

# Welcome to St. Virgil's Parish

## Mass Intentions for the Week



Sat., April 27	5:00 PM	Anthony Cerrato Bartholomew Fitzsimmons Bill Smith Edith Nunn Elizabeth Wurzer—1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun., April 28	7:30 AM	Msgr. Paul Knauer Eileen Doherty
	9:00 AM	Joseph & Bridget Haugh Anthony Haugh Patrick Doherty
	10:30 AM	Louise Fitzpatrick
	12:00 PM	Ann Marie Lagan Donald James Scanlon—29 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anna Russo
Mon., April 29	6:30 AM	Mildred Benze
	12:10 PM	Deceased Parishioners
Tues., April 30	6:30 AM	Laura J. Greey—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Dolores Marcantonio
Wed., May 1	6:30 AM	Michael Cattano
	12:10 PM	Craig Davidson
Thurs., May 2	6:30 AM	Harry Raymond Lillie—3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
	12:10 PM	Jack O'Brien
Fri., May 3	6:30 AM	Lottie & John Martin
	12:10 PM	Helen & Frank Cholewa
Sat., May 4	8:00 AM	Mildred Benze
	5:00 PM	Catherine D'Souza Abigail Donnelley—Special Intentions
Sun., May 5	7:30 AM	Sarah Sweeney
	9:00 AM	Pio Diokno
	10:30 AM	Rosemary Milanaik
	12:00 PM	Ann Marie Lagan

# Divine Mercy Sunday

## This Week at St. Virgil's

### Saturday/Sunday, April 27/28

Cardboard City by Appalachia Outreach Team  
K of C Drive for Citizens with Disabilities

### Sunday, April 28

Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM, CR  
Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction, 3 PM

### Monday, April 29

Miraculous Medal Novena following the 12:10 PM Mass

### Tuesday, April 30

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

### Wednesday, May 1

Rehearsal for First Eucharist, 4 & 6 PM

### Thursday, May 2

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC  
Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel  
May Crowning, Rosary at 6:45 PM & Mass at 7 PM,  
Church

### Friday, May 3

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

### Saturday, May 4

First Eucharist at 9:30 & 11:30 AM  
Confession, 3:30 - 4:15 PM

### Sunday, May 5

Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, Church  
Welcome Sunday, 9 AM, TC  
Youth Band Practice, 5 PM, Church



**Beginning Tuesday, May 28, Parish Office summer hours will be 9 AM – 2 PM**

## AMONG OURSELVES

Please remember in your prayers: *James Irvin, Marie E. Logan, Margaret Ellis, Mary Eileen Prinszano, Eileen Langan, Bob Taylor, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Kamasha Redhead, Stephen Burke, Sandra Buck, Janet Dittrich, Mallory Miller, Miab Tully, Domenico & Teresa Procopio, Anne Benson, Baby Emma Scannelli, Barbara Bock, Mary Maffeo, & Rose Marie Warrick.*

We are very grateful for your on-going generosity during the year. The regular collection for the Easter weekend April 20/21 was \$27,953 (\$25,934 from in pew donations and \$2,019 from Faith Direct). We thank you for your generosity.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family **Jack Andrew Gibson**, son of Craig & Ann Marie.

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

- *Second Lieutenant Ryan Feeny*
- *Lieutenant Commander Daniel M. Leabey*
- *Lieutenant Patrick J. Leabey*
- *Lieutenant Mark C. Leabey*
- *Lieutenant R. Andrew McGuinness*
- *Lieutenant Mark Van Orden*
- *Major Gary Windt*
- *Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Timothy Butchko*
- *Master Sergeant. T.J. Hopkins*
- *Lieutenant Kelsey Bergh*
- *Lieutenant Kian Federick Stewart*
- *Lieutenant Keigan Delray Stewart*





### Fr. Lance's Letter

May the Blessings of Easter continue to grace us with joy, the love of God and each other, and especially, the renewed experience of the Risen Lord in our lives.

We need to be very grateful to our God for the gift of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. All of us at St. Virgil were touched by the many Lenten devotions and daily Eucharist celebrations. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil were remarkably filled with sincere worship, a stronger faith community experience, and the special dedication of all who served us so well. All our ministers - from the young Altar Servers, our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, our Greeters and Ushers - gave us their time and faith-filled service. Special acknowledgment to our Children's, Youth and Adult Choirs who rehearsed for many long hours to make our Liturgies worthy of praise and devotion. Especially at the Easter Vigil Mass everyone was moved by the music of the night, particularly the splendid, baroque and impressive *Handel's Hallelujah*. We can't thank our choirs enough for their contribution to this Lenten and Easter Season. Our united gratitude to **Beth Vecchio** and **Nina Rangel** who directed the choirs. They were "splendiferous"; just sensational. Everyone who came to our Easter Vigil and Easter morning Masses had some very positive word to say about our music ministry.

