PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday (8:30 am-4:00 pm)

All are encouraged to visit and spend time in prayer and meditation in the church and in our Meditation Garden.

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)
3:30 p.m. (Chinese Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. (M, W, F);
12:00 noon (Tues, Th)
Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

ADORATION: 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month 7:30 a.m.—12:00 noon and the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday from 1:00 to 1:25 p.m. (in Spanish)

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MON. Dec. 24th**  
7:00 A.M. +OLMV Parishioners  
4:00 P.M. +Louis L. Sammartino r/o Karen & Kevin Brett  
7:00 P.M. *Special Intention for Fernando Palucha r/o Palucha Family  
12:00 A.M. *OLMV Parishioners

**TUES. Dec. 25th**  
8:00 A.M. The Nativity of the Lord  
10:00 A.M. +Ronald Campbell r/o Clara & Bruce Perone  
12:00 P.M. +Jason Mink r/o Cathy Cerebe  
1:30 P.M. *OLMV Comunidad Hispana

**WED. Dec. 26th**  
9:00 A.M. St. Stephen, The First Martyr  
12:00 P.M. +Parishioners of OLMV

**THURS. Dec. 27th**  
12:00 P.M. +Emil Mihalek r/o Doreen Russo

**FRI. Dec. 28th**  
9:00 A.M. The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
12:00 P.M. +Buenaventura Sabale r/o Amelia S. Villar

**SAT. Dec. 29th**  
8:00 A.M. Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
5:00 P.M. +Emily Fabiano r/o Ellen Fleming

**SUN. Dec. 30th**  
8:00 A.M. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
10:00 A.M. +Mary Engelman r/o Daughter, Patricia  
11:30 A.M. +Anthony Michael Zotte r/o Debbie, Anthony Amanda Zotte  
1:30 P.M. +Richard Powers r/o Casale Family  

+Deceased  
*Living

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**ADVENT**

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered; and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful exception.

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**GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**DECEMBER**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

**Opportunities to support your Parish**

Did you know that in addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may remember them through the following memorial opportunities?

- Floral Memorial at the Altar  
- Altar, Sanctuary or Tabernacle Candles  
- Meditation Garden Remembrance Bricks  
- A gift of cash, securities, or other assets to OLMV.

**Please remember Our Lady of Mount Virgin in your estate planning:**

The generous bequests of parishioners and friends are critical to fulfilling the mission of OLMV Parish. OLMV provides outreach and pastoral and spiritual support to many who live on the edge of poverty and loneliness. These bequests also support the maintenance of our beautiful church and grounds. Remembering the Church in your estate planning says something special about what was meaningful to you in your lifetime; it is a way to ensure that the parish community you value will continue into the future; and it’s a way to leave a meaningful and important legacy to those who will come after you.

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**FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 23-29**

**Tabernacle Candles**  
Anton & Elizabeth Gross r/o Barbara Lyons  

**Sanctuary Candles**  
William G. Roy r/o The Roy Family  

**Altar Bread & Wine**  
Christopher E. Roy r/o The Roy Family
Dear Friends,

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” This is the essence of the Christmas message. And it is a truly awesome message, in the literal sense of the word “awe”. The Incarnation of God. God – who is Almighty and all-knowing and present everywhere. The Creator of the Universe, Himself humbling Himself to become part of His own creation. In the words of the English poet and Jesuit priest Gerard Manley Hopkins, “Infinity dwindled to Infancy.” And to what purpose? To save us. To save us from sin. To save us from ourselves.

It is unfortunate that the sentimentality of Christmas can sometimes obscure the true drama of the Incarnation. The wonder. The amazement. The marvel. The awe. The fact that our loving God would humble Himself to share in our humanity so that we might come to share in His divinity. Not only did the Word become flesh and dwell among us. We are called to share in His divinity. To become by adoption what Jesus is by His very nature.

By virtue of our baptisms, we have become sons and daughters of God, and brothers and sisters of Christ. We now share in God’s own nature, and are admonished by John the Baptist’s message of repentance and conversion not to return by sin to our former condition. We have been brought from the power of darkness into the awesome light of God’s kingdom. To paraphrase the words of John’s father, Zechariah, the dawn from on high has broken upon us, to shine on those who would otherwise live in darkness and the shadow of death. *O magnum mysterium!* O great mystery! A child is born for us! A Son is given us! On Christmas we celebrate Emmanuel – God with us. God, whose birth into time and space forever changes the meaning of both. Let us rejoice and be glad!

God bless,

Father David
OLMV Parish will hold its Advent Confessions on Sunday Evening, December 23 at 7:00 P.M. We will have several priests available to hear confessions. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place during the Confessions.

Plan to attend this beautiful and prayerful time of “reconciliation” with the Lord. What a beautiful way to enter into our Advent period of “hopeful expectation!”

