

Welcome to St. Virgil's Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., May 25	5:00 PM	Noreen Ballon Mary Kelly
Sun., May 26	7:30 AM	Dennis O'Neill
	9:00 AM	Kenny Brenn, Jr.
	10:30 AM	Robert Roche
	12:00 PM	Georgina Ennis—1 st Anniversary
Mon., May 27	9:00 AM	Gail Dale
Tues., May 28	6:30 AM	Grant Morgan
	12:10 PM	Margaret Conforti—4 th Anniversary Bob Nace
Wed., May 29	6:30 AM	John Weidner
	12:10 PM	Paul Monica
	7:30 PM	Robert Shepherd Dennis O'Neill
Thurs., May 30	6:30 AM	Ludwig Sitten
	12:10 PM	Anthony Carvagno—48 th Anniversary
	7:30 PM	Suzanne Franco
Fri., May 31	6:30 AM	Lorenz Scheu
	12:10 PM	Colette Glancy—Special Intentions
Sat., June 1	8:00 AM	Werner Hunold
	5:00 PM	John Keating Johanna Eckardt
Sun., June 2	7:30 AM	Henry Doherty
	9:00 AM	Angelo Spinola—9 th Anniversary Patrick Murphy
	10:30 AM	Blanche Fenimore
	12:00 PM	Theresa Hunter

AMONG OURSELVES



Please join with us in offering best wishes to

Frederico Robles & Jorian Rosado

who were married here this Saturday afternoon. We wish **Frederico & Jorian** many years of blessings and happiness.



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Betty Gaynor** (sister of Deacon Sal Mazzoccoli) who was called home to the Lord last week. We pray that **Betty** rests peacefully with the Lord.

We are very grateful for your continuing generosity throughout the year. The regular collection for the weekend of May 18-19 was \$10,001 (In-pew donations = \$7,670 + Faith Direct = \$2,331). Your generous donations allow us to not only run the parish but to also provide for the services, ministries and outreaches that our parish supports.

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, May 26

Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, CR

Play Auditions, 1:30 PM, Gym

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Mass at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 28

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Wednesday, May 29

Play Auditions, 6:30 PM, Gym

Thursday, May 30

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, Library

Friday, May 31

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Saturday, June 1

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Sunday, June 2

Choir Rehearsal, 9 AM, CR

Welcome Sunday, 9 – 11:30 AM, TC

Play Rehearsal, 1:30 PM, Gym

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*



Please remember in your prayers:

Tim O'Shea, Theresa Barry, 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 & Sue Ann Cattano.



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



Ministry Schedule for June 1 and 2

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00pm
Cantor	Nancy Fenimore		Maite Biggan	Janet Winston	Nina Rangel
Lector	Rick Kane	Ron Kelly	Judy Spinola	Mike butchko	Aruni Gooneratne
Altar Servers			SeleynaBautista	Ally McLoughlin	Michael Szoke
			Evan Bautista	Boby McLoughlin	
			Tyler Bautista		
Extraordinary Ministers	Packy Doherty	Shirley Fleury	Barbara Fisher	Maureen Kelly	Andrew DeBlock
	Jane Flynn	Cathy Marshall	Bill Hoferer	Pearl Law	Frank Miller
	Marie Hantak	Joan Sambrowski	Chris Letta	Penny Manser	Tim Scanlon
	Grace Walsh	Karen Schwingel	Rita McCleary	Wendy Nunn	Louise Spirig
			June Sambrowski	Sue Carol Scannelli	Ron Spirig
			Mary Jo Tufaro	Jim Scannelli	Mary Tiso



Fr. Lance's Letter

Monday, May 27, is Memorial Day. Our Mass at St. Virgil will be at 9:00 AM. Let us pray for our brave men and women who gave their lives for our country, for world peace. May the Lord give them a share in His Eternal life. They answered to the call to serve, to defend and protect us. Their sacrifice is worthy of our deepest thanksgiving -The Eucharist.

