

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church



Parish Mission Statement

*G*rowing in grace, growing in gratitude and
growing in faith by living the
Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

*L*ifting 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

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



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My Friends:

The Bishops of New Jersey Dioceses have issued a decree, which transferred the obligation of attending Mass on Ascension on its normal Thursday (forty days after Easter) to this Seventh Sunday of Easter. However, we need to reflect upon the entire journey of our Lord. Of course, the supernatural events of Incarnation through Ascension are the road-story-to-end-all-road-stories. From heaven to Earth to hell and back again. That unique journey is not ours to take. but the other is not only recommended but required for people of faith. We can't sit on our creeds in the pews, but must follow the story line from learner to teacher, from disciple to evangelist. It would be a horrible misunderstanding to think that the Ascension is an event in which Jesus makes it safely home, a happy ending about which you need trouble yourself no further. The liturgical year is not a pageant of historical episodes in the life of God, which all work out to our mutual satisfaction in the end. The next wave of this arc involves you, and you're being "sent" to continue the story for the age to come. So tie up your laces, and let's get moving. **We have a lot to accomplish as His disciples here at Our Lady of Mt. Virgin. I hope you are prepared.**

Be assured of my continued prayers and know that I am,

Loving you always,

Fr. Peter

FAITHGIVING

May 16, 2021 - The Ascension of the Lord

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. "

Mark 16:19

Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension and wonder with the apostles what we are to do and how we are to live as a result. As disciples, we are called to put our faith into action, grow to be more like the Lord, be united with other believers in community, and bring others to Christ through the way we live our lives. In so doing, we will live a life worthy of our call in Christ, a life of unity in the Spirit, of hope and peace.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL/EVANGELIZATION

To Evangelize is to live out our Baptism Call! Through the words of Bishop Oscar Romero, we are sharing our search for a deeper knowledge of the love of God - to Evangelize: *"To each of us Christ is saying: If you want your life and mission to be fruitful like mine, do as I do, no one is more alone than a selfish person. But if you give your life out of love to others, as I give mine for all, you will reap a great harvest."*

Faith Giving. . .

Weekend of:	5/9/21
Registered Families	1,540
Envelopes Received:	163
Total Sunday Collection	\$2,986
Loose Cash	488
Repairs & Maintenance	4,200
Mother's Day	340
Ascension	97
Father's Day	70
Mission Appeal	10

Mass Breakdown:

Env.:	5P	\$1,023	8A	\$467	9:45A	\$286	11:30A	\$722
Cash:		59		119		24		286

On-line donations for April, 2021: \$3,425.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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The Ascension of the Lord
Mark 16:15-20

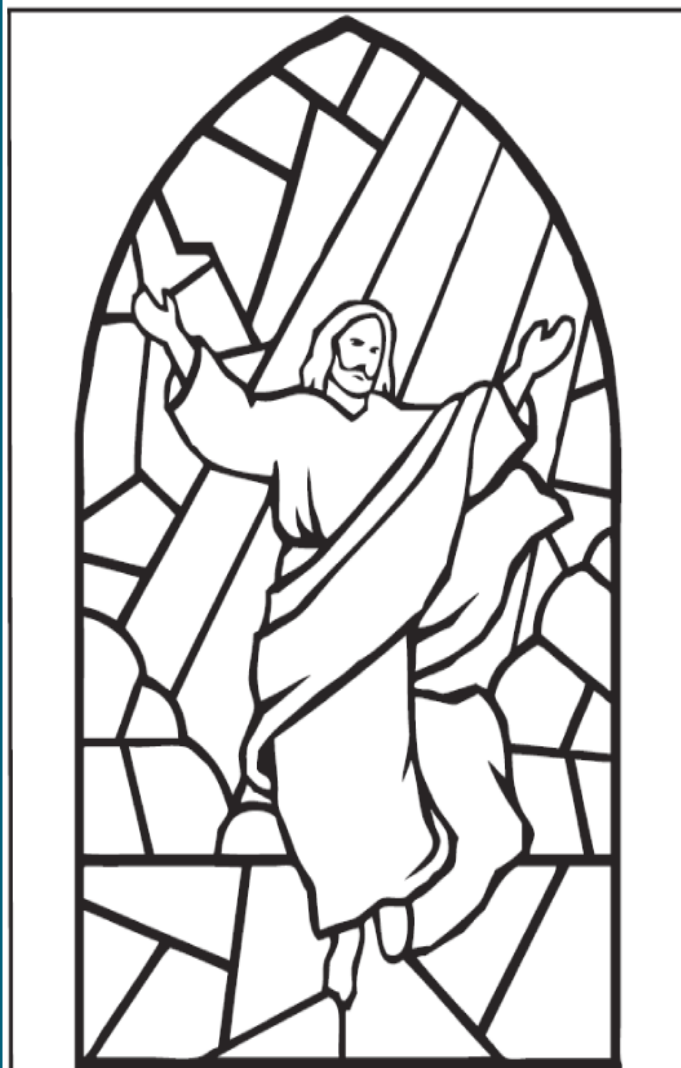
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About the Gospel: *Forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. Mark's Gospel tells us that a seat was already prepared for him, at the right hand of God. Jesus sends out his disciple to continue his work of bringing good news. This reminds us that the "sending out" which occurs at every Mass. Not all of us can go to the whole world, but all of us are called to bring the good news wherever we are in our daily lives.*

