

May 3, 2020

4th Sunday
of Easter



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Our Weekly Newsletter
for our Parish Family



St. Virgil's Parish

New Contact Info >>>

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Visit our newly-designed website:

www.stvirgilparish.org

Please remember in your prayers in a very special way, our first responders and those who are now serving on the "front line". Words cannot express how grateful we are for everything that they are doing for us. The support and strength amid these difficult and uncertain times gives us proof that the angels are working among us!

Worship Aid for Sunday, May 3, 2020

Our worship aid will be available for you to use during the live-stream of our Sunday Mass at 10:30am. You will receive it through Flocknote when it becomes available.

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Josephine "Bo" Carvagno and Robert H. White** who were called home to the Lord this week. We pray that "Bo" & Robert rest peacefully with our Lord.



Please remember in your prayers:

Tom Egan, Colby Douglas, Timmy O'Shea, Deacon Alan Lucibello, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Prinszano, Jacqueline Paw, Veronica Kelly, Baby Akeen Butchko, Mary Beth Jensen, Colleen Dillion & Family, Mary Maffeo, Marie E. Logan, Mallory Miller, Rose Marie Warrick, Sandra Buck, Margaret Ellis, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Daniella, Anne Benson, Bob Taylor, Kamasha Redhead, Miah Tully, Barabara Bock, Baby Emma Scannelli, Stephen Burke, Eileen Lagan, and Teresa Procopio.

Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

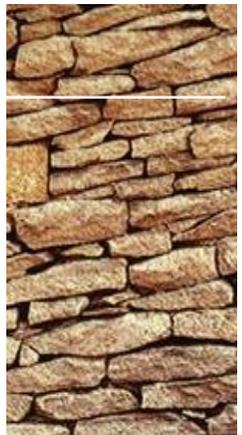
Sun., May 3	Sarah Sweeney
Mon. May 4	Patrick Murphy—1 st Anniversary Manual DaSilva Joseph & Bridget Haugh Mary Jane Ruvo Alice Pilkington Ann Marie Lagan
Tues., May 5	Lottie & John Martin
Wed., May 6	Pio Diokno
Thurs. May 7	John Keating
Fri., May 8	Janet Dittrich
Sat., May 9	Maria Minervini Dorothy Olchasky Joan Keating

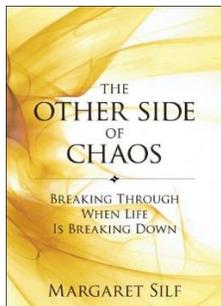
Please pray for all those who serve in defense of our Country, both at home and abroad, especially:

The deployed airmen of the 914 Air Refueling Wing

*SSGT Blake Reidinger
LT Patrick Leahey MJR
LCDR Daniel M. Leahey
LT Mark C. Leahey
LT Kian Federick Stewart
DCI Alexander V. Fernandez
CPL Irvin Carithers
MJR Gary Windt
LT Kelsey Bergh*

*PO2 Timothy Butchko
Stephanie Sittmann
SSGT Thomas Sittman
SSGT Eric Wright
2LT Ryan Feeney
LT Mark Van Ordan
LTR Andrew McGuinness
MSGT T.J. Hopkins
LT Tyler Huhn*





Virtual Faith Sharing

We are planning a 4-week virtual book club/faith sharing group to begin mid-May, using best-selling author Margaret Silf's book, "The Other Side of Chaos", a book about the subject of chaos and in the intrinsic transition it brings through the lens of Christian spirituality. It is available as a Kindle or print version, however, the print version takes about 1-2 weeks to arrive. If you are interested, please let Carole White-Connor know. She can be reached at 201-213-0038 or carolewc44@verizon.net.



New Publication from the Vatican:

Strong in the Face of Tribulation

Ctrl+ Click to access the 192-book on spiritual support in times of trial <https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/fort-i-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf>

We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support.

Our receipts for the week of April 27 was \$4,577. This number reflects collections received in the office this week. The weekly average from Faith Direct was \$4,063 This number was reported as part of last week's report. We also received some additional funds for our Easter collection bringing the total to \$13,500.



We saw a significant increase in this week's collection. A special thank you to those who responded to our appeal last week. With your continued generosity, we will be able to continue with the necessary upkeep and pay recurring expenses.

Since you cannot physically put envelopes in the collection baskets, you can drop off your donations through the mail slot on the front door or mail them to the parish office.

