

**Welcome to St. Virgil's...  
Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sat., Oct. 27	5:00 PM	Dolores Marcantonio James Plano David Bryce Douglas Farra Gianna Lou	
Sun., Oct. 28	7:30 AM	Mini Pitak & Family	
	9:00 AM	Mary Delmonico	
	10:30 AM	Mary Jo Hashagen	
	12:00 PM	Craig Davidson	
Mon., Oct. 29	6:30 AM	Paul Ward, Jr. David Weisberg—Special Intentions	
	12:10 PM	Dolores Beardell	
Tues., Oct. 30	6:30 AM	Veronica LaCanfora David & Erin Weisberg—Special Intentions	
	12:10 PM	Lindsay Ireland	
Wed., Oct. 31	6:30 AM	Valerie & John Cwerko Charles Schott	
	12:10 PM	Purificacion Diokno Nadia Caroll	
Thurs., Nov. 1	6:30 AM	Grant Morgan Grace Fili	
	12:10 PM	Mary Sarcano	
	7:30 PM	Gerard Palumbo Michael Messenzio	
Fri., Nov. 2	6:30 AM	Victor & Sally Messenzio -- Special Intentions Richard Esposito	
	12:10 PM	Lynn & Mark Massenzio—Special Intentions Howard F. Nolan Lester Resch, Phylis Resh & Rose Prisco	
Sat., Nov. 3	8:00 AM	Dolores & Jack Brennan Charles J. Smith	
	5:00 PM	Johanna Eckardt John Keating Joe Gagliardi Ann Marie Lagan	
Sun., Nov. 4	7:30 AM	The Reznick Family	
	9:00 AM	Florence McShane	
	10:30 AM	Peter Askin	
	12:00 PM	Angela & Antonio Gabriele Craig Davidson	

**This Week at St. Virgil's**

**Saturday/Sunday, October 21/22**

K of C "Keep Christ in Christmas" Sale behind Altar

**Saturday, October 27**

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

**Sunday, October 28**

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

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

Youth Band Practice, 5-6 PM, School

**Monday, October 29**

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church

Jr. High PREP, 7 – 8:15 PM, School

**Tuesday, October 30**

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

**Wednesday, October 31**

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

***Feast of All Saints***

***Holy Day Mass Schedule***

***6:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:30 PM***

**Thursday, November 1**

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

**Friday, November 2**

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

**Saturday, November 3**

Reconciliate Retreat for Second Graders, 9 AM – 12

Noon, School

Confessions, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

**Sunday, November 4**

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

Welcome Sunday, 9 – 11:30 AM, TC

2<sup>nd</sup> Year FISH Mini-Retreat, 5 – 9 PM, School

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of October 20-21 was \$9,622 (Regular = \$7,677 + Faith Direct = \$1,945). The World Mission Sunday collection received \$1,220. Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.

***Ministry Schedule for October 27 and 28***

	<b>5:00pm Vigil</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Nancy Fenimore		Nina Rangel	Janet Winston	Nina Rangel
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Clifford	Ron Kelly	Ray Lillie		Kelly Jarocha
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lia Dyer	Anthony Tonini	Jake Gringeri	Anthony Loia	Micah Fuentes
	Natalie Dyer				
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Wendy Nunn	Jackie Donnelley	Barbara Fisher	Maureen Kelly	Marie Aloia
	Helen Salerno	Shirley Fleury	Eileen Fogleman	Penny Manser	Tony Avella
	Grace Walsh	Cathy Marshall	Melissa Gringeri	Sue Carol Scannelli	Deanna Colasurdo
		Joan Sambrowski	Chris Letta	Jim Scannelli	Jackie Colasurdo
			Mary Jo Tufaro	Cheryl Zebick	George Perkins
				Bob Zebick	June Sambrowski

## 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, 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.*



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Florence McShane**. We pray that **Florence** rests peacefully with the Lord.



### Fr. Lance's Letter

"Way" is mentioned twice in this Sunday's Gospel. The Blind person was sitting by the "roadside", not on the "way". But, once able to see, following Jesus on the "way" was the only option left, the only choice in life. The first Christians were called "followers of Jesus"; their movement was called "The Way".

This weekend we are individually called to leave our seats on the "roadside" and come to Jesus. He is always calling us (or asking others to invite us). By His healing he allows us to see that the ultimate purpose in life is to be with Him, to walk alongside Him, to be on "the way".

There are two important features we need to recognize. First, we are often seated comfortably on the "roadside". Our participation in life is focused on doing things for ourselves and making time and effort to satisfy our personal wants and needs. Secondly, we need to realize that we need to "see", to perceive what we really desire in life: not just things, events, passing pleasures, short-term achievements. What we really desire is the "fullness of life", "life

in abundance". This fullness and this abundance our Gospel says come from "following Him on the way". Following is another word for discipleship. Our deepest desire will be fulfilled in our relationship with Jesus, our "intimacy" (*into-me-see*) with God as we look forward to "seeing Him face to face".