The church was very beautifully and artistically decorated. Many thanks to **Helene Havers** and her team of helpers. The main Altar, the side altars and even the windows had their special touch of beauty and elegance. Easter and the splash of springtime were very noticeable and evident.

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed into our faith community the following young adults: **Federico Robles** (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist); **Stephanie Anne Mantilla** (Confirmation and First Eucharist); **Joseph Anthony, Jessica Angela, George Anthony and Elizabeth Carmelina of the Haluska Family** (all for Confirmation). These young adults encourage us to discover the Lord and follow Him with greater zeal and dedication. We wish these six young people a continued growth in our faith and an involvement in our parish life.

This Sunday is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. At 3:00 PM we will have a special devotion to Divine Mercy. Frank Miller will offer us some insights into the life and vocation of Saint Faustina through whom we have received the gift of this devotion. We will have the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Benediction) and the recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome with family, friends and neighbors.

Once again, Thank You for supporting our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter celebrations - being present, participating and providing for these Holy Days have been a blessing to all. May the Risen Lord continue to bless us as we all look forward to growth and personal holiness - *Fr. Lance*

As a follow-up to our Dynamic Catholic Retreat, we are offering a unique Bible Study: *Turning Point*. We want to begin on Wednesday, May 1, following the 12:10 noontime Mass. There will be 9 sessions to complete "Turning Point", each lasting about an hour and half.

Then on Monday, June 3, we will have the same course: *Turning Point* beginning at 7:30 PM. This course will be the same as on Wednesdays but will give an opportunity to many who would like to attend but are free only in the evenings after work.

Kindly sign up for this course by e-mailing Jane Flynn at [jfflynnmpi@aol.com](mailto:jfflynnmpi@aol.com) as we need to order workbooks. There is a brief outline of what *Turning Point* is all about. Thank You and looking forward to a heightened experience of our united faith in Christ.

### TURNING POINT

This isn't your typical Bible study. It's an experience that will introduce you to eight miraculous encounters with Jesus in the *Gospel of John* that will help you encounter Jesus in a new and personal way.

The *Turning Point* is a *nine-session Bible study experience* that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start. This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You'll read stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times.

The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life.

This is so much more than a workbook. It is a door to a dynamic relationship with Jesus. With thought-provoking reflection questions, follow-along video responses, key Bible verses, and more, this book will invite you to deepen your faith and grow alongside the people Jesus meets in the Gospel of John.

You won't be dozing off during these engaging videos. Each of the nine sessions is broken up into 3-4 short sections *guided by Dr. Allen Hunt*, helping you experience the stories in the Gospel of John from a fresh perspective.

Created exclusively for *The Turning Point*, this edition of the Gospel of John reads like an engaging novel. It does away with the two-column format and distracting notes in the margins, making it easy for you to encounter Jesus through John the apostle's unique perspective as one of Jesus' closest friends.

Kindly sign up for this course by e-mailing Jane Flynn at [jfflynnmpi@aol.com](mailto:jfflynnmpi@aol.com) or calling the Parish Office at 973-538-1418 as we need to order workbooks.

## Ministry Schedule for May 4 and 5

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00pm
<b>Cantor</b>	Janet Winston		Nina Rangel	Jonathan Blanco	Youth Choir
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Clifford	Ron Kelly	Ray Lillie	Kathy Sisler	Youth Ministry
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lia Dyer		Seleyna Bautista	Ally McLoughlin	Victoria Coté
	Natalie Dyer		Evan Bautista	Bobby McLoughlin	Michael Gopon
			Tyler Bautista	Michael Szoke	Brandon Kelly
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Marianne Altrui	Shirley Flejury	Barbara Fisher	Maureen Kelly	Kelly Burrows
	Packy Doherty	Cathy Marshall	Chris Letta	Pearl Law	John FitzPatrick
	Jane Flynn	Debbie Richenaker	Rita McCleary	Jeanne McKenna	Tina Gopon
	Sue Carol Scannelli	Gary Richenaker	June Sambrowski	Don McKenna	Kevin Gopon
	Jim Scannelli	Joan Sambrowski	John Trombetta		Rennée Gopon
	Grace Walsh		Mary Jo Tufaro		Penny Manser

## PARISH POSTINGS

### ***New Security System at the Parish Office/Rectory***

In accordance with new guidelines from the Diocese of Paterson, we have recently installed a security system for the Rectory. When you come to the front door, simply ring the new video doorbell and when you hear the buzz, push the door open. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



### ***Help Wanted: Altar Angels***

Would you consider being an altar angel? No experience necessary. Work from home. Requires washing and ironing of purificators and towels used at Mass, and when needed washing and ironing of altar cloths. Many hands make the burden light. If interested, please contact Pat Para at 973-452-8417 or email me at motown9@att.net.



### ***Join us for a Divine Mercy Sunday Devotional Prayer Service***

***Sunday, April 28, at 3:00 PM***

Please join us for a beautiful service of prayers and reflections from the *Diary of St. Faustina* as we honor the hour of God's great mercy for the whole world. The service will include the The Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and Benediction. (This service WILL NOT include Holy Mass or Confessions.)



### ***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. Bus leaves at 9 AM and returns approximately 8 PM. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### ***May Crowning of Our Lady***

*May 2, 2019*



All are invited to the May Crowning, sponsored by the Rosary Society, on Thursday, May 2, in the church. We will arrive at 6:45 p.m. to recite a decade of the rosary dedicated to Our Lady. Mass will begin at 7

p.m.

Refreshments will be served in the Tracy Center immediately following Mass.

### ***43<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Virgil's Carnival*** ***May 8, 9, 10, 11***



The signs are up; the mailing is out; and the Carnival is just around the corner. We need your help to make it all a success. You have probably received our request in the mail for sponsors and volunteers. Sign up for volunteering is easy with Sign Up Genius. Go to Sign Up Genius and fill in your preferred slot at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CACAF29A46-2019>

Advance Ride Tickets are available in the Parish Office until Tuesday, May 7. The cost is \$30 for a card of 30 tickets. These ride tickets can be used any night of the Carnival.

## FAITH FORMATION

*Loyola Days of Prayer*  
*Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ*  
*Register at [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org)*

**LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER – Can We Heal Our Ailing Church?** Thursday, May 16, 2019 ` 9:30am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$40 Includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass

Led by: Judy Schiavo, Spiritual Director

**LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER – Ascension of Jesus (Holy Day)** Thursday, May 30, 2019 ~ 9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$40 Includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass

Led by: Rev. Tom Marciniak, S.J.

**LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER – Pentecost** Monday, June 10, 2019 ` 9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$40 Includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass

Led by: Anna Graziano, Spiritual Director

## MINISTRIES & OUTREACHES

### *Rosary Society – May Outreach*

To celebrate Mother's Day, the Rosary Society is collecting **NEW** baby clothes and accessories for Birthright International in Dover, NJ. Birthright offers medical, legal and psychological services free-of-charge to any woman or girl regardless of age, race, religion, marital or economic status. It also recommends a wide range of community support services such as financial assistance and housing. All services are provided in a caring and non-judgmental environment. Additional information is available on its website [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org).

Please remember these mothers and their babies by purchasing one or more items from the list below. ***Please provide only the items and sizes requested.***

#### **Clothing for boys and girls - all sizes 6 mo to 2T**

Summer outfits (short & long pants)	Socks	Desitin®/diaper rash cream	Baby towels with or without hoods
Onsies (short & long sleeves)	Bibs	Crib sheets	Wash cloths

All parishioners are invited to participate in the collection. Please bring your gifts to the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday, May 15**.

Thank you for supporting these women and girls during this difficult time of their lives.

### *Appalachia Outreach 2019*



Our Go Fund Me page for our mission trip is now active. If you prefer to donate on line, the Go Fund Me page is quick and easy. You can sponsor a team through the site or packets are still available at the doors of the church for individual sponsorship of a team member. Your support, in donations and prayer, are so important to the success of our mission trip. Thank you for all your support. <https://www.gofundme.com/gfp74-appalachia-2019>



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, pasta / whole wheat pasta, white and brown rice, dry milk, dry milk (1 qt. package), evaporated milk, calcium-fortified milk alternatives, canned beans (pork & beans, pinto, red or white kidney), tuna fish, canned meats and meals, Rice-A-Roni, Pasta-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Macaroni & Cheese, 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.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE & AROUND TOWN

**The Compassionate Friends**, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, May 9, at St. Christopher's Church in Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. This month's program: **"Dealing with Anger, Guilt, and Regret"**. For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164

