

Welcome to St. Virgil's...

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Sept. 29	5:00 PM	Jean Trancone—1 st Anniversary Dolores Marcantonio Miceál McHugh Christine Ambrosino
Sun., Sept. 30	7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Massenzio Family
	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson Edward Lang
	10:30 AM	Ann Chiocozzi Anthony Rizzo
	12:00 PM	Larry Colasurdo
Mon., Oct. 1	6:30 AM	Charles Kenworthy—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Robert Gould
Tues., Oct. 2	6:30 AM	Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Robert Campbell
Wed., Oct. 3	6:30 AM	John & Mary Martin
	12:10 PM	Clare l& Jim Carey
Thurs., Oct. 4	6:30 AM	Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Ralph Detaranto Diane Tomasello—Special Intentions
Fri., Oct. 5	6:30 AM	Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Mary Villafane
Sat., Oct. 6	8:00 AM	Julian “Myles” Mislavsky
	5:00 PM	Betty Lampron Dot Denman Dolores Marcantonio William Smith Geddy Kairaitas
Sun., Oct. 7	7:30 AM	Phyllis & Francis D’Annunzio
	9:00 AM	Alfred Lampron Craig Davidson Loretta Lang
	10:30 AM	David Bryce Paul Perna
	12:00 PM	Frances & Michael Marinaccio Cahles Catalano

Among Ourselves

Please remember in your prayers: Noreen Ballon, Eileen Langan, Karen Cullen, Mary Sullivan, Steve O’Neill, Colleen Dillon & Family, Bob Taylor, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Kamasha Redhead, Stephen Burke, Sandra Buck, Janet Ditrach, Tammy Dolan, Mallory Miller, Miah Tully, Domenico & Teresa Procopio, Anne Benson, Baby Emma Scannelli, Barbara Bock, Theresa Mohr, Christopher Mohr, Mary Maffeo, & Rose Marie Warrick.

Please note that names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months at which time they will be rotated off. If you wish the name to stay on the list, a family member must call the Parish Office to make the request.

Ministry Schedule for October 6 and 7

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Frank Kelly		Nina Rangel	Janet Winston	Nina Rangel
Lector	Dave Burrows	Ron Kelly	John Trombetta	Tom Wendorff	Jen Qvotrup
Altar Servers		Anthony Tonini	Jake Gringeri	Anthony Loia Ally McLoughlin	Micah Fuentes
Extraordinary Ministers	Kelly Burrows	Jackie Donnelley	Eileen Fogleman	Maureen Kelly	Marie Aloia
	Wendy Nunn	Shirley Fleury	Melissa Gringeri	Sue Carol Scannelli	Tony Avella
	Helen Salerno	Margaret Flory	Rita McCleary	Jim Scannelli	Veronica Kelly
	Phyllis Smith	Joan Sambrowski	Lydia Sesso		Frank Miller
	Dan Smith		Mary Jo Tufaro		Sandy Rosanio
	Grace Walsh				

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, September 30

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR
PREP K-4, 10:15 – 11:45 AM
Open Forum with Fr. Lance, 4 PM, Gym

Monday, October 1

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church
Jr. High PREP, 7 – 8:15 PM, School

Tuesday, October 2

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Wednesday, October 3

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, October 4

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Bible Study, 11 AM, Library

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, Library

Friday, October 5

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Saturday, Sunday, October 6/7

Respect Life Weekend: Right to Life Raffle tickets available at the doors of the church

Saturday, October 6

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Sunday, October 7

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

Blessing of Pets for the Feast of St. Francis, 1 PM, Church Grounds

Youth Band Practice, 5 PM, Church

The **Sanctuary Candles** honors the memory of **Robert Campbell**
From Joseph & Florence Costens

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of September 22/23 was \$9,906 (Regular = \$8,162 + Faith Direct = \$1,744). Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.



Fr. Lance's Letter

Our Annual Parish Picnic last Sunday was enjoyed by all who came - children, adults and our seniors, too. This was a good time to meet with fellow parishioners, visitors and friends. There was plenty of food and dessert, fun and games for the children. Most of all, everyone took time to enjoy each other's company. We were about 125 people. It was pleasant, peaceful and sociable.

Our thanks and appreciation go to **Gloria Carvagno** (purchases, set-up and decor), **Nina Rangel** (for advertising and coordinating), **Knights of Columbus** (barbecuing), **Youth Ministry** and their parents, and **Choir** (set-up and clean-up), **Robert Lucia** (table set up), and **Jose Fernandez** (table break down and clean up).