As this weekend directs us into the new month of November starting off with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, may the special, close, intimate relationship of these saints, these holy men and women become our deepest desire that puts us "on the way with Jesus".

May God bless us all, keep us healthy and safe during this changing weather, and keep us faithful on our journey to Him - *Fr. Lance*

There are not different kinds of holiness. There's one holiness, and everyone is called to it. There're different ways of life that lead to holiness, but it's the same holiness. What's holiness? It says in Ephesians to be holy is to be filled with love. There's only one love and it's God's love. There's only one holiness and it's God's holiness. —RALPH MARTIN

## Parish Postings



**Flocknote** offers a smarter way for us to stay in constant contact with our "flock" through email and text messages. Email and cell phone numbers are now considered more permanent than our home address. We last conducted a census update in 2007 and much of the information is outdated. In order to make **Flocknote** work efficiently for us, we, of course, need updated information. Please take a few moments to update your contact information below. You can email the information, drop it in the collection basket, drop it in the mail or drop it off to the Parish Office. We appreciate any help you can give us. Oh and no worries. **You have the ability to "opt out" of Flocknote**, but we still will be happy to have the updated information.



### St. Virgil Church Census Update Form

FAMILY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ministry you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to participate with **Flocknote**? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Children living with you:

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You can email this information to us at [symparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:symparishoffice@gmail.com), mail it to us at 250 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, drop it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Thanks so much for your help.



**Gift Giving at its easiest.** The Fall Yankee Candle Fundraiser to support **SAINT VIRGIL PARISH** continues through December 31<sup>st</sup> at [www.yankee烛fundraising.com](http://www.yankee烛fundraising.com). Enter 'Group Number' **(990036689)** in the 'Start Shopping' section. Saint Virgil Parish will earn **40% profit** on every product sold. Contact Lynn Kelly [LynnNJ28@optonline.net](mailto:LynnNJ28@optonline.net) with questions.



A shout out to all our senior parishioners:

We have an invitation to attend the Morristown High School production of "PRANCER", their fall show. We have been asked to come on Wednesday, November 14, at 3 PM. and to arrive after 2:45 when school lets out. Come on out and let's support our younger parish members as they entertain us for the afternoon. At intermission, there will also be free refreshments for us. Please let me know if you are interested, so that I can RSVP to the school. Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you. Blessings on us all. Kathy Sisler (973) 538-1379.



**Rosary Society Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 6, at 7 PM in the Tracy Center

Featuring A Surprise Movie

Come join us for an evening of camaraderie, conversation and a movie that is sure to please. Bring a friend—they're always welcomed. A donation of \$1 may be given to purchase food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:svparishoffice@gmail.com)

## Faith Formation

### Religious Education Schedule for October & November

<b>PREP K – 4</b>	<b>Jr. High PREP 5-8</b>	<b>Jr. High Masses</b>	<b>FISH (Confirmation)</b>	<b>Youth Masses</b>
<b>10:15-11:45 AM</b>	<b>Sunday: 1-3:15 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>
October 28, November 18	November 11	November 25	November 4: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr Mini-Retreat (5-9PM)	November 18
Reconciliation Retreat— November 3, 9AM – 12 PM	<b>Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM</b> Oct. 29, Nov. 12		November 18: 1 <sup>st</sup> Yr Mini-Retreat (5-9PM)	

## Ministries & Outreaches

### Respect Life Ministries

A big thank you to all who bought car raffle chances to support the New Jersey Right to Life Organization. A special thank you to all who helped sell the chances before and after all the masses on Respect Life Weekend. We sold \$1,360 worth of chances and the winner will be chosen on November 16 and posted in the bulletin.

Also, our post card project has been concluded. 135 x 3 post cards have been sent to our State Senators and legislators in our respective districts for their support and sponsorship of the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (A-1686/S-537). A special thank you to **Jane Flynn** who helped me get the signatures for this project. St. Virgil's along with 35 parishes in the Paterson diocese and 33 parishes in the Metuchen diocese and over 50 Evangelical churches participated.

