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

Sat., Mar, 2	5:00 PM	Emil C. Bosacki Veronica Mezzino
Sun., Mar. 3	7:30 AM	Jean Williams Antoinette Delp—18th Anniversary
	9:00 AM	"38" Theresa Helmer Salvatore Spatola
	10:30 AM	Helen & Frank Santomeno Richard Esposito—3rd Anniversary Phylis Resh Lester Resh
	12:00 PM	Daniel Sullivan Mary Hohenstein
Mon., Mar. 4	6:30 AM	Leo & Paul Ward
	12:10 PM	Deceased Members of the Russo & Fallivene Family
Tues., Mar. 5	6:30 AM	Alfred R. Pagan
	12:10 PM	Robert Roche
Wed., Mar. 6	6:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Parish Family
	12:10 PM	Rose Reihill Norbert D'Souza & Santan D'Souza
	7:30 PM	Deceased Members of the Parish Family
Thurs., Mar. 7	6:30 AM	Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	In Thanksgiving from the Bernardo Family
Fri., Mar. 8	6:30 AM	Jack Schultz
	12:10 PM	Tom & Doreen Gazzo—Special Intentions
Sat., Mar. 9	8:00 AM	Michael Cattano
	5:00 PM	Anthony Fiore Kathleen Lakeland
Sun., Mar. 10	7:30 AM	Pamela Costens Bauman Benjamin T. Karpinski
	9:00 AM	Kathleen Fitzpatrick Miriam Donovan
	10:30 AM	Patrick Havers
	12:00 PM	Antonio Gabriel Ann Marie Lagan

This Week at St. Virgil's

"Find Your Greatness"
With Dr. Allan Hunt
From Dynamic Catholic
Tickets available in the Parish Office

Saturday, March 2
Confessions 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

Sunday, March 3
PREP Mass, 9 AM
Welcome Sunday, 9 – 11:30 AM, TC
Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 AM, CR

Monday, March 4
Miraculous Medal Novena following the 12:10 PM Mass

Tuesday, March 5
Return Support Group, 11AM, TC
Rosary Society, 7PM, TC

Ash Wednesday, March 6
Masses at 6:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:30 PM
Ashes Service at 4:00 PM
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM, TC
Appalachia Leader Meeting, 8:30 PM, FISH Rm.

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

Friday, March 8
Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass
Stations of the Cross following the 12:10 PM Mass
Friday Evening Fellowship, 6:30 PM, Cafeteria
Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 9
Confession, 3:30-4:15 PM

Sunday, March 10
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 AM, CR
Youth Mass, 12 Noon

Ministry Schedule for March 9/10

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor			Nina Rangel		Youth Choir
Lector	Steve Welsh	Margaret Flory	Ray Lillie	Don & Jeanne McKenna	Youth Minister
Altar Servers	Lia Dyer		Breanna Barter	Ally McLoughlin	Tyler Bautista
	Natalie Dyer		Jake Gringeri	Bobby McLoughlin	Victoria Coté
			Brandon Kelly	Michael Szoke	Michael Gopon
Extraordinary Ministers	Marianne Altrui	Nicea D'Annunzio	Dianna DeLorenzo	Maureen Kelly	Kelly Burrows
	Jane Flynn	Jackie Donnelley	Joe DeLorenzo	Pearl Law	Andrew DeBlock
	Marie Hantak	Cathy Marshall	Melissa Gringeri	Wendy Nunn	John FitzPatrick
	Linda Marcantonio	Debbie Richenaker	Bill Hoferer	Michele Para	Tina Gopon
		Gary Richenaker	June Sambrowski	Pat Para	Kevin Gopon
			Kathy Sisler	Karen Schwingel	Penny Manser