It is in such gatherings that we also discover God's presence and grace. Thank God for all the fun and laughter, the good time we had, for the special personally prepared foods and desserts, and especially for coming together and wanting to be a great parish family. May our Lord and our Blessed Mother bless and protect us always - *Fr. Lance*

OPEN FORUM

Concerns about the recent Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report (8/18/18) and many other reports, statements, editorials, it would be beneficial for us at St. Virgil to have a "conversation" regarding this subject.

I invite all parishioners to come to an "Open Forum" this Sunday afternoon, at 4:00 PM in our School Gym. You will have the opportunity to listen, speak, ask questions and suggest what we at St. Virgil Parish can do. There are many among us who have been greatly disturbed, rightfully angered, sorely discouraged and bitterly confused. Yet, such an opportunity is a way of gathering together and seeking ways of change, improvement and security for our children and our community. All are welcome to our Open Forum, Sunday September 30, at 4:00 PM in our School Gym. -- *Fr. Lance*

Parish Postings



A very special thank you to **Kathy Schultz**. Kathy has donated a Japanese Stewartia in loving memory of her dear husband, **Jack Schultz**. I'm sure many of you remember Jack, a long-time parishioner. Jack was an extraordinary minister and Knight (to mention just two of the ministries Jack participated in) who spent his retirement years serving as the week day sacristan here at St. Virgil's. This lovely tree with camelia-like white blooms during the July and August with bronzy purple foliage in the fall will be a stunning tribute to faithful and devoted parishioner. Thank you, Kathy.

Prime Time

Many thanks to all the Prime Timers who were together last Friday at our first meeting of the year. Fr. Lance blessed us well and got us off to a grand start. I heard from many of you that you enjoyed our speaker, Judy Bortman from TransOptions, and her timely tips for our safety - both while walking and driving.

If you have not yet turned in your \$15 check for membership dues for the current year, please get it to Jeanne McGuinness, 18 Central Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, as soon as possible, as we would like to have our membership list ready to hand out at our next meeting. That list is a great way to stay in touch with all our Prime Time friends between meetings, but if your name is not listed, we cannot contact you.

We look forward to seeing all of you again at our October 19 meeting, 1 PM in the Tracy Center. Look in this spot for more information about the coming program for the month. Any questions? Please call me, Kathy Sisler 973-538-1379.

3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar



Crafters Needed for our Third Annual Christmas Bazaar ~ December 1 & 2. Join the growing number of crafters that have already registered! Contact the Parish Office (973-538-1418) for a registration form or email svparishoffice@gmail.com. If you'd like to join the team of volunteers who work to make the Bazaar a success, please call Gloria in the Parish Office or email her at svparishoffice@gmail.com

Sight & Sound Trip Reminder

Please be at the St. Virgil Church parking lot on Wednesday, October 3, no later than 8:45 a.m. as the bus will leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Rosary Society meeting on October 2 since the trip will take its place.

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for September & October

PREP K - 4 10:15-11:45 AM	Jr. High PREP 5-8 Sunday: 1-3:15 PM	Jr. High Masses 9:00 AM	FISH (Confirmation) 6:30 PM	Youth Masses 12:00 noon
September 30	October 14	October 21	2 nd Yr.—October 4	October 12
October 4 & 28	Monday: 7 - 8:15 PM		1 st Yr. Day of Service--	
2 nd Grade Parent Meeting 11 am: October 4	October 1, 15, 29		October 13	



Looking for a Miracle?

COME CELEBRATE THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE AT FATIMA WITH A

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY WALK

FOLLOWED BY AN



7:30-8:30PM FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 12TH

ON SAINT VIRGIL'S
PARISH GROUNDS



Prior to the walk, a survey will be sent to parish families asking for intentions for which we will pray. These intentions will be collated, shared and meditated upon by the prayer group as it prays the Rosary while walking along an illuminated path around our church.

Ministries & Outreaches

Respect Life Weekend

Respect Life Annual Raffle on October 6 and 7
Tickets sold prior to and after all masses. Raffles are \$10 each. Cash or Check is acceptable with checks payable to: New Jersey Right to Life.

40 Days for Life

Is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach
Join Morris County Right to Life at:
Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown
7 AM – 7 PM, 7 Days a Week ~ Begins September 26 ends November 4

Cover Planned Parenthood 40 Clinic Hours of Operation:

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Open	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	---
Close	4:30 PM	8:00 PM	4:30 PM	7:30 PM	4:00 PM	2:00 PM	--

PROTECT VIABLE BABIES

Did you know that in New Jersey, abortion is legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy and that late term abortions are routinely destroying viable babies?