Gospel Question: *What do we celebrate on the feast of the Ascension?*

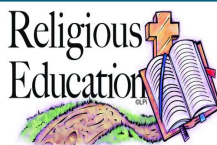
Life Question: *How can you help someone who is feeling alone this week?*

Family Prayer: *Thank you, God, for bringing us new life through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to treat each day as a new opportunity to show our love for you through loving others. Amen.*



Jesus' Ascension

SaintAnnesHelper.com



**REGISTRATION FOR C.C.D.
2021 - 2022 HAS BEGUN!**

Registration for C.C.D. classes for the 2021/2022 school year has started for **Pre-K 4 - 8th Grade**. Please be sure your child is registered for C.C.D.

Please note: In order to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, students must have attended **1st Grade Religious Education classes**. Any child who attends **1st Grade must register for C.C.D** now in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the Spring of 2023. Copies of Baptismal Certificates (**NOT Birth Certificates**) are needed when you register. Children in **7th Grade, must register now**, if they are interested in receiving Confirmation in the Spring of 2023. We have a **two-year** preparation process, which precedes the reception of Sacraments. **New registrants** need to become members of the parish, if they are not already members. Please call the Rectory at 973-772-2295, or email Rose Todaro at religioused@mountvirgin.com to register.

Perhaps you have never been baptized or know someone who has never been baptized, but is considering it. Maybe you are a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated First Eucharist



or Confirmation or you are a baptized Christian considering Confirmation in the Catholic Church. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a warm & inviting experience of church and Christian community. For more info, contact **Rose Todaro** at **973-772-2295** or email her at religioused@mountvirgin.com.



Volunteer Catechists Needed – C.C.D. meets every Sunday, from 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM. This includes attending the 11:30 AM Family Mass with our students. Our policy is **"From Class to Mass."** Catechists teach the Good News to the children of our parish. They are ministers of the church, who help pass on our faith to the next generation. No prior experience needed. None of our catechists have advanced degrees in teaching Catholic Religious Education. Perhaps you don't feel that your faith is strong, or deep, enough. That's OK. Time and time again, new catechists marvel at how much teaching the faith to the children has strengthened their own faith. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important ministry, please contact Rose Todaro at **973-772-2295** or email her at religioused@mountvirgin.com.

MAY 16, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 16

- 8:00 AM Michael Latona - r/b Joanne Latona
Connie Porcaro - r/b Emil Ciliento & Florence Mazzer
9:45 AM Paolo & Castrenzio Realmuto - r/b Pino Tantillo
Vincenza Prestigiaco - r/b Maria & Sal Ingraffia
11:30 AM Libera Palmisano - r/b Fr. Peter
In Thanksgiving - r/b Anthony Pucci

Monday, May 17

8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our Parish Family

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our Parish Family

Friday, May 21

7:00 PM In Honor of San Pio

Saturday, May 22

5:00 PM Perpetual Memorial Mass
Linda Tintle - r/b Renée & Frank DiGirolamo
Louis Pacifico - r/b Paulette Vita

Sunday, May 23

- 8:00 AM For the Special Intentions of our Parish Family
9:45 AM Cataldo Mancino - r/b His Family
Santo LoCascio - r/b Maria & Sal Ingraffia
11:30 AM Anthony Sferruzza - r/b Debra Latona
Sabina Navilio - r/b Jack & Marge Latona

Please remember all the deceased of the parish, especially Margaret Walsh, Maria Penna, James Compesi and Camille Giordano.

In Loving Memory...

The Altar Candle will be offered during the month of **May** in loving memory of **Giuseppa Arnone** as requested by **Maria & Sal Ingraffia**.

The Sacred Heart Candle will be offered during the month of **May** in loving memory of **Santina Sorrentino** as requested by **Maria & Sal Ingraffia**.

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.

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.

Prayer for Easter

**O God, By Your Power and might,
You smashed the bonds of sin and death to
raise Jesus to life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us
to roll away the stones of discouragement and
despair, so that we might receive new life in
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**As we have died with Him in baptism,
so we seek to live with Him, both now and forever.
Deepen our joy as we celebrate these days,
and strengthen in us the conviction that we
need not fear anymore.**

Amen. Alleluia!



Baby Arianna Bonvento, Joseph Bullaro III, 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, Pamela Gallagher, Mary Sacco, Antonino LoCascio, Marie Dolce, Anthony Spinella, Maria Carnevale, Gardenia Hougmba, Charlie Landers, Joseph Dorney, Sr. Angela Ventura, David Miele, Carmen Miele and Carlo Passador.



The Ascension of the Lord

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

Mark 16:16

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