

Welcome to St. Virgil's...

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Oct. 6	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 Charles Catalano
Mon., Oct. 8	6:30 AM	Maura Gill—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Anthony Conforti
Tues., Oct. 9	6:30 AM	Jim & Marie Welby
	12:10 PM	Robin Labella
Wed., Oct. 10	6:30 AM	Grace Houser
	12:10 PM	Carmen Landi
Thurs., Oct. 11	6:30 AM	Sarah Talty
	12:10 PM	Deceased Members of the Marconi Family
Fri., Oct. 12	6:30 AM	Francis & Marie McNamara
	12:10 PM	Angelo (Pete Rizzo)
Sat., Oct. 13	8:00 AM	Francis & Emily Suchensik
	5:00 PM	Johanna Eckardt John Keating Darron Baker Ann Marie Lagan
Sun., Oct. 14	7:30 AM	Craig Davidson Phil Nodoro
	9:00 AM	Eleanore Stolworthy
	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Livera Family
	12:00 PM	Geraldine Rose Puca

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 Dittrich, 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.

This Week at St. Virgil's

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

Monday, October 8

Parish Office closed for Columbus Day Observance
Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church

Tuesday, October 9

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8 PM, TC

Wednesday, October 10

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, October 11

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, Gr. 7 Classroom

Friday, October 12

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Rosary Walk, 7:30 PM, Church Grounds

Saturday, October 13

1st Year FISH Day of Service, 9 AM – 2 PM

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

Sunday, October 14

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

PREP K-4, 10:15-11:45 AM, School

Gr. 2 Parent Meeting, 11:20 AM, TC

Youth Mass, 12 Noon

Jr. High PREP, 1 – 3:15 PM, School

2nd Yr. FISH, 6:30 PM, School

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of September 29/30 was \$9,454 (Regular = \$7,710 + Faith Direct = \$1,744). Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Nina Volkovaeda Khan**, daughter of Gerard & Stacie.

Ministry Schedule for October 13 and 14

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Teresa Folan		Nina Rangel	Ric Perez	Youth Choir
Lector	Bob Clifford	Tom Wendorff	Ray Lillie	Rick Kane	Youth Minister
Altar Servers	Lia Dyer		Breanna Barter	Bobby McLoughlin	Michael Gopon
	Natalie Dyer		Brandon Kelly	Alexa Urriola	Michael Szoke
				Chris Urriola	
Extraordinary Ministers	Marianne Altrui	Beverly Morgan	Barbara Fisher	Viji Alex	Deanna Colasurdo
	Jane Flynn	Rosemary Paulison	Bill Hoferer	Maureen Kelly	Jackie Colasurdo
	Marie Hantak	Debbie Richenaker	Bernadette Mauser	Pearl Law	Andrew DeBlock
	Michele Para	Gary Richenaker	George Perkins	Karen Schwingel	John FitzPatrick
	Pat Para		Angela Rangel		Renee Gopon
	Peter Sesso		June Sambrowski		Christine Rosamond



Fr. Lance's Letter

Last Sunday afternoon, about 27 people attended the Open Forum. We began with a brief prayer service and followed it with allowing people to share their thoughts about the recent

scandals and crimes in the Church. People felt comfortable sharing their views and feelings, voicing their concerns and opinions, asking for greater participation and involvement of the laity, and wanting transparency and better communication.

This meeting was not only about our outrage and anger, especially regarding the cover-ups, but also to see what we at St. Virgil could do to be faithful to Christ and the Catholic Church. The gathering was briefed as to how we are in compliance with the "Dallas Charter": background checks, Virtus Training and Code of Conduct for all staff members and volunteers. It is important to know that every person in our parish dealing with our children must fulfill the requirements mentioned in the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" adopted in 2002.

Some of the issues raised were: Why wasn't our Bishop present at this meeting? (Obviously, I did not invite him). This would be a great opportunity to look at the possibility of ordaining women and married men. (The scandals were perpetrated by mainly homosexual clergy). A Code of Conduct and Transparency requirements for Bishops. (I believe our USA Bishops are meeting in November to formulate such a Code). Other issues mentioned were vetting of seminarians, Cardinal McCarrick, writing letters to Bishops of the United States, and how these scandals are affecting Catholics and how many are staying away from the church.