These viable children in the womb deserve to be protected by the law in New Jersey!

TAKE ACTION NOW!

- 1 Sign up today and tell your own NJ State Senator and your NJ Assembly Member to support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (Bill A-1688/S-537).
- 2 Call or "baby boot" support for your own "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" legislation. It will consider how to help your own state.
- 3 Join the 3000+ thousands of people who support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" in your own state.



Abortion hurts, but there's hope and healing. Visit beckhoffregister.org

Your registration in time slots during clinic hours is much preferred and far more likely to save an unborn baby. When YOU sign up YOU make it possible to cover ALL 40 clinic hours!

A postcard campaign to our legislators will be conducted that same weekend.

As you already know, we are joining others throughout New Jersey in an effort to the support and sponsorship of Bill—A-1686-S 537 passed. Stand up and flyers explaining the project are at each church entrance. Seventeen (17) other states have passed the "Pain Capable" bill. **We need to do this in New Jersey!!**

Post cards, like this sample, will be available the weekend of October 6 & 7.

Dear Assembly Member _____,

In New Jersey, abortion is legal for any reason throughout **all nine months of pregnancy**. Given proper neonatal care, babies born at 20 weeks can survive and they deserve protection.

I am writing for your support and sponsorship of Bill A-1688/S-537, the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" which would protect babies in the womb at 20 weeks (5 months) gestational age and beyond.

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____



20-week baby in the womb

Please contact me and let me know how you will respond to this request.

Thank you.

SAMPLE

Interfaith Food Pantry



Even in Morris County, NJ, which is often ranked as one of the best counties in the nation to live in, there are many households struggling. Please remember to bring an item for the Food Pantry when you come to Mass each Sunday. You can consult their website – www.mcifp.org for a complete list of needs.

Free Course for Parents of Children with Mental Health Challenges: NAMI Basics is a free six-session course for parents/family caregivers of children and teens with emotional, behavior or mental health challenges. The Sussex and Morris County affiliates of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Family Partners of Morris and Sussex are jointly sponsoring the course this fall on Tuesday evenings, October 2 through November 6 from 7 – 9:30 PM at St. Francis Residential Community and Conference Center in Denville. Advance registration by phone is required. To make inquiries or to register for the course, call 973-214-0632 or 201-532-2267. Class size is limited to 15. Interested parents/family caregivers are urged to register as soon as possible. To learn more, visit www.nami-sussex-nj.org.

Around the Diocese

Christ Corner's Gift Shop: If you're looking for inspirational/spiritual gifts, we invite you to visit the Notre Dame Mt. Carmel Gift Shop, "Christ Corner", 75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls. We are open after our 5:00pm Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses (7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:15pm). Stop in to see our selection of religious mementos, books, and greeting cards. We also carry a nice selection of gifts for weddings and new babies. While you're shopping, you may want to take a look at our other merchandise such as jewelry, rosaries, crosses, etc. and be sure to check out the "Kids' Korner" for inexpensive items for children.

Morris Catholic will be hosting a **Clothing Drop** from 8:30am – 1:30 pm on Saturday, October 13, in the side parking lot of the high school near the convent. Clothing, bedding, pots, pans, and small household appliances will be collected. All items should be placed in plastic bags. Please be aware that **we do not accept VCR Tapes, CDs, Outside Toys, or Books.** All proceeds will benefit the MCHS Class of 2019 Project Graduation. If you have questions, email ftuite@morriscatholic.org or Joanne Feeny at jojohn89@optonline.net.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 11, at St. Christopher's Church, in Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. This month's **program: "How to Survive; Will I Survive" (Photo sharing; bring a photo of your child).** For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

THERE'S STILL TIME to #befaithful, bechallenged #bethefuture. Visit St. Patrick School during Walk-In Wednesdays and tour this National Blue Ribbon and AdvancED Stem Certified school. SPS provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Catholic faith coupled with rigorous academics and a commitment to family and community. Contact Ashley Kearney, Director of Communications & Development at admissions@st-pats.org or 973-635-4623.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Here I Am, Lord!

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, your co-worker, the store owner you see each day as you shop in your community—perhaps even a family member. In this context, when you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you truly say: *Here I Am, Lord—making a better life for my brothers and sisters in the area.* Please consider making a pledge today.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 4, at 3:30 PM.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

BAYLEY-ELLARD ALUMNI DAY!! Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Inside the Walls at Bayley-Ellard in Madison, NJ

St. Paul Inside the Walls has designated the 2nd Saturday in October every year as BAYLEY-ELLARD ALUMNI DAY. Come tour the restored mansion and Alumni Hall, enjoy pictures and memorabilia, walk around the beautiful grounds, bring a picnic lunch, meet with friends, etc. This is a free event and b.y.o. food and drink, if you wish.

