

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church



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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 Family Mass with Choir

DAILY MASS

Monday & Wednesday: 8:00 AM in Main Church
Friday: 7:00 PM in Main Church
1st & 3rd Friday: Italian Mass
2nd Friday: Youth Mass
4th Friday: 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)
3rd Friday: 7:00 PM Padre Pio (Italian)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month at 1:00 PM
Contact the Parish Office at (973) 772-2295.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Weekly/Monthly visits & communion for the home-bound. Contact the Parish Office.

December 13, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family participating regularly in the spiritual life of our Parish is encouraged to become a registered member. 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 at (973) 772-2295.

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111 JEWELL STREET
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OFFICE HOURS:

Weekdays: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Saturdays: CLOSED
Sundays: CLOSED

OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN, GARFIELD, NJ



Dear Friends:

As we celebrate this Gaudete Sunday - let us rejoice with JOY-FILLED HEARTS at all this Season means to us who believe in HIS LOVE, MERCY, COMPASSION and FORGIVENESS! We move towards Christmas to celebrate HIS BIRTH with anticipation and joy, despite what life presents, simply because we are a people of HOPE for what is yet to come! That is our hope and our joy... The best is yet to come for all who believe!

On this "Rejoice!" Sunday in Advent, we can pray in a particular way for an end to material poverty. Today's readings assure us that the kind of poverty God desires for us is spiritual poverty, a radical knowledge that all things come from God. Where material poverty can wound the human spirit, spiritual poverty cultivates boundless joy. John the Baptist provides a startling model for us. In all sincerity, he admits that he is not worthy to touch Jesus' sandals. John says this not to charm the crowds by being coy and self-deprecating. No, John embraces the truth that God is the source of all goodness. We are utterly dependent on God for all good things. We cannot do anything to earn God's favor; God simply provides for us because we need God. This is massively good news! No one could possibly care for us like God does. At our very best, we merely reflect God's brightness into the world. God's brilliant joy is exactly what we are called to. As Saint Paul says, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it."

My friends, a reminder to call the rectory if you indeed plan to attend Christmas Mass. A voice mailbox has been set up specifically for this purpose. If you call after hours or if no one answers, then please follow the prompts and then leave the information requested. And, of course, we must all wear a mask and stay socially distant during this ongoing pandemic. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

God Bless you all.

Loving you always,

Fr. Peter



FAITHGIVING

December 13, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you".
1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Faith Giving...

Weekend of:	12/6/20
Registered Families	1,540
Envelopes Received:	218
Total Sunday Collection	3,068
Loose Cash	617
Repairs & Maintenance	1,776
Christmas Flowers	267
Christmas	140
Immaculate Conception	138
Religious Retirement	120
Thanksgiving	107

Mass Breakdown:

Env.:	5P \$678	8A \$419	9:45A \$342	11:30A \$1,012
Cash:	255	57	82	223

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL/EVANGELIZATION

To Evangelize is to live out our Baptism Call! Let your words to others reflect the love our Heavenly Father has for all His children. Be gentle of speech, considerate and respectful. To Evangelize: *"Let no evil talk come out of your mouth, but only what is useful for building up.....so that your words may give grace to those who hear."*

Ephesians 4:29

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Third Sunday of Advent
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Corner

About the Gospel: *John the Baptist not only prepares for Christ's arrival, but also gives his testimony. We too are called to tell our stories of Jesus coming into our lives. We are asked to be other "voices in the desert," proclaiming Jesus to the world.*

Gospel Question: *How do you think people will be able to recognize who Jesus really is?*

Question of the Week: *Who are the people whose words and actions have taught you about Jesus?*

In Church: *Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water as you enter and leave the church. Visit the baptismal font.*

Family Prayer: Dear Jesus, show us how to teach others about you. Help us to be voices of faith. Amen.

JOHN	WITNESS	LIGHT
LEVITES	ELIJAH	PROPHET
ISAIAH	PHARISEES	BAPTISE
WATER	BETHANY	JORDAN



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Fr. Marco's Memo for the Week

In this week's reflection, I would like to speak about the season Advent and the importance of the sacrament of confession.

This coming Monday the 14th, we will have the possibility to receive the sacrament of CONFESSION, priests will be available from 12noon to 7pm. The blessed sacrament will also be expose during the whole time. I strongly invite you to make use of this sacrament which now days has been almost forgotten. Remember that the sacraments bring us closer to God, because in the sacraments Christ is truly present. I am sure that the devil has made us fall in many sins and now he is accusing us and telling us that God cannot forgive us, that God cannot love us like this. This is exactly the work of the devil, he first makes us fall into sin and then he accuses us for it. The sacrament of reconciliation or confession, is a possibility to receive the immense love of God and the peace we have lost because of the many lies of the devil.

Moreover, the season of Advent is inviting us to contemplate the final coming of Jesus in His glory at the end of time. Advent calls us to be AWAKE and to prepare the coming of Jesus. He will come again and He wants to find us awake, meaning in a state of grace, praying, doing acts of charity, reconciled with our friends and family and coworkers, bosses, etc. He would like to find us in peace with everyone. Jesus would like to find us not in sin. Advent is also a time to examine our lives and to see in which way we need conversion. Always remembering that God is the one who help us convert and change our lives.

Advent is also an important time to prepare for Christmas in which we will celebrate the first coming of Jesus at His birth in the flesh. Jesus who becomes one of us in order to save us. Let us also make a nice nativity scene in our houses so that we may mediate these glorious events.

Finally, during this wonderful time, let us ask Jesus to come visit us every day, that He may always be present in our lives, and that we may make space for Him in our hearts.

Always Remember that God loves you!

Fr. Marco



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Virginia & Joseph Caratenuto - r/b Judy Caratenuto
9:45 AM Maria, Francesco & Giuseppe DiSalvo - r/b Epifanio & Francesca Spinella
11:30 AM Giuseppe Scimeca - r/b His Wife & Family

Monday, December 14

8:00 AM Thomas Lovett - r/b Robert Hoff

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 AM Frances Duff - r/b The Caruso Family

Friday, December 18

7:00 PM In Honor of San Pio

Saturday, December 19

5:00 PM Perpetual Memorial Mass
Rose & Frank Miranda and their Ten Children - r/b Their Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM Virginia & Joseph Caratenuto - r/b Judy Caratenuto
9:45 AM Elvira LaBarbera - r/b Her Husband
11:30 AM Maria L. Pucci - r/b Her Husband, Tony

Please remember all the deceased of the parish, especially Gabriel Perrelli, Louisa Kuhar, Diane Urgovitch, Peter Matassa and Frank Parenti.



Joseph Bullaro III, Caitlyn Manger, Splendor 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 and David Miele, Pamela Gallagher, Mary Sacco.

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

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.**

WE ARE TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS!



Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:16

In Loving Memory...

The Altar Host will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Filippo Scimeca** as requested by **Maria & Antonino Benanti**.

The Altar Candle will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Matteo Lombardi** as requested by **Thomas & Sharda McDonald & Family**.

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Giuseppe Scimeca** as requested by **His Sister, Anna**.

The Sacred Heart Candle will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Melina DiPiazza** as requested by **Anna & Ciro Cutrona**.

The San Pio Candle will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Salvatore Mastropole, Jr.** as requested by **His Family**.

The Our Lady of Mount Lamp will be offered during the month of **December** in loving memory of **Maria Manicone** as requested by **Rosalind D'Amico Benigno**.