We ask you to please consider using Faith Direct. Faith Direct is an online giving service where you can donate the amount you currently give each Sunday through an online medium. (Our parish number is NJ732).

Regardless of the method you choose, we would very much appreciate your continued generous support. There is a link on the newly-designed parish website if you would like to set up a one-time donation through Faith Direct or to sign up for online giving. If you have any questions regarding the Faith Direct process, please feel free to call the parish office to discuss your options.



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Live Streamed on our website at

www.stvirgilparish.org

Sunday at 10:30am

Weekdays at 9am

Readings for the Week

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

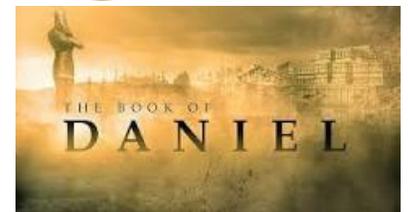
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



Our next Bible study will start on May 12th, at 7 PM using phone conferencing. It will be on the Book of Daniel.

Why study Daniel? Daniel was written about 600 BC, while the Jewish people were in captivity to Babylon. It is the key to understanding all and any of the Bible's prophecies, they all come alive if we spend the time to understand the book of Daniel.

Daniel asked God for a timeline of events that would result in the creation of the Messiah's Kingdom and God answered him. Daniel learned the Temple would be rebuilt and when the Messiah would come. The time line would cover about 600 years and included many specific details.

The course is short, only 4-5 weeks, I have the books or you can buy your own copy. It is titled 'Ignatius Catholic Study Guide - Daniel'; 2nd edition, by Dr Scott Hahn, et al.

To join us or to get more information you can email me at Philpalcock1@Verizon.net or call me at 973-538-6045 .

Evangelization Corner

What is sin?

Sin is any action, feeling, or thought that goes against God. But, throughout the centuries what this meant and how it was interpreted varied. Although Israel was basically a religious society that followed the laws given to Moses by God, by Jesus' time, many of these religious laws had become secularized. Transgressions of these laws were therefore not seen as just violations of the law but as violations of the covenant between God and his people. Thus, the prescribed punishments were acts of moral rectification and reconciliation intended to restore the covenant with God. Those who sinned were restricted from normal intercourse with the community known in rabbinical writings as "binding". After performing the prescribed acts of rectification and reconciliation, the restrictions were lifted. This was known as "loosing".

The early Christian church didn't have any kind of ritual celebration that we would recognize as reconciliation. Converts were said to be freed from their sins and reconciled with God through baptism. Baptism washed away all sin, and that was at first thought to be sufficient to reconcile people to Christ. The rejection of Christ was seen as the only sin. But not everyone who was

baptized stuck to their baptismal promises and the earliest Christian penitential practice for those who sinned did not differ greatly from the Jewish predecessors. Those who refused to continue to follow, obey, or recognize the faith or those committing serious offences such as, adultery or murder, would be ostracized or "excommunicated." It was a simple solution. If you cannot keep your commitment to Christ, you cannot share in the eucharistic fellowship.

However, this became a problem for the early church. If someone were "excommunicated" because they had denied Christ but then took the "Prodigal Son" route and asked to be readmitted to the church there were those who thought that the sinner should be permanently excluded (*Heb 6:4-8*) but others argued they should be re-baptized. The eventual solution was to impose a penitential practice wherein they would express, in visible signs and deeds, their conversion of heart — a so called "second baptism," because they would be given a second chance to live up to the baptismal vows they had already made. This was a one-time-only option. If a penitent sinned gravely again, there was no provision



for him or her to return a second time. For those who had not committed a grave sin, forgiveness was obtained through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

In the Gospels, we read where Jesus passed on his work of forgiveness to Peter and his Apostles and Peter was appointed to lead the Apostles He said:

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19, Mt 18:18 and Jn20:23).

This is how the Sacrament of Reconciliation began. We will discuss how the Sacrament of Reconciliation developed over the centuries in next week's column.

May the Lord's peace be with you always!
Evangelization Ministry

Weekly Reflection

The Psalm, Acts reading, and the Gospel of John tell us of large crowds that came to listen to the message of the Apostles. It might have been expected that the death of Jesus would bring about the splintering and rejection of the message of Christ, which is what had happened to former prophets. But here we learn of the many who came to learn about Christ's message and how the people responded. In Acts, the people were told that they should "[r]epent and be baptized," and they did, three thousand (3,000)

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Psalm:23
John 10:1-10

of them at one sitting! Again we must ask ourselves how we would have responded to the message of the Apostles had we been there? Would we think they were quacks? Would we have thought, 'I don't need this', or 'I'm too busy for these guys'?