A good outcome is that a few participants at this meeting will help draft a letter to our Bishop and to the USA gathering of Bishops (USCCB) requesting more involvement of the laity.

It was mentioned that a response to these scandals by the laity could be done in two ways: using your "feet" (stay away from the Catholic Church), and by using your "wallet" (not donating to the church collections). My personal comeback to this: Let us together "de-feat" these scandalous behaviors by our personal holiness, stronger participation in the sacraments and prayer life, an eager study of Sacred Scripture and our Faith, and compassionate activity toward the poor and needy. Become more like Christ, embody Christ, live like Christ. Thus, we can challenge this negativity by our love for God and our neighbor.

The offerings we give come from the "sweat of our brow and the work of our hands". Our Church must show greater accountability in all that we receive and all that we possess. May this time of crisis bring us together to find better ways of governing our Church, challenge us to live up to the high standards expected of us, and make us a Church where "sin" has no place, zero tolerance.

A huge Thank You to all who came to this meeting and hope this is the beginning of our openness to listen, to learn and to change for the best. May God bless us all - *Fr. Lance*

Rosary Coast to Coast

We will be joining in the National Rosary rally (which will take place in front of the US Capital today) by coming together in Church today at 4 PM to recite the Rosary. Please join us!

Parish Postings



Prime Time

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

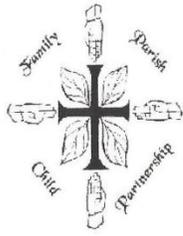


Crafters Needed for our Third Annual Christmas Bazaar ~ December 1 & 2. Join the growing number of crafters that have already registered! Contact the Parish Office (973-538-1418) for a registration form or email svparishoffice@gmail.com. If you'd like to join the team of volunteers who work to make the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

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for 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
October 4 & 28	October 14	October 21	2 nd Yr.—October 4	October 12
2 nd Grade Parent Meeting 11 am:	Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM		1 st Yr. Day of Service--	
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

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?



DID ALSO YOU KNOW?

- 1. The United States is one of only 7 countries in the world that allow elective, "Pain Free" and "Pain Free" abortions past the 20-week mark.
- 2. Babies born at 20 weeks (5 months) gestational age and later can survive and thrive with the proper medical treatment.
- 3. Babies can feel pain by 24 weeks in utero.

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

TAKE ACTION NOW!

1. Sign petitions and ask your own NJ State Senator and US Representative to support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act".
2. Call or write your elected officials and let them know you support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act".
3. Encourage your friends and family to do the same.



Abortion facts, too! There's hope and healing. Visit NewJerseyRightToLife.org

Respect Life Weekend

Tickets are being sold at the doors of the church 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	--

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-1686/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,

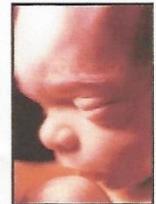
Signature: _____

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.



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.

Around the Diocese

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 fruite@morriscatholic.org or Joanne Feeney at jojohn89@optonline.net.

THE 177-PROJECT You are invited to participate in a unique faith experience which is being held in each of the 177 archdioceses and dioceses throughout the US during October. For this reason, it is called the **177 Project**. This engaging faith event led by Adoration Artists will be held in Our Lady of the Magnificat Church, 2 Miller Road, Kinnelon, on October 29 from 6:45 – 8:45 PM. It will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, a period of adoration and conclude with a short concert by the Adoration Artists, a group of talented musicians. For more information, please visit www.the177project.com/about and click dates/tickets at the top of the web-page. Look for Paterson Diocese. Tickets are free, but seating is limited. Do it right away!

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.

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!

St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Center for Catholic Evangelization for the Diocese of Paterson **Upcoming events:**

- **One Way:** All adults (18+) are welcome to join this interactive, small-group experience which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church. This month we meet **Tuesday, October 16th, 23rd and 30th, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**. For information visit insidethewalls.org/one-way-18plus
- **Lecture on Pope Paul VI:** Join us in a celebratory reflection of St. Pope Paul VI's life and writings on **Tuesday, October 16th**. Fr. Paul Manning and Dr. Julie Burky will share their thoughts on the pope's brilliance and provide some ways to put his thoughts into practice in the 21st Century. For information visit insidethewalls.org/events/pope-paul-vi-lecture

St. Patrick School Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future: Parents and caregivers of toddlers, please mark your calendars now for Tiny Tot Thursdays at St. Patrick School in Chatham. Join the school monthly for a fun story time with a community leader followed by creative craft making in the new SPS Makerspace. Tiny Tots Thursdays – for children ages 2-5 years with a parent or

caregiver – starts on Thursday, October 25 at 10AM. See the full calendar of events at www.st-pats-school.org. To attend Tiny Tots Thursdays, RSVP to Ashley Kearney, Director of Communications & Development at admissions@st-pats.org or 973-635-4623.

Latin Mass Pilgrimage: All are invited to the second annual Latin Mass Pilgrimage on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will celebrate a pontifical solemn high mass in the extraordinary form at 9:30 AM. A reception with the Bishop will follow the mass in the Rodimer Center. Free parking is available in the garage on Grand Street. For more information and to confirm numbers: contact Dr. Joseph Daly at (973) 464-2954.

The World Apostolate of Fatima, our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ 08802. Celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and her request to not offend the Lord our God, and to continue to pray the rosary every day for peace. **Saturday, October 13:** Place your petitions before Our Lady. Visit the Holy House USA with crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto; the actual baldacchino and altar over which the last great apparition of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima. **10:30 am: Confessions start; 12:00 N: Rosary Procession; 12:30: Guest Speaker Rev. Luke Fletcher, C.F.R.; 1:15 pm: Holy Mass with Celebrant Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio**, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Brown Scapular Enrollment. **Note:** Talks at the Holy House USA concerning relics and Fatima at **10:30 a.m.**, and following Divine Mercy Chaplet **till 5 p.m.** For more info: www.bluearmy.com 908-689-1700

Oak Knoll School Of The Holy Child Open House: Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, a Catholic Independent school, all girls, grades 7-12, invites you to attend an Open House. This includes a presentation, tour and faculty showcase. Dates are Saturday, October 13 and November 3, 9:30-11:15 am. For more information and to register online visit our website www.oakknoll.org or call Admissions at 908-522-8109. Pre-registration is recommended but not required to attend.

Seton Hall Preparatory—New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school—will be hosting its annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 28, between noon and 3 pm. Visitors will tour the campus and our brand new 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, learn about the application process, enjoy a bar-b-que, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973) 325-6640 or visit or visit shp.org.

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Corpus Christi Parish, Chatham, NJ: You are invited to pray before an official Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima which come from the Shrine in Portugal. She will be visiting Corpus Christi Parish (234 Southern Blvd., Chatham) from October 11 – 15. There will be daily Mass, rosary, and opportunity for silent prayer and reflection. The highlight will be a Mass to be celebrated by Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, on October 13 at 5 PM. Please see www.corpuschristi.org or contact Fr. Lem Camacho at (973) 635-0070 for other details.

Weekly Reflections

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time *Mark 10:2-16*

In this Gospel passage, Mark reveals Christ's preaching on the sanctity of marriage as well as the importance of children and their innocence in our lives, some of the keys to gaining the kingdom of God.

The Pharisees had been showing up continuously to test Christ, and on this occasion, they sought to corner Christ as one contradicting Moses on the issue of marriage and divorce. They asked Him whether it was "lawful for a husband to divorce his wife," as Moses had taught. Christ responded with a question, asking them what Moses had "commanded." They did not answer what Moses had "commanded," but rather what Moses had "permitted," *i.e.* that a husband could "write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." Christ had no trouble fielding this taunt, responding by reverting to the creation account and telling them that God made male and female, and "for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh;" and that "what God has joined together, no human being must separate." The Pharisees left the confrontation empty-handed, failing to paint Christ as not living by the code of Moses.

