

Welcome to St. Virgil's Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Mar. 9	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 Maria Infante
	12:00 PM	Antonio Gabriel Ann Marie Lagan
Mon., Mar. 11	6:30 AM	Paul Leary
	12:10 PM	Maria Garruto
Tues., Mar. 12	6:30 AM	Michael Cattano
	12:10 PM	Robert Kroszer
Wed., Mar. 13	6:30 AM	Karen Yannaccone
	12:10 PM	Ty Schuler
Thurs., Mar. 14	6:30 AM	Francis D'Annunzio
	12:10 PM	Frances Caroselli
Fri., Mar. 15	6:30 AM	Jeff Leloia
	12:10 PM	Thanks to St. Jude Michael Cattano
Sat., Mar. 16	8:00 AM	Maria Infante
	5:00 PM	Arlene Fortunato Helen Mischalski
Sun., Mar. 17	7:30 AM	Barbara Bracale Paulita Booher Phyllis & Francis D'Annunzio
	9:00 AM	Fannie & Cozzie Gallo Alice Morris
	10:30 AM	Patrick Havers
	12:00 PM	Daniel Sullivan Michael Cattano

The **Sanctuary Candle** honors the memory of
Pamela Costens Bauman
from Joseph & Florence Costens

This Week at St. Virgil's



"Find Your Greatness"
With Dr. Allan Hunt
From Dynamic Catholic
Limited number of tickets are still available.

Sunday, March 10

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



Monday, March 11

Miraculous Medal Novena, following the 12:10PM Mass
Jr. High PREP, 7 – 8 :15 PM, School
Welcome Home, 7 – 8:30 PM, Church

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass
Stations of the Cross following the 12:10 Mass
Prime Time, 1 PM, TC
Friday Night Fellowship, 6:30 PM, Cafeteria
Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM, Church

Saturday, March 16

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Sunday, March 17

Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am, CR
Youth Band Practice, 5 – 6:00 PM, Church



Ministry Schedule for March 16 and 17

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Nancy Fenimore		Nina Rangel	Nancy Fenimore	Nina Rangel
Lector	John Logan	Robert Vigorito	John Trombetta	Jen Qvotrup	Kelly Jarocha
Altar Servers	Luken Biggan	Anthony Tonini	Evan Bautista	Anthony Loia	Micah Fuentes
			Tyler Bautista		
Extraordinary Ministers	Packy Doherty	Shirley Fleury	Barbara Fisher	Viji Alex	Phyllis Bonanno
	Jane Fischer	Beverly Morgan	Chris Letta	Frank Miller	George Perkins
	Phyllis Smith	Rosemary Paulison	Rita McCleary	Sue Carol Scannelli	Sandy Rosanio
	Dan Smith	Gary Richenaker	Lydia Sesso	Jim Scannelli	Tim Scanlon
	Grace Walsh	Joan Sambrowski	Pete Sesso	Kathy Sisler	Mary Tiso
			Mary Jo Tufaro		

Among Ourselves

Please remember in your prayers: **Marie E. Logan, Margaret Ellis, Mary Eileen Prinszano, 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 **Mary Joyce Powles** who was called home to the Lord this week. We pray that **Mary** rests peacefully with the Lord.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Mila Jane Dourgarian daughter of Andrew & Christina.**

We are very grateful for your on-going generosity during the year. The regular collection for the weekend of March 2/3 was \$11,648. (\$10,421 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:

- **Second Lieutenant Ryan Feeney**
- **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**



Fr. Lance's Letter

On Ash Wednesday we welcomed our parishioners and many from our community. Receiving the Ashes created an awareness within us that we are in need of God's forgiveness, His mercy and His constant care for us. We

cannot do it alone. With the Ashes we entered into the Holy Season of Lent. These 40 days can become for us an opportunity to focus on God and renew our lives.

Noah, his family, together with a zoo full of animals and birds spent 40 days in the Ark. I try to image what life was for each of them. They were enclosed in a tight area, floating on water, and relying on each other for survival. Most importantly, they had to learn how to get along with each other. Communication was very important, and to grow in friendship, trust, and support of each other, even with the birds and animals. Caring for each other was extremely central. Each and everyone one on the Ark had their personal needs but they also had to show great concern for the other. Supplies were meager and wasting food was not an option. Over and above everything else, they had to have faith in God who had saved them from the deluge.

Jesus "*was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.*" For 40 days he spent in prayer with God, a communication that was visible and experienced by all who later on saw Him during His three years of public ministry. Jesus was empowered through this 40-day prayer time. This desert is called the Mount of Quarantine, or Mount of Temptation (*Djebel Qarantal*), 1060 feet above sea level, a few miles from modern-day Jericho. It is an arid land of rough rocks and is marked by deep watercourses. It is assumed that Jesus spent these 40 days during the month of February, very cold and rainy months of the year. Soon after this time in the desert, Jesus joined in the Feast of the Passover which took place at the end of March or the beginning of April.

The three Temptations - materialism, arrogance and power - stand in direct opposition to the Gospel values Jesus often proposed and lived: sharing and caring for others; making the other more important than one's personal needs, humility; and serving others, being the least.

