

Welcome to St. Virgil's Parish

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., June 15	5:00 pm	James P. Miller Betty Gaynor Douglas Farra—1 st Anniversary William Quandt	
Sun., June 16	7:30 am	Agnes & Henry Myers	
	9:00 am	Gerard DeLorenzo	
	10:30 am	Fred Higginbotham Raffaele Gesualdo	
	12:00 pm	Antonio Gabriel Fred Mandato Anthony Fiore	
	Mon., June 17	6:30 am	Valerie Rochelle
	12:10 pm	Joseph Siciliano	
Tues., June 18	6:30 am	Merrill Hennion	
	12:10 pm	William Denney	
Wed., June 19	6:30 am	Craig Davidson	
	12:10 pm	Juan Diokno Brian Courtney	
Thurs., June 20	6:30 am	Valerie & Chuck Martin	
	12:10 pm	Janet Dittrich	
Fri., June 21	6:30 am	Elizabeth Wurzer	
	12:10 pm	Thanks to St. Jude Louis Garibaldi	
Sat., June 22	8:00 am	Paul Tonini—50 th Anniversary	
	5:00 pm	Ronald Harris Ann Marie Lagan Neil & Dina Donnelley—Special Intentions	
Sun., June 23	7:30 am	Grant Morgan	
	9:00 am	Deceased Victims of Sexual Abuse	
	10:30 am	Blanche Fenimore	
	12:00 pm	Alfred Rocca Frances & Michael Marinacchio	

AMONG OURSELVES

Please remember in your prayers:

Mary Beth Jenson, Colleen Dillon and Family, 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.

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, June 16

Choir Rehearsal, 9am, CR
Play Rehearsal, 1:30pm, Gym

Monday, June 17

Miraculous Medal Novena following the 12:10pm Mass
Play Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm, Gym
Turning Point, 7:30-9pm, TC

Tuesday, June 18

Return Support Group, 11am, TC

Wednesday, June 19

Turning Point, 1-2:30pm, TC
Play Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm, Gym
Appalachia Leader Meeting, 8:30pm, FISH Rm

Thursday, June 20

Bible Study, 10:30am, TC
Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30pm, Chapel

Friday, June 21

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30am Mass

Saturday, June 22

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15pm

Sunday, June 23

Choir Rehearsal, 9am, CR
Appalachia Team Meeting, 1pm, FISH Rm
Play Practice, 1:30 – 6pm, 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*



May 28 – August 30

**Parish Office summer hours are
9 AM – 2 PM**

We are very grateful for your continuing generosity throughout the year. The regular collection for the weekend of June 8/9 was \$10,550 (In-pew donations = \$8,856 + Faith Direct = \$1,694). Donations for the South & Latin American Missions and the Bishop's Relief Fund was \$766. 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.

Ministry Schedule for June 22 and 23

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00pm
Cantor	Janet Winston		Charlotte Cama	Ric Perez	Angela Huenerfauth
Lector	Steve Welsh	Margaret Flory	John Trombetta	Kathy Sisler	Helen Ann Pinto
Altar Servers	Lia Dyer	Anthony Tonini	Jake Gringeri		Michael Szoke
Extraordinary Ministers	Kelly Burrow	Beverly Morgan	Dianna DeLorenzo	Viji Alex	Maria Aloia
	Packy Doherty	Rosemary Paulison	Joe DeLorenzo	Wendy Nunn	Andrew DeBlock
	Jane Flynn	Debbie Richenaker	Melissa Gringeri	Karen Schwingel	Frank Miller
	Helen Salerno	Gary Richenaker	Bernadette Mauser	Cheryl Zebick	
			Lydia Sesso	Bob Zebick	
			Pete Sesso		



Fr. Lance's Last Letter

THANK YOU

Your response to last weekend Masses and the Retirement party was overwhelming and very touching. I am grateful to God

for the opportunity to be a parishioner of St. Virgil Parish and to serve as your priest for the past seven years. God has blessed me abundantly, and you have been a blessing to me, too.

Once again, my huge Thank You to all at St. Virgil parish and Community: our Deacons, Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers and members of the children's, youth and adult choirs; our Religious Ed. Coordinators, teachers and aides; our Youth Ministry and Appalachia Team; our Trustees, Finance and Pastoral Councils; the Men's and Women's Cornerstone, Rosary Society, Prime Time, Young Adults; Our Church decorators and Altar Linen Team; our Hospitality and Pre-Cana Teams; our Bible Groups and Evangelization leaders; the Carnival Committee and Counters; those who help with the Food Pantry and Social Concerns; the Right to Life and Prayer Shawl Ministry; and the many who serve in Morris View, Sunrise and Arbor Terrace - God bless you always and reward you with every heavenly and earthly blessing. St. Virgil depends on you!