We are looking for people to help lead tours of Alumni Hall (formerly Bishop's Hall), so if you will be there that day and can help lead tours for 1 hour, email GinnyEickSmith@gmail.com and let her know what hour you can do between 12:00 and 4:00. Thanks so much. Hope to see you there! Feel free to share with your B.E. contacts.

Weekly Reflections

“How to do it” Corner

There is now a Lending Library by the Hanover door of the church. Check it out and if you don't find anything interesting, check out the other entrances. Different racks have different books. There are also free copies of the CD “Seven Reasons to be Catholic”; perhaps you might be listening to it when your children are home and they will want to listen to it too. Or try one of the many CS's in the CD Rack near the confessional booth—parking lot side of the church.

We need to strengthen the things that remain, remain in us, and hopefully, still remain in our children.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark 9: 38-43,45,47-48

In this reading, Mark still has Christ moving quickly from one town to another, teaching constantly as He goes from one place to the next. He calls Christ “Teacher” again, as Mark has done repeatedly. Christ’s “students”, His apostles, were asking Him questions, as any good students do. Christ replied to John’s remarks about someone (not one of their group) who had performed miracles in the name of Christ. Christ replied “...whomever is not against us is for us.” This passage informs us that what matters most to Christ is the Kingdom, not the group to which a man belongs; *i.e.*, there is no “in” group for Christ. For Christ said, “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” It is our actions, our dedication, that matters to Him.

Christ then told us that, of all the things that matter, the one thing we need to pay attention to most is staying away from sin, or causing others to sin, if we are to enter the Kingdom of God. Again, Christ made a reference to children, whom always are relevant, especially today: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” Thus, nothing matters more than attention to the Kingdom of God, which is our reward, and which should be our goal.

Here, again, Mark did not equivocate. He told us exactly what we need to hear and know: not to sin, and to stay away from “Gehenna.” It seems clear from this passage that Christ was speaking of a Gehenna as a place of suffering. It is often stated by theologians that because of these direct comments, we cannot deny the existence of Gehenna (a term we use for hell), although we have no evidence that anyone has ever been sent there.

We must have hope that the justice of God will be overcome by the mercy of God.

God have mercy on us all. Help us to focus on the Kingdom of God, and what we have to do to attain it, i.e., avoid sin and protect our “little ones.” Teacher, help us to stay away from sin!



EVANGELIZATION CORNER

As mentioned in last week’s column, **Direct Approach Evangelization** is just starting a conversation for the purpose of sharing the gospel with anyone who is willing to listen. It is connecting with people to share Jesus. However, for some reason we Catholics don’t talk much about Jesus; we tend to be more private about our faith.

While we may often share where the best restaurants are, which books or authors we like or the best places to go on vacation we seldom talk about our faith. Yes, we may discuss our beliefs and opinions regarding abortion, contraception, same-sex marriage, pornography, the priesthood, liberalism and social injustice or faith, there is seldom, if any, plain personal talk about Jesus.

If you are someone who likes talking to people and have a good understanding of Catholic teachings, then The Direct Approach to evangelize may appeal to you as a way for you to spread the Good News of the gospel--news of Jesus.

There are many ways to start a conversation. The easiest way is to just say hello to someone and introduce yourself. If the other person responds go on to ask what they do. The most important thing is to listen to them talk. When, and if, they ask you about yourself answer the question and have something prepared to bring the fact that you are Catholic into the conversation; to use this opportunity to share the Good News that Jesus died and rose again, so we can be reconciled to God. But don’t push or steer the conversation in that direction. Listen carefully to the questions they ask, then try and uncover the question behind that question. If that develops more questions to you, continue, if they veer off or want to stop let it go.

It’s important to remember that “communication can touch people’s hearts only if we listen to them and engage with their questions.” The important thing is that you not to begin planning your next statement but, to LISTEN. Chat about everyday life and share Jesus. Remember you can only plant seeds, only the Holy Spirit can bring it to fruit. However, if they mention problems they have, by all means you can offer to pray for them.

Try to see every person you meet as a potential conversation partner.

Finally, remember to pray for the Lord’s guidance and success for without prayer your efforts may be just a waste of time.

May His grace be with each of us as we continue on our journey with Jesus.

St. Virgil’s Evangelization Ministry