Among Ourselves

Please remember in your prayers: ***Marie E. Logan***, ***Margaret Ellis***, ***Mary Eileen Prisinzano, Noreen Ballon, Eileen Langan, Karen Cullen, Colleen Dillon & Family, Bob Taylor, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Kamasha Redhead, Stephen Burke, Sandra Buck, Janet Dittrich, Mallory Miller, Miah Tully, Domenico & Teresa Procopio, Sue & Silvano, Anne Benson, Baby Emma Scannelli, Barbara Bock, Mary Maffeo, & Rose Marie Warrick.***

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of ***Michael Cattano*** who was called home to the Lord this week. We pray that ***Michael*** rests peacefully with the Lord.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, ***Kaitlyn Rose Dumala***, daughter of ***Edward & Rosemary.***

We are very grateful for your on-going generosity during the year. The regular collection for the weekend of February 23/24 was $9,388. ($8,161 from in pew donations and $1,227 from Faith Direct). We thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for all those serving in defense of our Country, both at home and abroad, especially:

- ***Lieutenant Commander Daniel M. Leahey***
- ***Lieutenant Patrick J. Leahey***
- ***Lieutenant Mark C. Leahey***
- ***Lieutenant R. Andrew McGuinness***
- ***Lieutenant Mark Van Orden***
- ***Captain Gary Windt***
- ***Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Butchko***
- ***Master Sergeant. T.J. Hopkins***

New Parish Website

On February 22, we published a new website through the Diocesan preferred provider, ***eCatholic***. Please check it out at

www.stvirgilparish.org.

Yes, it's the same web address, but we have a new look and some new features. It's still a work in progress, so if you see something that could use some enhancement or change, just let the Parish Office know.

Partners in Faith Reimbursement

This week we received another disbursement from Partners in Faith. If you will recall the parish was to receive a percentage of the amount collected by the diocese. The current disbursement was $8,238.90. These funds were used to renovate the boys' and girls' bathrooms in the School Gym.

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST & ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat (beast & fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. The obligations prohibit the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days are not permitted.

Friday Night Fellowship & Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday following the 12:10 PM Mass and on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM. In conjunction with the Friday evening Stations, some of our ministries will host ***Friday Night Fellowship***. This will be a light supper served by our ministries for our parishioners to enjoy. Please join us for our Friday Night Fellowship and Stations of the Cross.

March 8 at 6:30 PM served by PREP
March 15 at 6:30 PM served by the Rosary Society
March 22 at 8 PM served by the Knights of Columbus
March 29 at 8 PM served by Men's Cornerstone/Divine Mercy
April 5 at 6:30 PM served by Youth Ministry
April 12 at 8 PM served by Young Adults

Mass & Service Schedule for Ash Wednesday, March 6
6:30 AM; 12:10 noon time; 7:30 PM - Mass with Ashes
4:00 PM - Service with Ashes

Friday, March 8 - Stations of the Cross conducted by PREP.
Light Supper in the School at 6:30 PM; Stations in church at 7:30 PM

Fr. Lance's Letter

The Little Black Book is available - one per family - as a "travel companion" during the Season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. The little booklet invites you to spend about six minutes each day during Lent. Reading this booklet will inform you of some interesting facts and features of our Catholic faith. The right-hand side of the booklet has a quote from sacred scripture with positive explanations, good advice and a challenge here and there. The daily readings will inspire you to make this Holy Season of Lent a time of grace. This booklet is a gift for you so that by Easter you can become a personal gift to your family, our parish and to your school/workplace. Enjoy the booklet and be blessed!

Ash Wednesday is also a day of *fasting and abstinence*. It's about taking our eyes, our hands, and our thoughts away from food and material things. It's about increasing our hunger for God, for godly things and for the good of others. Begin Lent with the right spirit, with the personal desire to focus on Jesus and to follow His call. Let us pray for each other - our parish and our ministries - and for the many needs of our world.

You will find a little basket with "Rice Bowls" at all exits of our church, a container for you to take along and fill in with loose change during Lent. Your donations will be sent entirely to the Catholic Relief Services which use these monies to feed children in our world. Help as much as you can to feed a child.