Thursday, May 30, is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and is also a holy day of obligation. Every Sunday is an Easter celebration - recall the old acclamation: *Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!* With the celebration of the Ascension we conclude the Jesus' time on earth. After His ascension, Jesus is present to us "when two or three are gathered in His name", when we celebrate the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. Our catholic Church states the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of our Catholic Faith and of our Discipleship. When we remain connect with the Mass, then we are united with Christ and with the Body of Christ who is the whole church.

Rev. Aidan Kavanaugh was an exceptional scholar and deep into his faith. "He asked at what moment of the Sunday gathering do we solemnly renew the Paschal promises of Easter (i.e. our Baptismal promises). The hands went up, and students responded: During the penitential act? No! At the creed? No! At the consecration? No! At the Great Amen? No! And no one got it. Finally, Kavanaugh, shocked by our lack of insight said: "As we respond 'Amen' to the minister of Communion who says to us: 'The Body of Christ'. Amen! 'The Blood of Christ'. Amen! Baptism is renewed in the Eucharist. Water and Spirit engaged in sharing bread and wine."

St. John Vianney said: There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

May our weekend celebration of the Eucharist remind us of the joy God has in giving Himself to us. May we respond to God's loving call and make every effort to frequently welcome the Lord into our lives. I pray that we of St. Virgil Parish - from the youngest to the oldest - find God's love in the Eucharist - *Fr. Lance*

PARISH POSTINGS

St. Virgil Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 7 PM, in the Tracy Center
Movie Night Featuring
Sabrina

Staring Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart & William Holden

Join us for this 1954 film which received one Academy Award for Costume Design and five other Academy Award nominations, including Audrey Hepburn for Best Actress. The film was selected for preservation in the US National Film Registry by the Library of Congress in 2002.

A donation of \$1 may be given to purchase Food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.

FAMILY LIFE NIGHT



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Family Life Night on Tuesday, June 4, beginning at 6:30PM in the school gym. Details of this year's event include:

- FREE all you can eat dinner, including Roast Beef and Chicken Francaise
- Donations will be given out to needy charities based on Council and Parish activities this past year.
- Father Lance will present Catechist, Family and Parishioner of the Year Awards.
- A special donation will be given in loving memory of Craig Davidson.

Come join the fun and see the results of community service.

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



Limited space is still available for our Pilgrimage to beautiful "Eden Hill" in the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts. On the grounds, 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.

Bus transportation and a box lunch will be provided for \$45. Bus leaves at 9 AM and returns approximately 8 PM. Please fill out the reservation 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 _____



Please join with us
to celebrate the retirement of
Fr. Lance Reis
and to express our gratitude for
his faithful service to us.

Fr. Lance will celebrate all Masses
on the weekend of June 8/9

Following the 12 noon Mass
On Sunday, June 9, 2019
you are invited to a luncheon in the
St. Virgil's School Gym

Please respond by Monday, June 3, 2019

Phone: 973-538-1418
Email: svparishoffice@gmail.com



MINISTRIES & OUTREACHES



It's time to do some winter cleaning! **St. Virgil Appalachia Outreach Team** will be conducting a Spring 2019 clothing drive from June 3 through June 8. We will be accepting clothes, bedding, stuffed animals, purses, belts, & shoes. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT FURNITURE DONATIONS.** Please place ALL items in black plastic garbage bags. The garage will be open from 9am – 4pm on June 3 through June 8 and on February 9 from 7:30am – 12:00noon. There will not be an attendant at the garages during those times, so please pile the bags as far back in the garage as you can. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Drake at wendyd8104@gmail.com or 201-513-7667.



Please remember the **Interfaith Food Pantry** while you are doing your grocery shopping. Hunger does not take a vacation. 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.