The Psalm is perhaps the most famous of all the psalms, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." The message of Christ that is presented in both the Psalm and the Gospel is the personal love of Christ for each of His followers. The Shepherd will look out for us. The good Shepherd knows us by name, and the sheep (we) know Him by the sound of His voice. This Gospel gives us great comfort and support. "Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come."

Lord, we need Your comfort and protection during these difficult days. These words come from a book written 2,000 years ago. The message applies as much now as it did then. Each generation faces challenges. God help us to make the right decisions each day!

Lord, bless and protect our families and friends this day and always!

final thoughts...

Regular updates will be posted to our website and to Facebook. We will also send out regular alerts on Flocknote.

If you know of a parishioner who is not yet signed up for Flocknote but would like to receive them, email the parish office at svparishoffice@gmail.com

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Emergency Resources in Morristown NJ

During the Covid-19 Pandemic - As of April 24, 2020

Hot Meals and Groceries

Table of Hope

At Bethel Church - 59 Spring St.

Carry out free Dinners

Monday through Friday from 5:30-7 pm

Thursday Food Pantry

Every Thursday from 2 to 4:45pm

Nourish. NJ (formerly the Community Soup Kitchen) at the Church of the Redeemer
36 South Street

Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday's at St. Peter's Episcopal Church;

70 Maple Ave between 11:30 am to 1 pm

Free Food Fridays

Cornerstone Family Programs in Partnership with
Calvary Baptist Church

10 Martin Luther King Ave.

Use Willow Street Entrance

Every Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Interfaith Food Pantry

Call 973.538.8049 ext 210 o ext 213 and leave a message with your name and phone number. You will receive a call to give you an appointment for a phone interview. After the interview you will receive food periodically.

Emergency food on 190 Speedwell Ave on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 11:45 am and on 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains. Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

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At St. Margaret Church.

Call Patricia Clavijo (973)452-8270 to register

Health

Zulfall Health Center

Call (973) 267-0002 for telemedicine (video or phone visit). Fees are being waived.

Atlantic Health Center

Call 1-800-247-9580 to find a doctor for a telehealth visit

For students in the School District that are eligible for free or reduce lunch

Pick-Up Location:

Morristown High School, 50 Early Street

Monday - Thursday 11am - 12:30pm

Meals for Friday will be distributed on Thursday

Bus Stop Locations:

BUS #1

Stop 1 - 11:00am - 11:30am - Coal Ave Lot @ Corner of Martin Luther King Ave. and Coal Ave.

Stop 2 - 11:40am - 12:10pm - Collinsville Playground, Monroe Street

Stop 3 - 12:20am - 12:45pm - Alfred Vail School, 125 Speedwell Ave.

BUS #2

Stop 4 - 11:00am - 11:30am - Latino American Supermarket @ Speedwell and Henry St.

Stop 5 - 11:40am - 12:00pm - Assumption Church Lot @ McCulloch St. and Madison St.

Stop 6 - 12:10am - 12:30pm - Corner of Franklin Street and Todd Place

Both Buses Will Operate Monday - Thursday Only

Meals for Friday will be distributed on Thursday

Housing

Housing partnership NJ

HUD-approved Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

Call (973) 659-9222 – 2 E Blackwell St #12, Dover

Utilities and rental assistance

Salvation Army –Utilities and rent

Call (973) 539-2700 – 95 Spring St.

Hispanic Affairs - Utilities

Call (973) 644-4884 or visit <https://hispanicaffairs.net/>

Preventing evictions and foreclosures

NJ Executive Order: 106

Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center

Website: wotsnj.org

Call (973) 538-2035 or visit 40Sussex Ave.

Unemployment

Call 908-820-3969 / 973-328-6490 / 609-292-6800

or visit: <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/>

Student Loan Aid

<https://www.studentaidpandemic.org/>

<http://freestudentloanadvice.org/>

For more resources, visit:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/get-assistance/what-types-of-benefits-or-assistance-are-available-to-me-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak> or

<https://wotsnj.org/wind-of-the-spirit-dover-morristown-area-covid-19-resource-guide/>