While we are talking about charity, it was good to welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor, from Totowa, who run a nursing home for 100 elderly people. About one half of these residents are given free care. The Sisters depend on donations, as we depend of them, to serve the elderly. Thank you for being generous and gracious to these Sisters. They enjoyed our hospitality and kindness. They had much to say in praise of their visit to us.

Last Saturday, our Appalachia Mission Team had a "Flapjack Fund Raiser Breakfast" to support the upcoming trip to Harlan County, Kentucky, in July 2019. Here is a copy of a "Thank You" note sent by Julie O'Kane who helped organize this fund raiser:

"I want to send a HUGE "Thank you!" for all of your help yesterday at the Applebee's fund raiser breakfast! It was the smoothest fund raiser breakfast that we've ever hosted! We reached our goals of being both profitable and fun! [We know that people were having fun because we finally had to nicely kick everyone out when we reached the hard deadline time to clear out!

Stephanie, the Applebee's manager, said that our team was one of the best groups that they've ever had! She said our teens were polite, hard-working, and did whatever they were asked to do. She said: "Please come back next year!"

I am happy that I had the opportunity to share with Stephanie (in words) who the team is and why they are raising funds. I told her that the team is about serving others. Yesterday our teens began living out this mission of serving others! In the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." Gratefully, Julie.

Read into this note of gratitude the spirit of St. Virgil Parish - so good to know that the goodness of Jesus and the saints lives in each of us. Thank you for spreading the Gospel during breakfast.

Looking forward to seeing all of you again this Ash Wednesday at one of our Masses or Service.

May the Lord bless us and accompany us into this sacred time of Lent - *Fr. Lance*

Parish Postings

In the event that PREP classes, Formation sessions, or meetings need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, a message will be posted on the Parish website (www.stvirgilparish.org) at least one hour prior to the start of session.

Over 525 registrations have been accepted to date with a maximum of 600 seats available, so please stop by the registration desk after the Masses this weekend to reserve your spot…time is ticking.

Saturday, March 30, 2019
9 AM – 1 PM
Tickets $25

Tickets are on sale in the Sanctuary after all Masses in the Parish Office.

LECTORS NEEDED

The proclamation of The Word during Mass is a very important role of the laity. And we are **VERY SHORT on lectors!!!**

PLEASE HELP!!

Reading the two Epistles during Sunday Mass does not require any special public performance skills or experience. We are readers, not performers. Training is brief and simple. Lectors are asked to read at one Mass, usually once a month. (Although our shortage of lectors might allow you serve more often if you are willing.)

Please help us proclaim The Word. Please contact the Rectory (973-538-1418) or Jeanne and Don McKenna (973-539-5957).

We ***REALLY*** need your help.

St. Virgil Rosary Society Game Night
Tuesday, March 5
7 PM
Tracy Center

We have planned another game night for our March meeting. Please join us for an evening of fun and conversation. Whether Scrabble, Trivia Pursuit, Monopoly, cards—whatever game you choose—bring it along and, as always, friends are always welcomed. For our continuing service project, a donation of $1 may be given to purchase food items for the Interfaith Food Pantry in lieu of a canned good. In case of inclement weather, please call the Parish Office at 973-538-1418 after 4 PM.

Pilgrimage to
The Divine Mercy Shrine
in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Friday, June 14

The grounds of the National Shrine consist of 375 acres of land nestled in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts. The name of the property is called "Eden Hill" because of its natural beauty. On the grounds of Eden Hill, you can explore the National Shrine Church which offers daily Mass, confessions, adoration, rosary, benediction, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, the blessing of religious articles and a blessing with a first-class relic of St. Faustina. There are five outdoor shrines including life-size Stations of the Cross. Their gift shop is the largest religious articles store in New England.