IN PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Capt Kevin Boyajian—Lakenheath RAFB, England
Capt Stanley Benarick, U.S. Army (Res.), Fort Drum (NY)
Col Gretchen Wiltse – Deployed overseas
Chaplain, Lt Col Stuart King – (Res.) US Southern Command, Miami, FL
Chaplain, Maj Timothy J. Hirten – Osan AFB, Korea
Chaplain, Maj Louis A. Mattina – (Res.) Eielson AFB, Alaska
A1C Kenneth W. Pine – Dover AFB, DE
A1C Kristoffer Engel – Peterson AFB, CO
Lcpl. Jack F. Sweeney USMC- Camp Lejeune, NC
**Remembering your Parish at Christmas**

Don’t forget Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish as you consider your end of year donations to charity. There can be significant tax benefits to your generosity to your parish. In addition, the spiritual benefits are “out of this world.” Please don’t hesitate to contact Father David if you have questions about special donations to our parish.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Thank you to all who have supported our annual Christmas Flower collection.

**Thank you** to everyone who has supported our annual “Giving Tree” project. Our parish really does live the Corporeal Works of Mercy at Christmas time. Beautiful gifts, gift cards and so many other items that will really make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our community and in neighboring communities. Special thanks to Mary Czachur who works so diligently in organizing this and so many other projects during the year. Special thanks also to Mary’s “Helpers” who organize and distribute the gifts!!!

**Religious Education**

December 25 & January 1: NO CLASSES

The Religious Ed. Office will open on Wednesday, January 2, (10:00 - 3:00 P.M.) and on Monday, January 7.

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 8.

In your charity, you are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Pietroski.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on**

Thursday, December 27, 7:00 P.M.

Come and enjoy the peace of a some quiet time with Jesus.

**OLMV ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

Sunday, January 6, 8:00 am Mass & Communion

Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm Rosary, meeting to follow

**SAVE THE DATE**

February 2 & 3

Super Bowl Bake Sale

**Winter Blood Drive – January 20, 2019.**

8:00am – 1:00pm.

As always, blood is in serious demand. New Jersey Blood Services is very grateful to our generous and caring donors. For more information please call 1-800-688-0900 or visit their website at www.nybloodcenter.org

**OLMV ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY “HELP LINE”**

732-356-2149 option 6

All calls for assistance are confidential.

**VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM:**

*donate a vehicle to help the less fortunate.*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks our parishioners for their support.

Donation cards can be found at the church entranceways.

God bless you!

**NAOMI TEA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

12:30 - 2:00 PM in PETRA HOUSE

We welcome ALL WIDOWS to join us as we gather to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and make friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register, just come and bring a friend or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated.

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All calls for assistance are confidential.
Confesiones: Domingos antes de la Misa a la 1:00—1:25 p.m, o llamando a la oficina parroquial para solicitar una cita para la confesión.

Si desean llevar a la Virgen a sus hogares, se pueden anotar en el libro que está en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia por la puerta hacia el parqueo, o llamando a la Oficina Parroquial.

Misas: Todo parroquiano que desee pedir la Intención de la Misa para cualquier domingo deberá venir a la Oficina Parroquial durante horas de trabajo. De lunes a jueves entre 8:30 am—2:00 pm. Si usted habla Inglés puede venir durante el siguiente horario: De lunes a viernes entre 8:30—4:00 pm. Las Misas se pueden reservar personalmente únicamente. No podemos reservar Misas por teléfono. La donación por una Misa es $10.

Café Social: Nuevos miembros que deseen ayudar durante el Café son bienvenidos. Para anotarse a ayudar hablar con Lily & Alex Salazar después de Misa.

Classes de Inglés: Todos los miércoles en el Centro Parroquiano de 6:00—8:00 pm.

Ayuda a tu parroquia como Lector, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Santa Comunión, Monaguillos. Necesitamos tu colaboración!!

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Requisitos para bautizar a un niño en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Monte Virgen

- La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia
- Asistir a Misa los domingos
- Los padres del niño y los padrinos deben asistir a una Clase Bautismal (Primer jueves de cada mes, 7:45 pm en el Centro Parroquiano) 450 Drake Ave, Middlesex, NJ
- Una vez que asiste a la clase bautismal, la familia puede elegir la fecha del Bautismo
- Los fechas de Bautismos son las siguientes:
  1er y 3er domingo del mes en Inglés (11:30 am Misa seguido por el bautizo a las 12:30 pm)
  Último domingo del mes en Español (12:30 pm bautizo seguido por Misa a la 1:30 pm)

Nota:
Para registrarse en la parroquia y en la clase bautismal debe llamar o pasar por la oficina parroquial entre el siguiente horario:
Lunes – viernes (8:30 am – 4:00 pm) si habla Inglés
Lunes – jueves (8:30 – 2:00 pm) si habla Español únicamente.

Oficina Parroquial: 732-356-2149
600 Harris Ave, Middlesex, NJ
(La oficina parroquial se encuentra en la Iglesia, entrada principal de la parroquia)

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Horario de Misas para Navidad y Año Nuevo

Nochebuena (Misas de Vigilia)
Lunes 24 de diciembre
4:00. 7:00 PM.
Y 12:00 misa de medianoche
(Lecciones y villancicos a las
3:30, 6:30 y 11:30 p.m.)

Día de Navidad
Martes 25 de diciembre
8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. a 12:00 P.M.
1:30 P.M. (Misa en español)

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios
Lunes 31 de diciembre (Misa de Vigilia)
7:00 P.M.
Martes 1 de enero
9:00 A.M., 12:00 del mediodía & 5:30 P.M. (Misa en español)
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