Catholic Charities – Diocese of Paterson Annual Corpus Christi Food Collection for the Poor June 22 & 23

Due to the unprecedented requests for assistance from Catholic Charities' food pantries and in order to fulfill our obligations to the poor, Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, Saturday/Sunday, June 22 & 23.** St. Virgil's Parish has been asked to provide:

**Soup (Any variety), Mac & Cheese,
and Facial Tissues.**

Cash/Check donations will be accepted. They should be made payable to **Catholic Charities** or you can donate online at www.ccpaterson.org/corpus. Please mark your June 22 & 23 as the food collection day in order to help those in need in our Diocesan communities of Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties.

Coins for Babies

In the five years since Fr. Lance started the Coins for Babies project, St. Virgil parishioners have donated over \$11,000 to support the continued needs of expectant and new mothers. We will collect again this year. Money collected is used to purchase much-needed items for Birthright in Dover: diapers, diaper bags, baby wash, baby wipes, diaper cream, petroleum jelly, crib sheets, towels and face cloths. Items are supplied year-round on an as-needed basis.

Starting on Mother's Day weekend, May 11/12, baby bottles will be available at the church entrances. Please fill with your donation and return to St. Virgil's on Father's Day weekend, June 15/16, or to the parish office. Birthright relies solely on contributions from neighboring parishes and individuals. It has no corporate sponsorships or fund-raising campaigns. This is a great opportunity to teach young children the power of giving, even small coins.

Please keep these mothers and their babies in your prayers.

Appalachia Outreach 2019



Our Go Fund Me page for our mission trip is now active. If you prefer to donate online, 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>

AROUND THE DIOCESE & AROUND TOWN

The **Interfaith Food Pantry** is looking for a number of volunteers to “staff: positions at either our main Food Pantry and Resource Center at 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, or our Satellite Pantry at 190 Speedwell Ave. Morristown. Volunteer opportunities include IFP Farmer’s Market (unload, unpack and setup); Produce Handlers/Packaging; Distribution; Home Delivery, Food Pickups, Kitchen2Table Lead Instructor; Kitchen 2Table Assistant. Full volunteer job descriptions are available at www.mcifp.org under Volunteer Information/Help Wanted. If interested in helping, please contact, Doug, IFP Volunteer Coordinator at dmcMahon@mcifp.org or call him at 973-538-8049 x217.



Save Lives...Donate Blood. Morris Area Community Blood Program Blood Drive. Donors will get a \$10 Houlihan’s Restaurant Coupon! Saturday, June 8, from 8 AM – 2 PM at the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains.

To make an appointment, visit tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS. Sponsor Code: 07668 Walk ins Welcome! All 16-year old’s must have signed NJBS Parental Consent Form. Remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2,22-29 - John 14:23-29

In these readings covering the days after Christ’s death, we are told of Christ, over and over again, referring to His Father in heaven, and how the Father and He are one. But the Holy Spirit also is referenced again and again. Every important act performed by the Apostles demonstrates how the Holy Spirit was there guiding and instructing them. Christ said: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything.”

The Apostles over and over again relied on the Holy Spirit in all the important decisions they had to make, decisions which would either strengthen or destroy the young Church, e.g., whether new converts had to become Jewish before becoming Christians; the decision on how to replace Judas’s role as an Apostles; and decisions as to who was in charge of this group. Very early on it was clear that they, as Christ had told them, would not be able to do anything until the Holy Spirit came upon them, which is exactly what happened on Pentecost, which to this day we celebrate as the “birthday” of the Church.

And today, again and again, we need the assistance of the Holy Spirit to give us the directions He gave to the Apostles. We need His presence in our daily living and the very life of our Church. We need the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to guide us as individuals, as well as ..a Church, to sustain us in a very divided, confused, and confusing world. Christ said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” Each day during the Mass, after the Our Father, we ask for God to relieve our anxieties. We need Christ’s last words today more than ever to bring us peace and guidance from the Trinity.

Lord, stay with us in a very troubled world!

Evangelization Corner

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the **central act of worship in the life of a Catholic**. It is the central liturgical ritual in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Mass is made up of many distinctive rituals; it’s our way of worship. Going to Mass is about spending time with God and receiving His graces. It is where the bread and wine are consecrated and become the body and blood of Christ; “the source and summit of the Christian life”.