Like Noah, we too are promised a "new heaven and a new earth", a rainbow-life which involves the gift of ourselves and sacrifice. Recall the three pillars proposed to us on Ash Wednesday: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Decide that you want to make prayer personal and daily. Choose to listen to others, find time for them and serve their needs as much as you are capable. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, come to Mass, even daily Mass.

Let us join one another during the Lent and make it a Season of Grace - Fr. Lance

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 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 The Young Adults

April 5 at 6:30 PM served by Youth Ministry

April 12 at 8 PM served by Divine Mercy & Men's Cornerstone



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.

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 584 registrations have been accepted to date with a maximum of 600 seats available, so please stop by the Parish Office to reserve your spot...time is ticking.



Saturday, March 30, 2019

9 AM – 1 PM

Tickets \$25

A limited number of tickets are on sale in the Parish Office.



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 _____

PRIME TIME

We have a great afternoon planned for our next meeting. Samantha from Dangler's Funeral Home will be with us to answer any and all questions we have regarding funerals....so if you have a question you are curious about, please come join us on Friday, March 15, at 1 PM in the Tracy Center and put your mind at ease with the answers Samantha will give us. Also remember to bring a small donation for the Food Pantry for our less fortunate neighbors. We will also have our usual 50/50 raffle and of course, all the delicious offerings on our dessert table. We look forward to seeing you on March 15 at 1pm Questions? Please call Kathy Sisler (973-538-1379).

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.

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for March

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

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](tel: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!



"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.

Ministries & Outreaches



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.

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.

Appalachia Outreach 2019

**Appalachia Team Mtg.
March 31 @ 1pm**

**Appalachia Youth Leaders Mtg.
April 17 @ 7:30pm**



Early Spring Cleaning!

We are still collecting gently used tools for our next mission trip. 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.

As we are now working under Holy Trinity Church 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.



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.

Mary Help of Christians Academy presents

The Little Mermaid.
Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
Held in our Sacred Heart Hall on our campus 659 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, NJ 07508.

Assumption Separated & Divorced Catholic Support Group

Our monthly meeting of the Assumption Church support group for separated and divorced Catholics will be on Monday, March 11, from 7 – 8:30 PM in Rauscher Hall.

Weekly Reflections

First Sunday of Lent

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

New Testament: Luke 4:1-13

The Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy starts off today with a shortened story of Moses leading the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, crossing the Jordan and, after wandering in the desert for "40 years, finding freedom in Israel - the land of "milk and honey." In Luke's Gospel we learn of Christ being tempted in the desert for 40 days, as the Israelites had been tempted in the desert. Numbers are significant to the Israelites; to them, the number "40" stands for fulfillment. The Israelites' forty (40) years of wandering in the desert and Christ's 40 days of temptations in the desert, unify these two events in the Bible.

In the New Testament, Christ is showing us again that He fulfils the events of the Old Testament. Luke goes on to describe three temptations which Christ experienced in the desert. Each of them relates to temptations we have experienced in our own lives. It is surreal for us to learn of Christ suffering these temptations. We think somehow that Christ was "above" temptations. Obviously, that is not true. To deny this of Christ would be to deny His humanity. In Luke's account the "devil" is very real and very formidable. If temptation was real and difficult for Christ, then most surely it is not easy for us. Each temptation gives us much on which to meditate, especially during this first week of Lent.

The first temptation states: "One does not live by bread alone." In a society that tells us multiple times a day that there are infinite things in our world that would make our lives better, or happier, we should ask ourselves repeatedly: "What things, or positions, in life, really make us happier, make our lives better?" We should be asking, whom we can "serve," not what we can get; or, what we can give to make our life, and that of all those around us, better. Christ is again telling us that we don't need more "stuff"; we need greater love. The second temptation is all about "power." In our world, power is considered an important and highly desired quality - in business, politics, leisure, education, and even in personal relationships. Almost everyone wants to be on top. To be powerless is scary to us.

The third temptation concerns "putting God to the test." We might think that this is never relevant to us - that we do not do such a thing. But think how many times in prayer we ask God for something, only to experience disappointment for not receiving what we had most desired. Do we tend to blame God for not acquiescing to our request? As long as He is a God who does our bidding, we are all good to go. However, when God's will does not coincide with our own, do we agree? Do we accept? One of the recorded last words of Christ when on the cross was, referring to God the Father: "Thy will be done." Since it was tough for Christ Himself, let us understand how difficult it is for us.

Lord, please be with us when we are tempted; help us grow these 40 days of Lent

St. Paul Inside the Walls The Center for Catholic Evangelization for the Diocese of Paterson Young Adult Events

- **Young Adult Sunday Mass.** Everyone in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend.
- **Young Adult Night every Wednesday.** Join us Wednesday nights for Adoration at 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm.
- **Young Adult PUB NIGHT WITH LIVE MUSIC BY BEN-DAVID WARNER, Wednesday, March 13, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** Get into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day by joining St. Paul Inside the Walls for a night of song with Irish/American musician Ben-David Warner.