITIONAL PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR $5 EACH

==========

Call Patricia Giacchi (973) 345-6124 for tickets

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 24
8:00 AM James LaBarbiera - r/b His Wife
George Rothfritz - r/b John Prelich, Jr.
And All Souls
9:45 AM Jack Mazzola - r/b Nina, Al & Sean Lutz
Frank Malleo - r/b Tina Mastropaolo
Tutte le Anime
11:30 AM Madeline Pinto - r/b Mary Perri
Timothy J. Carey - r/b Frank & Renée DiGirolamo
And All Souls

Monday, April 25
8:00 AM Maria Scafidi - r/b Joanne & Eugene Briglio
Carlo Passador - r/b Raymond & Yolanda Kunz

Wednesday, April 27
8:00 AM Frances Prelich - r/b The Prelich Family
Radivoje Matovic - r/b Dragan & Kathy Brankov

Friday, April 29
7:00 PM **BiLingual Memorial Mass**
Spec. Int. for Mario & Renata Radzikowski
Joseph DiLeo - r/b The DiLeo Family
Nicolo Mastropaolo - r/b His Wife & Family
Francesco Gravante - r/b His Sister, Tina & Family
Vinnie & Dorothy Napolitano - r/b Their Daughter
Corrado Gravante & Ignazio Arrigo - r/b Their Daughter & Son

Saturday, April 30
5:00 PM Angela Holahan - r/b Her Family
Maria Penna - r/b Her Parents
And All Souls

Sunday, May 1
8:00 AM David Miele - r/b Peter S. Pirog
Carmen Marino - r/b Marie Rigoglioso
And All Souls
9:45 AM Cataldo Mancino - r/b His Wife & Sons
Giuseppe Leto - r/b Cira & Tony Panzarella & Fam.
Tutte le Anime
11:30 AM Jennifer Scimeca - r/b Mom & Dad
Joseph Supor - r/b Debra Latona
And All Souls

Please remember all the deceased of the parish.

Second Sunday of Easter

"Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever."

Revelation 1:18a

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL/EVANGELIZATION

To Evangelize is to live out our Baptism Call! Being an angel of peace and a messenger of joy is the best kind of evangelization. Let your light shine for all to see. Divine love and joy brings with it every good and banishes every evil. Through the words of this psalm, we live out our baptism call - To Evangelize: *"Serve the Lord with gladness, come into His presence with joy."*

Psalm 100:2

In Loving Memory…

The Altar Wine will be offered during the month of ***April*** *in loving memory of* ***Sebastiano Basile*** as requested by ***Sal & Maria Ingraffia.***

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

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

The Sacred Heart Candle will be offered during the month of ***April*** *in loving memory of* ***Joseph Makowka, Stanley & Sophie Makowka*** as requested by ***Cathy Makowka.***

The Our Lady of Mount Virgin Candle will be offered during the month of ***April*** *in loving memory of* ***Cataldo Mancino*** as requested by ***Giacomo & Lena Mancino.***

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.*

The Joys of Easter

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark
Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System
Mount Carmel Guild Schools

Christ is risen. These words fill the festive celebrations of Catholic Churches throughout the world. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys in the depth of their hearts, due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes and other items to the Donation Bin located on our property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS
Our Lady of Mount Virgin #702930
188 Mac Arthur Avenue
Garfield, NJ 07026

PHONE
201-759-3305 Cell *
973-772-2295

CONTACT PERSON
Renee Di Girolamo

NUMBER OF PAGES SENT
Cover + 5 text pages + this page = 7

SUNDAY DATE OF PUBLICATION
April 24, 2022

TRANSMISSION TIME
Tuesday 3:00

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
Please print only 250 copies for our parish.
Send our bulletin to:188 MacArthur Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026

FedEx Shipping address: 188 Mac Arthur Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026

Tracking e-mail: reneedi1115@aol.com