The basic structure of the Mass has four parts: two main parts and two framing rites:

- Introductory Rite.
- Liturgy of The Word.

- Liturgy of The Eucharist.
- Concluding Rite.

A more basic description of the mass includes ritual acts of 1) gathering, 2) storytelling, 3) meal sharing and 4) commissioning.

The purpose of the first framing rite the Introductory Rite is to bring us together into one body, ready to listen and to break bread together. This “coming together, assembling,” is at the heart of our worship.

The first main section, The Liturgy of The Word, is the telling stories of God’s people and includes readings from the Word of God: a scripture reading from the Old Testament, a psalm, an apostolic reading (e.g., one of the letters of Paul) and a reading from one of the four Gospels. These are followed by the Homily, Creed and Intercessions.

In Liturgy of The Eucharist, the second main section, we move to the table to share a meal. We set the table (Prepare the Gifts), say grace (recite the Eucharistic Prayer) and we eat and drink (consume the Body and Blood of Christ).

The Concluding Rite is the final framing rite. It encompasses Announcements, Blessing and Dismissal. As we prepare to go back to that world in which we will live we must now bear again the burdens we laid down as we entered the door of the church—but now strengthened by this Eucharist and this community. When the priest says “The Lord be with you”—the ritual phrase serves now as a farewell.

We bow our heads to receive a blessing. make the Sign of the Cross The priest or deacon then dismisses the assembly: “Go in peace.” And we give our liturgical “yes” by saying, “Thanks be to God.”

We plan to expand each of the preceding sections of the mass in future columns. However, if you have a question that you would like addressed in this column, please let the Parish Office know by email or phone and we will do our best to provide an answer.

May the Lord’s peace be with you always.

Evangelization Ministry

Read the Bible

Know Jesus Better, Love Him More

According to the Jewish Historian Josephus, the Jewish Old Testament canon (list of books to be included) was closed between 424 BC and 100 BC. It contained all the books that the Catholic Bible has today.

It was translated from the original Hebrew into Greek for all the Jews who lived in the Greek speaking world. This Greek version, the “Septuagint”, was used by Jesus and the followers for most of the ‘Bible’ quotes seen in what became the New Testament

During the first two centuries that Christianity was being taught by word of mouth, the Old Testament was also translated, for non Greek speakers, into Armenian, Syriac, Coptic, Arabic, and Ethiopian. Then in 150 AD it was translated into Latin for those people who spoke Latin. In 392 – 404 AD, St Jerome translated it into easier to understand Latin, the Latin Vulgate edition, using the original Hebrew texts. At that time the New Testament still wasn’t defined, although it was close.

So all the Apostles, and their followers, taught about Jesus verbally, as Jesus had commanded. That’s how the Church which Jesus started and the Faith He taught came to exist. The Apostles

never set out to create a written book, their writings were a response to particular demands or emergencies. St Paul said “How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach unless they be sent? Faith cometh by hearing, by the word of Christ”

The Bible is part of God’s word to us, the balance is from Sacred Tradition (things taught but not written) and the Magisterium of the Church.

The Holy Spirit inspired the Catholic Bishop’s to decide which books should be included in the New Testament, between 397 AD and 419 AD when Pope Boniface decreed it. In part, the decision was based on comparing every possible written document to what they knew was correct because they had been taught the truth by the successors to the Apostles

Learn to love Jesus more by understanding Him more completely, study the Bible!

Safe Environment Program

“If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor’s Office and the Diocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan Website: www.patersondiocese.org.”

10 SIGNS OF A
SAFE PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in **safe environment strategies** and signs of abuse.
3. **Code of conduct** enforced.
4. **Open Communication** between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. **Parents** always **Welcome**.
6. Children educated in **right relationships** & what to do if a relationship isn’t right.
7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.
8. **Clear Rules and Expectations**. consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. **Adequate supervision of youth**. team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is reported.



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