The Adult Choir, our Children's Choir and our Youth Choir gave us their best to make the weekend Masses extra worthy of praise and worship. Thank You and God Bless You!

For all who joined and were able to be present at the Retirement party last Sunday - my sincere gratitude for your presence and your presents, your good wishes, prayers and appreciation. I hope to respond to you in the near future. For now, my humble thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

Receiving the key of Morris Plains was a tremendous

honor given to me by our **Mayor Jason Karr**. Never did I imagine such a gift - and I know that St. Virgil Parish has everything to do with this honor. Now, I belong to Morris Plains!

The retirement party could never have come to be without the great and tireless effort of **Gloria Carvagno**. God alone knows when and how she brought it all together, and I am very grateful to her for her loyalty to St. Virgil parish and her "beyond-the-call-of-duty ministry" to all of us and to me.

Thank you to all who helped prepare, serve, set-up and take down this celebration. Special thanks to Lovey's - **Dennis and Margie Wagner** and their helpers; to **Robert Lucia and Jose Fernandez**.

Thank You to **Fr. Michael Falgowski** who has graciously accepted this assignment as Pastor and Administrator of St. Virgil Parish. This will be his first appointment to shepherd, lead and guide a parish. Your united support and encouragement are of absolute importance. Make St. Virgil Parish the best place to be and belong to!

You will always be in my prayers, thoughts, remembrance and memory. You have touched my life in numerous and multiple ways. I will never forget you, your kindness, your friendship and your fondness of me. God bless you always - *Fr. Lance*



To all of you who helped to make Fr. Lance's retirement party such an overwhelming success—thank you! I could not have



done it without you. My special thanks to **Dennis, Margie, Emily & Dan Wagner** and the Lovey's team for the outstanding food and service. A special thank you also to **Jean McGuinness, Jane Fisher, Marianne Altrui, Teresa Rangel, Michele Dyer, Jane Flynn**, and of course, **Robert & Jose** for the help with set up and clean up. Couldn't have done it without all your help!

-- **Gloria Carvagno**

PARISH POSTINGS



Calling all Prime Timers. We are going to the dogs!! Actually, the dogs will be coming to us on Friday, June 21, for our end-of-the-season meeting. In addition to our 'picnic', we will have a presentation by the **Seeing Eye in Morristown**. We look forward to hearing about the work the Seeing Eye does and have a chance to interact with a Seeing Eye puppy or an Ambassador dog. It promises to be a fun afternoon for all of us.

Please bring your \$10 to cover the cost of our picnic and remember our less fortunate neighbors who are clients of the Interfaith Food Pantry with a contribution. We will also have our usual 50/50 drawing and our wonderful dessert table. So, mark your calendar for Friday, June 21, at 1 pm and join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Questions? Call Kathy Sisler (973-538-1379)



We have replaced the electronic candles at the side altars of Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart. These lights are electronic LED lights that are on 4-hour timers. They are not completed yet, as we would like to raise them to altar height, but you are welcome to use them. A portion of the donations made will be used to pay for the new candles.

MINISTRIES & OUTREACHES

Catholic Charities – Diocese of Paterson Annual Corpus Christi

Food Collection for the Poor

June 22 & 23

(Please do not bring your donations until the weekend of 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.

World Apostolate of Fatima (Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine). "You at least try to console me..."

Please join us to honor this plea of Our Lady on Dec. 10, 1925, requesting the Five First Saturdays of Reparation for five consecutive months. The five reasons will be explained each month. On Saturday, July 6: Schedule: 10:30 a.m. Confessions; 11:30 Rosary w/15-minute meditation; 12:15 Holy Mass w/Speaker/Celebrant **Rev. Demetrius Thomas OSB**, 1:15 Brown Scapular Enrollment; 1:30 Shrine Tour at Capelinha and Holly House; 2:00 Confessions; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Bring you family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: **"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"** Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802 (908) 689-1700 Ext 224 www.bluearmy.com

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>



Please remember the **Interfaith Food Pantry** while you are doing your grocery shopping. 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.

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.



Garden Party Fundraiser at Historic Morristown Retreat House features live Baroque Music. The center will host its 8th annual "Evening in the Loyola Prayer Gardens" event on Thursday, June 27, from 6:30pm – 9 pm. Enjoy an outdoor evening of cocktails, a light buffet dinner and live music performed by the award-winning Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. A chance to win up to \$30,000 in a Super 50/50 Raffle at \$100 per ticket is also part of the garden fundraiser. To purchase tickets, visit www.loyola.org, e-mail retreathouse@loyola.org or call 973-539-0740.

Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31

John 16:12-15

For the many weeks since Easter we have heard special readings which highlighted the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, viewing each as though they are separate entities. But they are not. Today, on the Feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the Mystery of our faith, we look at them as One, acknowledging and celebrating their unity.

The first reading, from the Old Testament, brings to our attention the origins of the earth: "[w]hen the Lord established the heavens I was there[.] ...when he made firm the skies above[.] when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; ... then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, and I found delight in the human race." This very old Old Testament reading foretells the Trinity as a single unit from the very foundations of the world.

As long as one can remember, there have been analogies trying, in our finite way, to explain the Trinity, *e.g.*, a triangle, a shamrock, a flower with three buds on it, etc. These fall short but help us to envision, again in a finite way, the concept of "three in one." Another analogy, involving us as human beings, might be a married couple who, through the Sacrament of Marriage, are one, functioning as a single unit. They are one but each may take on separate functions, one paying the bills, the other doing the outside work, but they are always functioning as a unit. Or we might reflect on a vocation or calling - being an accountant, a painter, a mother, sister, or a uniter or peacemaker in the family unit - multi-faceted individuals functioning as a unit.

Christ says, "Everything that the Father has is mine." We might say, in our limited way, the Father and Son and Holy Spirit are "joined at the hip." Still, none of these adequately describe or explain the Mystery of the Trinity, which we accept as a pillar of our faith. What we do know is that we are imperfect and need a God who is perfection and beyond, The One whom we can turn to for all those issues that are too big and complex for us to solve; The One we can constantly turn to solve our "worldly problems"; and The One who has the "big picture" while we are limited in our view of the world and our life. For love to exist there must be an "Other." God must be joined in love to the Other within Himself, and all others, including us.

God, Most Holy Trinity, please stay with us in Your unending complexity, to support us who need You!



EVANGELIZATION CORNER

After greeting us with "*the Lord be with you*" the priest invites us to call to mind our sins and introduces the Penitential Act by praying, "*let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.*" The purpose of the Penitential Act is to ask for God's mercy to forgive sin, to prepare ourselves so that we may offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—*A SACRED ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD*—worthily.

The Penitential Act calls to mind the Lord's instruction in Matthew: "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift". (*Mt 5:23*)

In the Old Testament Israel's encounters with God were often unexpected. But, when they were given advanced notice, as at Mount Sinai, the Israelites were told to consecrate themselves and wash their garments in preparation for their encounter with God who would come and spoke to them through lightening, thunder or a cloud, (*Ez 19:9-19*). Our encounter with God during the Mass is more profound.

In Mass we draw near to the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, we ask the Lord to strengthen our resolve to avoid sin before we approach Him in the Mass. We respond to the priest in praying the Confiteor: "I confess to almighty God...".

Confessing one's sins is a long Biblical tradition and was encouraged in the wisdom books of the Bible (*Prv 28:13; Sir 4:26*) and the Old Testament Law (*Num 5:7*). The practice of confessing one's sins continued in the New Testament beginning with the crowds following John the Baptist (*Mt 3:6; Mk 1:5*) and continued with Jesus' instructions to His followers to do the same. (*1 John 1:9; James 5:16*) Jesus calls us to confess our sins with confidence that we will forgive.

The Confiteor also challenges us to examine our conscience in four areas that can impact our relationship with God: in our thoughts, our words, what we have done and what we have failed to do. It challenges us not just to avoid sin but rather to grow in Christ.

The Confiteor concludes with the words "through *my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault*" as we strike our breast. This repetition acknowledges our personal responsibility for our sins and expresses our heartfelt deep sorrow over our actions.

After the Penitential Act, the priest prays a prayer of absolution: "*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*" And, we respond "*Amen*" in acknowledgement of our agreement.

It should be noted that the priest may skip the Confiteor and use a short dialogue of psalm verses or go straight to the Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy). Whichever is used the priest pronounces a prayer of absolution.

The Church makes it clear that this is not sacramental absolution (as in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation); we are not praying that God forgive our sins at this moment.

May the Lord's peace be with you always!

Evangelization Ministry

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Jesus speaks of the Spirit of Truth at the Last Supper. He prepares the disciples for the coming of the Spirit, the Advocate, who will remain with them when Jesus is with the Father in Heaven. They are all One, the Trinity, so what the disciples hear from the Spirit will come from Jesus and the Father.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

JOHN 16:13