Plan to join our Parish Pilgrimage on June 14. Bus transportation and a box lunch will be provided for $45. If you are planning to join us, fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office with your cash or check made payable to St. Virgil's Church.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage Reservation

Name_____Phone _____

Email _____

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for March

PREP K – 4	***Jr. High PREP 5-8***	***Jr. High Masses***	***FISH (Confirmation)***	***Youth Masses***
10:15-11:45 AM	***Sunday: 1-3:15 PM***	***9 AM***	***6:30 PM***	***12:00 Noon***
March 10	March 24	March 3	1st Yr.: March 10	March 10
	Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM			March 24
	March 11 & 25			

Ice and Christ Skate-a-thon
Thursday, March 14 ~ 4 – 6 PM
at the Mennen Arena
$7 entrance fee includes skate rentals
Contact Chris Letta at letta.svprep@gmail.com for details

"LET GO, LET GOD…SURRENDER"

Please join us for a retreat at the beautiful Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. It will offer you a time to relax, reflect and grow closer to God. We will be led by Rev. Tom Marciniak, S.J. and Karen Florance as we explore the theme of "Surrender." As you learn to hold things lightly and not tightly—truly surrendering to God—peace will come. The weekend includes preached talks on the theme, daily Mass, optional private consultations with retreat leaders, Reconciliation, a Healing Mass, outdoor stations of the cross, the saying of the Rosary and generous amounts of time for personal prayer and reflection. It is truly a wonderful experience and the cost is a free will offering. The weekend begins on Friday evening with supper at 7:15 p.m. (arrival between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.) and ends with dinner on Sunday (1 p.m.)

There are two options this Spring: **April 12 – 14, 2019** –or-- **May 31 – June 1, 2019.** Please choose the weekend that works best for you. Lent is a time to pause and reflect on where God may be leading you – a retreat is a wonderful way to make time for God – and yourself—please join us!

For more information, or to register, please contact:

Carole White-Connor at carolewc44@verizon.net or 201.213.0038,
Kathryn Butchko at kathrynbutchko@gmail.com, or
Loyola Jesuit Center – www.loyola.org, Email: retreathouse@loyola.org or 973.539.0740.

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE MARCH 15 - 16
"HE RESTORES MY SOUL"

What is the Women's Cornerstone Retreat? It is a program for spiritual renewal and personal growth. It is an experience for women by women. We come together to grow in the knowledge and love of God. During the 24-hour retreat, you will listen to the faith journeys of other women and focus on your own spiritual development. It's a time for you to engage in quiet reflection, and to get to know other Catholic women.

The retreat will take place at Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center in Mendham, and the cost is $150.

Please contact Chrissy West at 973-809-1646, email costa1112@yahoo.com for more information, or register online at assumptionparish.org/womens-cornerstone-retreat. There are four of us from St. Virgil's on the team now and we would sure love to see more candidates!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

A prayerful review of the Sunday readings. Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Tracy Center. Contact: Kathy Sisler (973) 538-1379.

Thursday Evening Bible Study:
The Book of Exodus

In this study we will see it is NOT just an exciting rescue mission but has a goal of freedom from sin. We will learn what God means by calling Himself "I AM". Join us Thursday evenings in the School Library at 7 PM. Contact: Phil Alcock at philipalcock1@verizon.net.

Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to Church

Many of us are concerned about our children, they don't go to Mass anymore, we may not even be certain they still believe in God. We know the only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ, by being part of Christ's body on earth—which is the Catholic Church. Join us as we explore Brandon Vogt's book *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to Church* and discuss ideas that will lead our children back to church. Join us Tuesday mornings at 11 AM in the Tracy Center. Contact: philipalcock1@verizon.net

Ministries & Outreaches

Lenten Outreach - Clothe the Naked
Rosary Society Clothing Collection for the Market Street Mission
March 16 - 31

As a Lenten Corporal Work of Mercy, the Rosary Society is again sponsoring a collection of new clothing for the Market Street Mission in Morristown. Last year, we delivered 162 boxer shorts, 186 T-shirts, 308 pair of socks, 33 lounge pants, 9 pajama sets and 3 sleep pants. A number of men associated with the Mission unloaded the car. They were so thankful for receiving our donation.