**Angela Pennisi, Respect Life Ministry**



### Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry

On the weekend of November 10/11 Youth Ministry will be hold the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive which will benefit the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry. The Garages will be open on Saturday afternoon, from 4 – 6 PM and on Sunday from 8 AM till 1 PM. We will be accepting the following food donations:

- Turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chickens
- Stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned turkey gravy
- Canned corn (low salt, if possible)
- Regular and hearty soups (low-salt if possible)
- Regular tea bags and coffee
- Parmalat or powdered milk, evaporated milk & soy or almond
- Apple, cranberry, grape or other 100% juice (32 oz)
- Nuts, mini marshmallows
- Salad dressing
- Muffin or roll mix
- Brownie or cake mix and icing
- Canned fruit
- Canned pumpkin
- Fresh potatoes, onions, yams, apples & oranges.

### Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card Campaign



The Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards behind the Altar after all Masses on the weekends of October 27/29, and November 3/4. These are beautiful cards, the likes of which cannot be found in any store, displaying the true meaning of Christmas. Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards—a message participating in the New Evangelization from you. All proceeds will go to help support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Any questions? Call Jim Scannelli, 973-627-8762.

## Around the Diocese

**Annual Senior Sisters Sale to Benefit Religious Teachers Filippini at Villa Walsh Academy:** Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza on November 4 from 12:00 Noon – 5 PM featuring unique gifts, crafts, a Money Raffle, baked goods and much, much more. There will be a food court with many Italian specialties. Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor's Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** – Turkey & Ham Drop will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 Free Admission 10:00am-4:00pm. In conjunction with the Sale we will be collecting Turkeys & Hams to provide future meals for our residents. Come join us at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, 140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa NJ, (Parking and Entrance on Cumberland Ave.) For Information: 973-942-0300 or [www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)

**Christmas Music CD Offer from the Cathedral:** This year the musicians at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, are offering an hour long CD of 19 freshly recorded sacred Christmas Hymns with singers from both Broadway and the Opera. The \$15.75 tax deductible donation per CD will again be devoted to assisting the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson area. The CD will surely make a beautiful, lasting, and thoughtful Christmas gift for you and others you care for. For more information, obtain a purchase from your parish office, the Cathedral website, or call Tom Kieren at (973) 214-6473, and send it together with you check to: Christmas CD Offer, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, November 8, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 PM in room 101. This month's program: **GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Michael Giuliano, a prominent Morristown Psychiatrist speaking on "How to Handle the Holidays".** For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Morris Township Turkey Trot** to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry and Literacy Volunteers of Morris County. Join us for a 5k, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run or Kids' Trot on Thursday, November 22, at Ginty Field (Rain or Shine) Visit our website to register today: <http://www.morristownshipturkeytrot.org/>

**Fall Open House Events at St. Patrick's:** Come see how your child can #BeTheFuture! Join St. Patrick School for our Fall Open House events on Wednesday, November 7 from 7:30-9PM and on Thursday, November 8 from 9-11AM. Pre-K3 through 8th grade. Meet our teachers and tour our safe, inviting school campus. Learn more about our STEM certification and why SPS is a National Blue

Ribbon school. Find out about our Transfer Grants\*. Visit technology-equipped classrooms and labs. Receive curriculum and admission information. Learn more about our high academic standards. Watch faith in action daily. Find out why students and parents love our school! RSVP to [admissions@st-pats.org](mailto:admissions@st-pats.org) or call 973-635-4623. For more information, visit [www.st-pats-school.org](http://www.st-pats-school.org).

### **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, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.** For information visit [insidethewalls.org/one-way-18plus](http://insidethewalls.org/one-way-18plus)
- **The Annulment Process**  
If you or someone you know is seeking an annulment, you are not alone on this journey. The Church seeks to help, guide and support you. Come to have your questions answered and receive step by step support. Event facilitated by Msgr. Edward Kurtyka, Judicial Vicar, on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.** To register please visit [insidethewalls.org/events/the-annulment-process-2](http://insidethewalls.org/events/the-annulment-process-2)
- **Catholicism from Scratch**  
A course in Basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fall 2018 Schedule: **November 3: Saints in the Making; December 8 - The Handmaid's Tale: Mary.** For more information visit [insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch](http://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch)
- **Set Free: Journey of Recovery through Christian Virtues**  
Our addictions do not make us less loved by God. Again, and again, Jesus reminds us that with Him, we are capable of living in freedom. So, if God believes in us, why don't we believe in ourselves? **Join us for lecture and group discussions in the following Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. November 13, January 22, February 19, March 19 and May 21.**
- **Ellen Dorn, President of the Catholic Bar Association to speak at SPIW.** Ellen Dorn will speak about the Catholic Bar Association and end of life issues on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.** To register for this event please visit [insidethewalls.org/ellendor](http://insidethewalls.org/ellendor).

## Weekly Reflections

### **"How to do it Corner"**

EXtra EXtra EXtra, hear all about it!!!!

We put a whole new batch of CD's out in the CD rack, check them out and see if any of them perk up your interest.

There are still some free CD copies of "7 good reasons to be Catholic" by Peter Kreeft, at the doors of the church. Take it home and listen to it. If you have children or family that have left the Church, perhaps you could be playing it when they are around, and it might just plant the seed that will bring them back to Jesus in the one Church He founded.

This week we will also put out another CD titled "15 Things to do in the midst of Suffering", by Jeff Cavins. Most of us have suffered and many are suffering, Jeff helps us understand how to get thru it, with the help of God.

Did you notice the new pamphlet racks by each of the Church entrances? Lots of good information there. Don't forget to leaf thru them since there are several different ones behind the front one.

Our prayer to our patron saint says he loved education and learning, let us love continuous learning too.



### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mark 10:46-52**

The Gospel of Mark records words spoken by a blind man who sought and obtained Christ's help. He was a common man, one who used simple and direct words which we ourselves should use in our prayers and petitions to God. He called out: "Jesus, have pity on me." That is all he, and we, have to do - call out for God's help. Christ was right there for this man, as He is for each of us. Christ's response to the man was all he, and we, need to hear. Christ told him" [g]o your way, your faith has saved you." He got up and was cured and continued to follow Christ. By this we are shown that when it comes to asking God for help, we don't have to make it complicated or too difficult. We simply have to ask for the help we need and, Mark tells us, we shall receive it.

This week, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, we also celebrate the feast of All Saints. The Communion of Saints is a powerful support concept for us. The Communion of Saints includes all those who have lived with God in their lives in the past, now, and in the future. We are all connected by our faith. Saints have much to teach us, much to share. There is no time in heaven, no time limit to challenge us. Just think about the effect that time has on our lives and our constantly chasing the clock. We never seem to have time to do the important things in life. We never seem to be on the right side of time - we are either too old or too young, too busy or too bored. Think what a difference no time in heaven will have on our existence. We can know and learn from the example of all who have come before us, by those who live now, and by all those who will live after us. Heaven without time gives us a great blessing. May all those who have existed with us in faith in Christ help us learn to love and help each other without the limits of time. Let us be open to all those great saints, big and small, who can help us live our lives today, devoted to You.

**Lord, unite us with all those believers who can help us find You in our lives!**



### **EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Invitational Evangelization** (a.k.a. Event Evangelism) is similar to the Interpersonal or Direct approach, but as its name suggests, it begins with inviting people to events like a church service, a retreat, or a Bible study. This is one of the most natural ways to reach out to others when you may not have the right words to say.

There are many events offered both at St. Virgil's Parish and within the Paterson Diocese to which you can invite someone to learn about Jesus.

Our recent Candlelight Rosary Walk celebrating the 101st anniversary of the miracle at Fatima would have been an excellent event to invite someone to. You might consider inviting someone to St. Paul Inside the Walls which is hosting an interactive, small-group experience aimed at bringing each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church. Or you may want to invite your neighbor to our Men's Cornerstone weekend retreat – "God's Plan for You" – at the Loyola in February where participants can reflect, renew and strengthen their faith. In March you can invite someone to St. Virgil's where Alan Hunt from Dynamic Catholic will speak about "Finding Your Greatness" and introduce attendees to four simple ways to reach their full potential.

When we hear the term Event Evangelization or Invitational Evangelization we may think of a one-time or a particular moment in time— one conversation or a single event — where we can sow a seed or reap a harvest. But, reaching out to friends, family and co-workers with the gospel can be more than a single event and more of a process. Whether evangelism is a 'sowing' process, or a reaping event is not so much determined by our intention, but by the response of the one we invited.

Evangelism may not be just a moment but a series of moments or events in a person's life that have a cumulative effect of bringing them to faith in Jesus Christ. It can be a process that is often the result of a series of conversations, a confluence of circumstances or a number of events. It is actually about cooperating with the Holy Spirit in someone's journey toward Jesus. It may mean joining together with them on a journey with God.

Paul gives us an example of the process of evangelism (*Acts 18:4*). In Corinth Paul reasoned with the Jews in the synagogue every Sabbath, with mixed results. Although Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed many of the Jews 'resisted and blasphemed.' But Paul kept coming back to explain, clarify and reason with them. In Thessalonica we read where Paul followed much the same pattern (*Acts 17:1-9*). Over a period of three Saturdays he reasoned with them, explained and gave evidence that Christ was the Messiah. It would seem that in both cases Paul's progressive building of a case for Jesus as the Messiah could be described as a process.

For some, Paul's first synagogue message was an evangelistic **event**; an experience of reaping the fruit born by God's Spirit. They believed the first time they heard the gospel. For others it was the first step in a **process** that took weeks or even months and years.

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

**St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry**