

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

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| Sat., Nov. 24 | 5:00 PM | Margaret Courtet—2 nd Anniversary Geraldine Rose Puca Linda Corea—6 th Anniversary Janet Stevens William Smith |
| Sun., Nov. 25 | 7:30 AM | Barbara Bracale Eileen Doherty |
| | 9:00 AM | Dolores Iannuzzi Craig Davidson |
| | 10:30 AM | John Clark |
| | 12:00 PM | Anthony Fiore John & Dennis Muldoon People of the Parish |
| Mon., Nov. 26 | 6:30 AM | Kevin Underhill |
| | 12:10 PM | Santo Santofiore |
| Tues., Nov. 27 | 6:30 AM | Marion Bracale |
| | 12:10 PM | George P. Toth |
| Wed., Nov. 28 | 6:30 AM | Josephine Underhill |
| | 12:10 PM | Deacon Richard Pinto—Special Intentions |
| Thurs., Nov. 29 | 6:30 AM | Bob Thomas |
| | 12:10 PM | Fred Mandato |
| Fri., Nov. 30 | 6:30 AM | Jack O'Brien |
| | 12:10 PM | Bill Murphy |
| Sat., Dec. 1 | 8:00 AM | Fred Mandato |
| | 5:00 PM | John Toye Ann Marie Lagan Lucette Maxxocoli Ann Amato Harvey Sturdivant Richard "Richie" Monica |
| Sun., Dec. 2 | 7:30 AM | Phyllis & Francis D'Annunzio |
| | 9:00 AM | Craig Davidson |
| | 10:30 AM | Geddy Kairaitis—16 th Anniversary Dina Pallotta |
| | 12:00 PM | Debbie Lucia |

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, November 25
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

Monday, November 26
Miraculous Medal Novena following the 6:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, November 27
Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Wednesday, November 28
RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, November 29
Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC
Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel
Bible Study, 7 PM, Library

Friday, November 30
Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Saturday, December 1
Christmas Bazaar, 10 AM – 4 PM, Gym
Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

Sunday, December 2
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR
Welcome Sunday, 9 – 11:30 AM, TC
Christmas Bazaar, 10 AM – 2 PM, Gym
PREP K-4, 10:15-11:45 AM, School
Advent Wreath Making, 11:30 AM – 1 PM, Cafeteria
Youth Band Practice, 5 – 6 PM, Church

Among Ourselves



Please remember in your prayers: Mary Eileen Prinszano, 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.

Ministry Schedule for December 1 and 2

| | 5:00pm Vigil | 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00 noon |
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| Cantor | Nancy Fenimore | | Nina Rangel | Michael Kane | Nina Ranel |
| Lector | Bob Clifford | Ron Kelly | Ray Lillie | Tom Wendorff | Kelly Jarocha |
| Altar Servers | Lia Dyer Natalie Dyer | | Seleyna Bautista Evan Bautista Tyler Bautista | Anthony Loia | Michael Szoke |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Jane Fischer Karen Schwingel Phyllis Smith Dan Smith Grace Walsh | Nicea D'Annunzio Shirley Fleury Cathy Marshall Joan Sambrowski | Barbara Fisher George Perkins Lydia Sesso John Trombetta Mary Jo Tufaro | Maureen Kelly Penny Manser Wendy Nunn Sue Carol Scannelli Jim Scannelli | Deanna Colasurdo Jacloe Cpasirdp Frank Miller Sandy Rosanio Louise Spirig Ron Spirig |



Fr. Lance's Letter

Monastery in Salzburg, Austria.

St. Virgil descended from the illustrious Farrell family of Ireland. He was ordained a priest before he left Ireland as a missionary. Arriving in France about the year 743 he was graciously welcomed by Pepin who is the father of Charles the Great. Pepin who later became the King of France grew very fond of Virgil. After about two years in France, Pepin sent Virgil to the court of Otillo, Duke of Bavaria for the purpose of bringing the people of Bavaria into the Catholic faith. After some time in Bavaria, Virgil was appointed abbot of St. Peter's

After the death of St. Rupert, Bishop of Salzburg, Virgil was appointed Bishop and spent his life in increasing the faith of the people in his Diocese, rebuilding the Cathedral of Salzburg, and traveling to the neighboring provinces preaching the word of God to them. St. Virgil is also called "The Apostle of Carinthia".

St. Virgil was a great astronomer, far advanced of his own times. He taught publicly - and was probably the first to teach - that the earth was round, that people lived at the opposite side of the sphere - at the antipodes. He was far ahead of Copernicus and nearly a century before Galileo was born. As it might be expected this teaching was unacceptable at that time and St. Virgil was required to refrain from publishing his theory. Because of his fascination with geography and astronomy he is also known as "the Geometer".

A Council held in Salzburg in 1274 declared and recognized St. Virgil as patron of the Cathedral and Diocese of Salzburg, and that his Feast Day be observed on November 27. We are in possession of an authentic relic of St. Virgil which we received from the Church of Assumption through the kind offices of Franz Mayer of Munich, Bavaria. The document which accompanied this holy treasure states: "To all whom it may concern, by these presents attest and affirm that, for the greater glory of God and His Saints, have reverently placed a portion of the head of St. Virgil, bishop and confessor, and patron of the Church of Salzburg, in a silver case, shielded with glass, fastened with red silk thread, and affixed with our larger seal in wax, granting by the tenor of this document permission to retain it or give it to others. In testimony whereof, we append our signature and our official seal. Given at Salzburg, the 24th day of March, 1887." - Francis Albert, OSB, Archbishop

This is a good opportunity to recognize our Patron St. Virgil, to thank God for the multitude of parishioners who have been blessed through his intercession, to pray that our great Patron will continue to inspire, guide and move us into a renewed faith life in our parish. May God bless us through the intercession of St. Virgil, our Patron saint. - Fr. Lance

Parish Postings



Christmas Flowers

Each year, our flower memorial allows us to offer to God the best of what we can in worship, and it also allows us to remember loved ones. If you wish to remember loved ones (living or deceased) or to make a gift in your family's name, please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office by Friday, December 14. A free-will donation will be accepted.

In memory of / for the special intention of:

Given by: _____



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

(Please note that each individual must have their own email and cell phone number for *Flocknote* usage.)

FAMILY NAME _____

Name: _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Ministry, Group, or Organization you participate in: _____

Name: _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Ministry, Group or Organization you participate in: _____

Do you wish to participate with **Flocknote**? _____ Yes _____ No

Children living with you:

You can email this information to us at syparishoffice@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 at www.yankeecandlefundraising.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 with questions.

Lynch Creek Farms Fundraiser. Centerpieces, Wreaths, Tabletop Christmas Trees? Purchase your handcrafted, elegant evergreen products online and support St. Virgil Parish. Ships direct in a decorative box from Lynch Creek Farms, a family owned business. Order online at www.lcffundraising.com/c/157503.

Sessoespresso Gourmet Coffee: At Sessoespresso Gourmet Coffee, we believe a cup of coffee can make a difference in someone's life. Our goal at Sessoespresso is with every purchase of a case of our gourmet coffee in 8 (12 oz. bags) or a case of our gourmet single serve K-Cups, (73 cups). Sessoespresso will make a donation to Saint Virgil's Parish

\$6.00 Donation for an Order of an 8-(12oz) bag case
\$6.00 Donation for an Order (72) cups K-Cups

For your order and donation, you will also receive a 15% discount. For your convenience, Sessoespresso provides free shipping and handling. So, enjoy the best cup of coffee you've ever tasted.

To order go to www.sessoespresso.com. Order a case of coffee or K-cups. When you checkout, type ST.VIRGILS in the discount box.

God bless you and thank you for your orders and donations.



Holiday Sing-Along

St. Virgil's Rosary Society in Conjunction with the Members of the Parish Choir
Tuesday, December 4, at 7 PM in the Tracy Center

The Rosary Society is kicking off the Christmas Season with a Holiday Sing-Along with members of the parish choir. Come join us for a festive evening of singing and fellowship. We ask that you arrive at 6:45 PM since the choir will begin promptly at 7 PM. As always, friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Note to Rosary Society Members: you can bring your new, unwrapped items for the Jersey Battered Women's Service collection, as well as wrapping paper you may have. If you cannot attend the meeting, please drop off items at the Rectory. A donation of \$1 may be given to purchase Food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.



Stained Glass Christmas Ornaments

Bring home one of St. Virgil's beautiful windows for your Christmas tree this year! Need a gift for a friend, a child who is living in another state, a teacher, a grandparent? Your purchase will help the Music Ministry's ongoing projects. There are 10 ornaments in the series and each one is framed in brass. All are suitable as Christmas Ornaments or as window suncatchers. Actual size is 2 x 3 3/4". Ornaments will be sold behind the Altar starting the weekend of November 17/18 and running through December 22/23. They will also be available during the Christmas Bazaar. Except for the Ascension window which is \$25; the other nine in the collection are \$20 each. All profits will be used to further the Music Ministry. Thank you for your support.

Blue Christmas Prayer Service ~ Tuesday, December 4, at 7:30 PM: Please join us for a Blue Christmas service, a quiet service of worship that recognizes the Christmas season as a difficult time for many who are coping with stress, grief from loss or illness. This service will feature special selected hymns and music, a message of consolation and hope, and a lighting of candles in recognition of collective grief and loss. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. *Sponsored by Arbor Terrace and St. Virgil's Church, the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

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

This time of year, as we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Bishop's Annual appeal as a way to give thanks for our many blessings. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a pledge to our Bishops Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar: Our Third Annual Christmas Bazaar is quickly approaching: Saturday, December 1 from 10 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, December 2 from 10 AM – 2 PM. The vendor list of local artisans and crafters is growing to include wood working, folk art, candles, coasters, knitted and crocheted items and Agnes & Dora clothing. Christmas shopping made easy. We still have room for a few crafters. 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.

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for December

| 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 |
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| December 2 December 16 | December 16 | December 16 | Dec. 9--1 st Yr. FISH Dec. 16--2 nd Yr. FISH | December 9 December 24 – 6 PM |
| December 4 Reconciliation for 2 nd Graders | Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM December 3 & 17 | | | |

Ministries & Outreaches



Star of Bethlehem

It has been a tradition in our parish to begin our Christmas Outreach Program following the Thanksgiving holiday. For more than thirty years, St. Virgil's parishioners have shown their compassion for the poor by responding generously to the Star of Bethlehem trees.

Two trees with gift card requests will be in our church the weekends of November 24/25, December 1/2 and December 8/9. Anyone wishing to contribute to this outreach program can select an envelope from one of the trees on either side of the altar and purchase the gift card requested.

Please place the envelope with the enclosed gift card in one of the collection boxes under the trees. Please mark the amount on the gift card.

The gift cards are distributed to local charities which provide emergency shelter, food, clothing, and medicinal needs to families in desperate need. When Christmas comes, and children are told "things are scarce this year," our gift cards come to the rescue. To think that it is our gift cards that come to the rescue help us to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Gift cards will be sold at the main parking lot entrance after each Mass and during the week during regular Parish Office hours.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Jersey Battered Women's Service Holiday Boutique

Every December, the Rosary Society sponsors a gift collection for the holiday boutique conducted by the Jersey Battered Women's Service (JBWS) for its clients. Last year over 200 families, including 445 children, received holiday gifts. Mothers select gifts of new toys and clothing donated by the local community. Handmade gifts are especially appreciated. You can imagine a mother's relief as she knows that she can give her children some joy in the holiday season.

JBWS has requested that we consider gifts for teens and pre-teens although items for all ages are welcome. Suggested items are listed here, but a more-detailed list is available in the Parish Office:

- Clothing for all ages (especially boots for ages 12 months-4 years)
- Jewelry/wallets/purses/watches
- Makeup/nail polish
- Puzzles/books (no board games, please)
- Crafts/science kits
- Models (Lego, Minecraft, Matchbox, etc.)
- Sports equipment

Please drop off your gifts (new and unwrapped) at the Parish Office **no later than Tuesday, December 4**. Unused wrapping paper (sheets, rolls), ribbons and bows may be given separately. Rosary Society members may bring their gifts to the monthly meeting, also December 4.

All parishioners of St. Virgil's are invited to participate and to make the holidays a bit brighter for these families.

OPERATION CHILLOUT OUTREACH

Operation Chillout is a local grassroots program which started out primarily assisting homeless Vietnam vets. Today, most are veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These vets are young – 20 to 30 years old – and many are women. They risk staying homeless and unemployed as many suffer from post-traumatic stress and other health conditions that increase their risk of death. Many choose to live outdoors rather than stay overnight in shelters. It is to this group that Operation Chillout (www.operationchillout.org), now in its 18th year, provides the basic necessities to help them through the winter and summer months.

Starting in early December, Operation Chillout volunteers will distribute backpacks filled with warm clothing and toiletries to over 1,000 homeless right here in Morris and neighboring counties and eastern Pennsylvania.

St. Virgil Parish is a collection partner. We have been asked to provide only the items listed below for both men and women. ***Clothing must be new; please provide only the items and sizes requested.*** We will have this collection from **November 17 - December 2**. Please place your gift in the carton beside the altar.

- Thermal underwear (L, XL, 2XL) *
- Warm gloves (no leather, Gore-Tex preferred) *
- Heavy, warm socks (wool/acrylic blend preferred)
- Zipped hooded sweatshirt or heavy flannel shirt
- Knit cap

* most-needed items

If you prefer, cash or checks payable to either St. Virgil Church or Operation Chillout Inc. may be given instead of clothing. Please place your donation in an envelope and drop it into the collection basket. The organization does not solicit, so you will not be contacted for additional support. Operation Chillout, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and is eligible for matching gifts and grants. Your contributions are tax deductible. Cash and checks payable to St. Virgil's will be used to purchase gloves and thermal underwear.

As we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family, please think of those who have little to be thankful for and be as generous as you can. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

Around the Diocese

Annual Holiday Candlelight Remembrance: Our family here at Dangler Funeral Home, Inc. wishes to extend to your family a personal invitation to our Annual Holiday Candlelight Remembrance Program. Our wish is to include the memories of your loved ones in a meaningful way as an important part of this holiday tradition. We want to let you know that you are not alone this holiday season. **Thursday, December 6, at: 7PM at Dangler Funeral Home** 600 Speedwell Ave. Morris Plains, R.S.V.P. By November 27, 973-539-3300 danglerfuneralhomes@gmail.com The program will include music, readings, and a candle lighting ceremony. You are asked to bring a framed picture or some memorabilia of your loved one to include in the program. These items will be returned to you at the end of the program. Light refreshments will be served. You are welcome to bring guests. When you R.S.V.P please include the number of persons who will be attending to ensure we have adequate seating. Sincerely, Christine Dangler Kip Dangler Betty Dangler Samantha Muro

Denville's Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation, Inc. holds its annual *Holiday Tree, Wreath, and Gift Sale* weekends from Friday, November 30 through Sunday December 16, at the Union Hill Farms stand at 25 Cooper Road off Route 10 West in Denville on Fridays from 4 to 8 PM, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Come early for garland/roping, bowed wreaths, poinsettias, and more. Gifts and decorations are for sale in our Christmas Shop. The sale benefits the Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation's preservation efforts. The Farm is listed on both the New Jersey and Federal Historic Registers and the Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. Follow Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation on Facebook for up-to-date information, go to www.ayresknuth.org, or for information or to volunteer, call 973-625-9345.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. This month's program: **"ANNUAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY"**. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164

Join St. Patrick School For "Walk-In Wednesdays" Curious about how your child can #BeTheFuture? Visit St. Patrick School to see for yourself! Join us during Walk-In Wednesdays from 9-11AM and tour our National Blue Ribbon and AdvancED Stem Certified school. For more information, log on to www.st-pats-school.org or contact Ashley Kearney, Director of Communications & Development at admissions@st-pats.org or 973-635-4623.

St. Patrick School Is Offering Transfer Grants: Considering a change for your child's educational experience? St. Patrick School invites families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our Parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with National Blue Ribbon and STEM Certified academics every day. Transfer grants are available to new students entering in grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools. Curious? Email admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623 to learn more or to schedule a tour!



Weekly Reflections

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **John 18:33b-37**

In today's Gospel, John reveals that Christ, near the end of His life and brought before Pilate, was asked if He was the "King of the Jews." Christ prodded him to search his own heart, and then told Pilate: "my kingdom is not here." And when Pilate asked Him to confirm that He was a king, Christ replied: "I came into the world ...to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Thus, Christ told Pilate, and us, that He is king of the truth, not a king of power in our world as we know it. Pilate, a king himself, was a man ahead of his times. He had the right questions, yet not the right answers. But Pilate perhaps gave his answer as to who he thought Christ was by putting a plaque above Christ's head on the cross and having it inscribed in the 4 major languages of that time, symbolically stating the universality of His life: "Here is Christ the King of the Jews."

Truth is not what we are hearing universally in our world today. We are being told that there is no "truth." That is where Pilate was, lost in confusion, when he confronted Jesus. Are we, ourselves, listening? Maybe the volume in our life is too high, pushing out Christ's message. Who is a king? Someone who has the final power over us. Who is our king? Who has the last word over us? Who captures the truth in our lives?

This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Thus, it finishes with this great feast of Christ the King of the Universe. He is the summit of our life, the King of our life of the universe, the kingship also being the summit of His life on earth, when He gave His life for us as an act of love. Power didn't win on that cross, love did.

Lord be our King! Guide us to real truth.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



As Catholics we are called to be witnesses for Christ. As witnesses our role is to serve others in ways that transcend material needs; to seek out and touch, to open doors for the sacramental presence of God and to present the face of Christ to those who need to know him and those who need to be reminded of him. In short, to provide encounters with God's love that invite conversion and renewal so as to develop disciples – to evangelize.

Evangelization should be an activity in our lives that is as regular as going to church.

When you hear the phrase "new evangelization", what is the first thing that comes to mind?"

Sadly, although the phrase "new evangelization" has been frequently mentioned over the last thirty years or so, many people are still confused about what it really is, what their role in it is, or how to make it a part of their daily lives. The "new evangelization" is still about Jesus Christ and living out the faith that draws us closer to him. And, it is still about our relationship with Christ, as well as helping others to continually develop a relationship with him. But it is meant not only for those who do not know Christ, but also for those who have been introduced to Jesus, but who, for one reason or another, have not developed or maintained a relationship with him. According to Saint John Paul II the new evangelization is also, in part, targeted at "*Catholics who have lost a living sense of faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church.*"

The "new evangelization" is also about using the many approaches available today (e.g., new media, podcasts, blogs, and social networks) that can help us reach others more frequently and more effectively and about the fervor with which we embrace this challenge in today's secular and relativistic culture.

An easy way to think about the "new evangelization" is to break it down into three parts: know the Faith, live the Faith, and share the Faith.

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry