

Welcome to St. Virgil's Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., May 4	5:00 PM	Catherine D'Souza Abigail Donnelley—Special Intentions
Sun., May 5	7:30 AM	Sara Sweeney
	9:00 AM	Pio Diokno
	10:30 AM	Rosemary Milanaik Vittorio Martino
Mon., May 6	12:00 PM	Ann Marie Lagan
	6:30 AM	Anthony Cwerko
Tues., May 7	12:10 PM	John Keating
	6:30 AM	Bob Thomas
Wed., May 8	12:10 PM	Brian Boucher
	6:30 AM	Robert Roche
Thurs., May 9	12:10 PM	Alfred Pagan
	6:30 AM	LeRoy Champion Georgia Champion
Fri., May 10	12:10 PM	John Keating—5 th Anniversary
	6:30 AM	Esther & Paul Glanville
Sat., May 11	12:10 PM	Mary Sittmann
	8:00 AM	Robert Kroszer
Sun., May 12	5:00 PM	Mickey Nodoro Butch Durkin Beverly DiChiaro
	7:30 AM	Phyllis D'Annunzio
	9:00 AM	Joseph & Mary McGovern
	10:30 AM	Theresa Ruscus
	12:00 PM	Angela Gabriel Gerald Palumbo Anna Russo Frances & Michael Marinaccio

AMONG OURSELVES

Please remember in your prayers: *James Irvin, Marie E. Logan, Margaret Ellis, Mary Eileen Prisinzano, 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.*

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family **Shamsi Anne Matino & Emmy Autumn Matino**, daughters of John & Diane.

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, May 5

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

Monday, May 6

Miraculous Medal Novena following the 12:10 PM Mass

Tuesday, May 7

Return Support Group, 11 AM, 8th Grade Classroom

Wednesday, May 8

Turning Point, 1 PM, TC

Thursday, May 9

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Friday, May 10

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Saturday, May 11

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Sunday, May 12

Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, CR

43rd Annual Carnival

Wednesday, May 8 & Thursday, May 9

Wristband Nights ~ 6 – 10pm

Friday, May 10 ~ 6 – 10 pm

Saturday, May 11 ~ 4 – 10 pm



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. Leabey*
- *Lieutenant Patrick J. Leabey*
- *Lieutenant Mark C. Leabey*
- *Lieutenant R. Andrew McGuinness*
- *Lieutenant Mark Van Orden*
- *Major Gary Windt*
- *Petty Officer 2nd Class Timothy Butchko*
- *Master Sergeant. T.J. Hopkins*
- *Lieutenant Kelsey Bergh*
- *Lieutenant Kian Federick Stewart*
- *Lieutenant Keigan Delray Stewart*



Ministry Schedule for May 11 and 12

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00pm
Cantor	Frank Kelly		Nina Rangel	Nancy Fenimore	Nina Rangel
Lector	Steve Welsh	Louis Pavia	John Trombetta	D & J McKenna	Aruni Gooneratne
Altar Servers	Luken Biggan	Anthony Tonini	Breanna Barter	Anthony Loia Michael Szoke	Micah Fuentes
Extraordinary Ministers	Jane Fischer	Nicea D'Annunzio	Dianna DeLorenzo	Viji Alex	Tony Avella
	Marie Hantak	Jackie Donnelley	Joe DeLorenzo	Maureen Kelly	Phyllis Bonanno
	Linda Marcantonio	Margaret Flory	Michele Para	Frank Miller	Andrew DeBlock
		Beverly Morgan	Pat Para	Karen Schwingel	George Perkins
		Rosemary Paulison	Lydia Sesso	Cheryl Zebick	Tim Scanlon
		Pete Sesso	Bob Zebick	Mary Tiso	



Fr. Lance's Letter

Our Easter Season lasts for eight weeks. Each of us is called into an experience of Jesus' Resurrection. The Disciples who saw the Risen Christ were changed from fear-

filled people into self-assured and confident apostles. Thomas had his own personal meeting with Jesus and was invited to actually place his finger and his hand into his wounded body. Mary and other women saw the Risen Lord who spoke to them, asking them to "Go, tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Two other followers met Jesus on their way to Emmaus and actually experienced Him in the "breaking of the bread".

It is clear that the Risen Lord showed Himself to those who believed in Him, even though they first doubted His New Resurrected Life. Interestingly, none of those who tortured Him, imprisoned Him, mocked Him or crucified Him were given a vision of the Risen Lord. I sometimes wonder why, and if the High Priest Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate or King Herod were given an opportunity to see the Risen Lord, would that have impacted the church positively or negatively?

So, we have a chance to meet Our Lord in prayer, particularly when two or more gather together to pray. We most certainly meet the Lord in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. When we study scripture, this can lead us to a special experience: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

The desire to discover the Risen Lord - through prayer, Scripture, Sacraments, Service - and let these experiences transform us into "resurrected people" is the purpose of our Easter Season. The invitation to daily Mass, the commitment to prayer, the renewed desire to study Scripture, and make the Lord's commandment to love in acts of service are constant, continuous and consistent ways of meeting Christ.

Next Saturday, May 4, 40 young children will receive their First Holy Eucharist. They have been preparing for the coming of Jesus in Holy Communion for over two years. Let us relive and recall our own First Holy Communion day, and may we renew our personal love of Jesus with additional joy and desire. Kindly pray for our children and their parents. Let us ask our Lord to give them and their families the grace to receive Him regularly and build our community of faith.

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 PM 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 Wednesday afternoons 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 as we need to order workbooks.

Following 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. - Fr. Lance

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.

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PARISH POSTINGS



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

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 you will be “buzzed in”. 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.



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 _____

FAITH FORMATION



Welcome to the Table of Our Lord

We are very happy to welcome 40 of our Second Graders to the table of our Lord as they make their First Eucharist this weekend. Please join us in welcoming them to our faith community:

*Sydney Armstrong
Patrick Battagliese
Andy Bautista
Sara Boothe
Michael Bozza
Dante Breiner
Lily Campbell
Brielle Casafranca
Brandon Catania
Reno Catizone*

*Kamryn Ciolek
Sebastian Concepcion
Carly D’Anna
Luca DeNova
Gabriella Del Russo
Charlie Fischer
Madison Fox
Alessia Galdi
Brayden Garretson
Brooklyn Grigoletti*

*Daniel Hamrah
Lily Hamrah
Brendan Hand
Caroline Higgins
Elizabeth John
Sean Kaiser
Timothy Kot
Mia Mastrodomenico
Brianna Memory
Sebastian Musolino*

*Cameron Scheifler
Reid Scheifler
Sofia Schletter
Kaitlyn Shenloogian
Elenora Skripak
Lily Staples
Benjamin Valenti
Kiersten Van Ry
Mason Varneckas
Layla Zelaya*

MINISTRIES & OUTREACHES



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>

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.

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.



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.

Loyola Days of Prayer *Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ* *Register at 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

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Third Sunday of Easter **Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41** **John 21:1-19**

This Sunday we are continuing our readings of the very beginnings of the early Church. First, in Acts, the Apostles themselves had to come to grips with the amazing events they were living through. They were called before the Sanhedrin, reprimanded for teaching publicly about Jesus, and warned not to continue. But they pushed back and disregard these instructions and became proud to “suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.” It is noteworthy to see that the Apostles stayed together during these first early days

We learn from John’s Gospel that certain of the apostles, including Simon Peter, went out fishing together. They were bonding together from their experience with Christ yet appeared to be at loose ends. After being totally unsuccessful fishing, they were eventually surprised to learn that Christ had been on the shore watching them. Referring to them as “children,” He told them to cast their net out the right side of the boat and they would catch something. When they did so and were successful beyond belief, they knew it was Christ appearing to them. They brought the fish upon the shore and He proceeded to feed them. Christ then asked Peter if he loved Him and now there was no question in Peter’s response. Christ proceed to ask Peter that three times, and each time Peter affirmed his love for Christ. This erased the three times Peter had denied knowing Him the night Christ died, as Jesus had predicted he would then - three times before the cock crowed.

Week after week, day after day, minute by minute Christ feeds us as He did the Apostles at the shore. Perhaps we are as confused as the Apostles were, also needing His confirmation as those first Apostles did. With the help of the Eucharist He gives to us, we also are able to stand firm and proclaim our love for Christ, despite the challenges we face.

Lord, feed us today through the Eucharist, and help us to be strengthened by that encounter!



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Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Easter | John 21:1-19
From cooking breakfast for His friends, to the miracle of a net full of fish, to directing Peter as new Head of the Church, we see Jesus as friend, teacher and Son of God.

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We are not much different than the first disciples... we are today's disciples.

Our special time with Jesus – friend, teacher and Son of God

- Jesus, our friend, invites us to share the Eucharistic meal at mass.
- Jesus, our teacher, guides us as we listen to the gospel and read the bible.
- Jesus, Son of God, loves us and wants us to share our faith and love with others.

Jesus made breakfast for His friends on the shore at the Sea of Tiberias.

Imagine...

Your friend Jesus is joining you for a picnic on the beach. What will you bring to eat? Are you at the lake, ocean or bay? Draw birds, shells and your favorite food.

What sounds do you hear?

Wind?

Waves?

Laughter?

Talking?

Music?

Is it warm and sunny?

What will you say to Jesus, your friend?



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday of Easter

“But Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’”

When people wonder how to get started in learning about the Catholic Church, or to read the bible, the clearest answer is found in this or any other sermon of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. These teachings from the bible introduce us to Jesus Christ and His saving mission. Because of my encounter with Jesus through the announcement of Peter, I am moved to learn more as He accompanies me.

The talks summarize what is most important – Jesus is Savior, He died and rose, and has been glorified. I suggest that you look at similar teachings, which will provide the foundation of this great time of Easter. Look at the Acts of the Apostles chapter 2,3,4,9,19. These are called the kerygm, or the announcing sermons of Peter and Paul.