Clothing (**new only**) requested by the Mission (**please give only the items and sizes requested**):

~ Boxer shorts (sizes 32-46)
~ Pajama lounge pants (L-XL)
~ T-shirts (L-3XL)
~ Pajamas (L-2XL)
~ Sport and dress socks

Please leave your donation in the carton located in the sanctuary. Your generosity for this worthy cause will be most appreciated.

A Thank you from St. Peter's Orphanage: Thank you for remembering the children of St. Peter's Orphanage this holiday season. Your donation appreciation for your generous support of our mission. May your kindness be rewarded with peace, love and joy throughout the year ahead. Kelly McNamara, LCSW, Executive Director was helpful to us in fulfilling the needs and wishes of our boys this holiday. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude, and sincere

Appalachia Outreach 2019

Appalachia Team Meeting
March 31 @ 1pm

Appalachia Youth Leaders Meeting
March 6 @ 8:30pm

Early Spring Cleaning!

If you were lucky and received new tools for Christmas, the Appalachia Outreach Team would love to have your old ones. We are currently in need of cordless (battery powered) drills and circular saws for our work teams. Electricity is in short supply on our sites, so cordless tools work best. We are also in need of good quality screwdrivers, pliers, and wrenches.

Our teams this past year worked on homes that needed plumbing help, flooring replaced, ramps built and of course, our favorite, roofing. As we are now working under Holy Trinity in Harlan, we need a few more tools as we are doing more on-site homeowner repairs. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Please look for updates on our upcoming mission to Harlan.

Please remember the ***Interfaith Food Pantry*** while you are doing your grocery shopping. Pantry needs are extensive this time of year.

Current needs are: canned fruit, spaghetti/pasta sauce, tomato products, cereal-low sugar, high fiber, white and brown rice, dry milk, evaporated milk, calcium-fortified milk alternatives, tuna fish, peanut butter (18oz), canned meats and meals, Rice-A-Roni, Pasta-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, all varieties of soups, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 baby food, baby cereal, baby wipes, reusable grocery shopping bags, Boost or Ensure regular and glucose control.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Pray for an end to abortion

Come pray with us for the Unborn Children who are being lost through abortion. We also peacefully pray for all those harmed by the loss of these precious gifts—our children.

March 6 to April 13 ~ 7 AM – 7 PM
Volunteers usually pray for an hour (or more) a week.
196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, in front of Planned Parenthood.

Sign up by sending an email to 44lifeus@gmail.com or going to the 40 Days for Life website: https://40daysforlife.com. If you have any questions, please call Frances Spilman at 973.627.1654. We encourage you to sign up so that we know that each hour is covered for a particular day. Spontaneous visitors are also welcome. Your presence may save a life—please come and join us for 40 Days for Life.

Around the Diocese

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, March 14, at St. Christopher's Church, in Parsippany, at 7:30 PM in room 101. This month's program is: ***"Managing Stress During Grief".*** For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

Weekly Reflections

Old Testament Sirach 27:4-7
New Testament Luke: 6:39-45

Some of the sayings from today's Old and New Testament readings may sound as though they came from the famous quotes of Benjamin Franklin, but the reality is just the opposite. Sirach, part of the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament says: "...tribulation is the test of the just;" - "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;" and "Praise no one before he speaks." These are words of wisdom that have existed throughout Biblical times.

Jesus's readings follow, again sharing His wisdom with us: "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not see the wooden beam in your own?" and "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil store produces evil." Thus, the Old Testament shares the Books of Wisdom with us and Christ fulfills them, demonstrating their power in the New Testament. Luke's Chapter 6 is filled with these teachings. But as we see in today's readings, Christ Himself shows how the Old and New readings are joined together. He, the teacher, makes sure that we, his followers, learn these truths of morality from Him, and that they might enrich our lives. Through these readings we see how the universality of human nature spans generations. But in today's world, wisdom, truth, and morality seem to be struggling as popular concepts. It is our job in our daily lives to make them relevant to ourselves and our children.

Lord, help us bring Your wisdom into our lives.