By this Gospel, Mark demonstrated the connection between the Old Testament and the New Testament, how the New Testament's teachings fulfill the teachings in the Old Testament and make them even better. Clearly, Christ was not teaching laws for the sake of laws, but truth, for truth's sake. His teaching was, and still is, one based on love. Christ's words on marriage are truly poetic, and to our present day we are having relevant discussions on the essence of marriage and divorce and their effects on our lives. Although Mark writes that Christ had later told his disciples that a married man and woman who divorce and remarry commit adultery, there is no passage where Christ put anyone down for divorcing or cast out anyone for being unable to live out the marriage vows. We also find in another teaching moment among the gospels the story of Christ having encountered a woman charged with adultery, whom He saved from death by the accusing male crowd. In another incident in the gospels we find the story of how Christ met a woman at a well. She had been married many times but there is no account that he berated her; and we are told she became one of His earliest followers, Christ having shown her respect and mercy.

In his teachings, Christ sanctified marriage, an institution which has existed from the beginning of creation, and has emphasized the importance of children, the fruits of marriage, in the eyes of God. Indeed, Christ's first and one of His best-known miracles in the gospels was one performed at a wedding in Cana. Just by Christ's very presence at Cana Christ sanctified marriage and showed God's concern for our happiness in this world.

As to the importance of children, Mark revealed in his closing verse of this Gospel that Christ alluded to children as an example of how we should envision the kingdom of God. Christ stated that the kingdom belongs to "such as" the children, and that we should accept the kingdom of God like a child, lest we not enter it. Thus, by His words and action Christ has elevated marriage and has taught us to love and cherish the children, learning from their innocence and simplicity. For, through marriage we support, love and respect one another - husband, wife and children, should we be so blessed. Let us rely on God to help us to faithfully live out

these gifts of marriage and children as means of reaching the kingdom of God.

Lord, bless our families and help us to grow in our love for each other!



EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Faith is often described as a) believing in things that cannot be seen, b) believing in something in spite of the evidence or c) believing in something when there is no evidence to support the belief in the first place. This is not the Catholic definition of faith. While it is true that God is a Spirit and cannot be seen, it is not true that there is no evidence to support the existence of the unseen God. There is also sufficient evidence to support the resurrection of Jesus.

THERE EITHER IS A GOD, OR THERE IS NOT. JESUS IS THAT GOD, OR HE IS NOT. SALVATION COMES THROUGH CHRIST ALONE, OR IT DOES NOT. This is a decision that every Christian must make!

The Intellectual Approach to evangelization is an evidence-based evangelization; a logical discussion of the existence of God and the death and resurrection of Jesus.

First there are a wide range of arguments for God's existence. The simplest of which is based on the Law of Causality. This argument is based on the following premises:

- a. Whatever begins to exist has a cause;
- b. The universe just began to exist; and
- c. Therefore, if both of these are true the universe has a cause and that cause is God.

For this argument to be a good argument both premises must be true.

To deny the first premise is to say that the whole universe just appeared at some moment in the finite past for no reason. However, if it's really possible for things to pop into being without a cause, why did this spontaneous coming-into-being-from-nothing event only happen once several billions years ago and why don't we see this happening more often?

Further, there is ample scientific evidence that the universe is expanding. Scientific thinking has concluded that if the universe is expanding then it had an absolute beginning. Why? Because if the universe is getting bigger and bigger as it gets older and older, then it must have been smaller in the past. Since there was a beginning to the universe there had to be a spaceless, timeless, immaterial, powerful, uncaused, supernatural, creator that caused it to be; this sounds a lot like God.

With respect to the existence and the resurrection of Jesus, historians such as W.L. Craig, J.P. Moreland, G. Habermas, and others have done an especially good job of detailing historical evidence indicating that Jesus of Nazareth existed, died on the cross and rose from the dead.

In conclusion, Christian faith is more than a faith of blind trust. It is a rational examination and evaluation of real evidence, forming a conclusion and sharing that conclusion with the world around us.

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry