

August 9, 2020
 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Twenty-One

Our Weekly Newsletter
 for our Parish Family

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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!



Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

Sat., Aug. 8	5pm	Theresa & John Barry Maria Minervini Bill Warrick—26 th Anniversary Josephine Carvagno
Sun., Aug. 9	8am	Vittorio Procopio Domenico Procopio Charitine Maguire
	10:30am	Josephine Carvagno Lorraine Skopic
Mon., Aug. 10	9am	Frank Tykowski Regina A. Benso n
Tues., Aug. 11	9am	Anto Thelappilly
Wed., Aug. 12	9am	Clementine & Henry Gore
Thur., Aug. 13	9am	Timmy O'Shea
Fri., Aug. 14	9am	Theresa Barry

Please remember in your prayers:
Deacon Alan Lucibello, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Prinszano, Baby Akeen Butchko, Mary Beth Jensen, Colleen Dillion & Family, Mary Maffeo, Marie E. Logan, Rose Marie Warrick, Sandra Buck, Margaret Ellis, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Anne Benson, Bob Taylor, Kamasha Redhead, Miah Tully, Barbara Bock, Baby Emma Scannelli, Stephen Burke, Eileen Lagan, and Teresa Procopio.

Parish Office Hours

The Rectory will remain closed to in-person contact. However, you can reach the office Monday – Thursday from 10:30am until 1:30pm. When calling for information, Mass Cards and/or Mass registration, please call during those hours. Otherwise, please leave a message on the machine and we will return your call.



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family **Alissa Grace & Danica Lynn Justus**, daughters of Drew & Diana.



The **Altar Flowers** honors the memory of **Lorraine Skopic** from Marianne O'Shea.



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**
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| SSGT Blake Reidinger | LT Kelsey Bergh |
| PO2 Timothy Butchko | MJR Gary Windt |
| LT Patrick Leahey | 2LT Ryan Feeney |
| MJR Stephanie Sittmann | SSGT Thomas Sittman |
| LTR Andrew McGuinness | SSGT Eric Wright |
| LCDR Daniel M. Leahey | LT Mark Van Ordan |
| LT Mark C. Leahey | MSGT T.J. Hopkins |
| LT Kian Federick Stewart | LT Tyler Huhn |
| DC1 Alexander V. Fernandez | CPL Irvin Carithers |



We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support.

The regular collection for the week of August 1/2 was \$10,472. In pew and office donations were \$6,857 and from Faith Direct, \$3,615

We continue to accept your offerings at the Parish Office. We also 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) or you can give a one-time gift. (Ctrl+Click this link

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ732/20872>



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Live Streamed on our website at www.stvirgilparish.org

Sunday at 10:30am ~ Weekdays at 9am

Readings for the Week

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday

Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



We are very happy to welcome 28 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:

*Emily Anroman
Lorenzo Catizone
Michael Cocchi
Jacob Conway
Joseph Conway
Samantha Doyle
Jack Fitzgerald
Daniel Fox
Kyleigh Giammanco
Amelia Guttridge
Charlotte Hansen
Ryder Lewankowski
Graeme Longo
Meghan McLoughlin*

*Kieran Ozgopoyan
Liam Pedalino
Ellianna Reynolds
Marcus Rivera
Amber Rolph
Finnegan Rose
Mark Sambrowski
Robert Scorsune
Dylan Smyth
Sydnie Sousa
Alexander Sullo
Isabel Sullo
Ella Yankowski
Mia Zelaya*



A Message from one of our Bible Study Leaders

Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Philip and I run a Bible study and the Return Group here at St. Virgil's. During this

myself asking if there is something else we can offer you, to learn more about Catholic teaching or about Jesus Christ. When I learned the Baltimore Catechism, we were also taught that we are supposed to continue to learn more every day of our lives—just as the great Saints did.

So, I'm asking an open question, is there any subject or approach that you would like to see offered? Perhaps a study of the Baltimore Catechism itself? Or more about the Catholic teachings? Perhaps how to pray?

I'm not sure, so I'm opening a brainstorming request—if you have a need “throw”—tell us. If there is enough interest, I'll put something together. We can use phone conference or perhaps even a Zoom conference.

Just email your thoughts to svparishoffice@gmail.com or call at (973) 538-1418.

Phil Alcock



Operation Chillout Summer Campaign

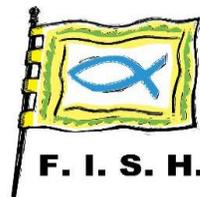
This is the 20th anniversary year of Operation Chillout, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing the basic necessities to help the

homeless, primarily veterans, survive the summer and winter months. Many events and fundraisers were planned to commemorate this milestone. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, many of them have been canceled. The summer campaign will be conducted entirely online.

St. Virgil's is one of Operation Chillout's collection partners. Instead of donating cases of bottled water, baseball caps and tee shirts, we hope you will support our gift registry at www.operationchillout.org. For \$10 you can "purchase" three cases of bottled water (24 packs) or two tee shirts or two baseball caps. All donations will be used to purchase these items as we are an organization of volunteers, and we will make the purchases and deliveries - no middleman involved. You will receive a receipt for your donation. All items will be distributed at locations where the homeless congregate, primarily soup kitchens.

Please be as generous as you can to make the months ahead a little less stressful for those who have so little and have many challenges to face.

Welcome High School Students!



Registration for FISH Youth Ministry is open. You can find the link to registration on the Youth Ministry website. You can access our site through the St. Virgil home page. Please use the appropriate link to

register for Confirmation. We look Forward to sharing your faith journey toward adult faith. Join us for meetings, service to the community, and retreats. Our ministry will most likely be very different from what we are used to, but we are committed to the religious education of our youth. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Penny Manser at mansersvym@gmail.com

“Everyone who has received the sacrament of Confirmation has received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides them and gives them the strength to follow God's will. Every one of us has the Spirit within us. The Spirit is in our hear, our soul.” *Pope Francis*



Evangelization Corner

The Sacrament of Matrimony (Continued)



Catholics who marry are making more than a legal commitment. They are making a commitment to Christ, as well as to each other. In a Catholic wedding, Christ is the focal point. The wedding ceremony affirms before God, family, and friends, the couple's dedication to the glory of Jesus Christ and their desire to live according to God's plan for family.

There are many wedding traditions that are unique to Catholic weddings that reinforce this focus. Many of these traditional wedding customs have their roots in the ancient and sacred covenant God made with Abraham. Because faith in God was an intimate part of Hebrew family life, the Hebrew marriage ceremony itself is a picture of the covenant between God and man and, therefore, has devout spiritual dimensions.

The Old Testament Hebrew marriage ritual was a blood covenant that began with an animal sacrifice (Genesis 15:9-10). Animals were split into equal halves, with each half facing each other on the ground, leaving a pathway between them. This pathway between animal pieces was regarded as holy ground. The two parties getting married would walk from either end of the path and would meet in the middle. There they would cut the palms of their right hands and join them together as they mutually pledged a vow, promising all their rights, possessions, and benefits to the other. Then they would exchange their belt and outer coat, and in so doing, take some part of the other person's name.

In many ways today's Christian wedding ceremony is reminiscent of this Old Testament blood covenant.

In the Old Testament, the parents of the bride and groom were ultimately responsible for determining God's will when making the choice of a spouse for their children. In today's marriage ceremony, we recognize this responsibility for the couple's union by seating the parents of the bride and groom in a place of prominence.

The seating of family and friends of the bride and groom on opposite sides of the church symbolizes the two halves of the animals in the Old Testament Hebrew marriage ritual. Family, friends, and invited guests, by their presence, are not just witnesses of the wedding ceremony, but are participants in the marriage covenant.

The center aisle represents the meeting ground or pathway between the "animal pieces" where the covenant was established and the white runner represents the holy ground where two lives are joined as one by God. (*Exodus 3:5; Matthew 19:6*)

Catholic marriages reflect the union between Christ and the Church. Christ, the groom, has sacrificially and lovingly chosen the Church as His bride (Ephesians 5:25-27) and has confirmed the covenant of salvation with us that was first initiated by God. Similarly, the groom has chosen his bride and entering the church first (typically entering from the Sacristy) signifies that his is the covenant initiator. This is important since, in the

Old Testament ceremony, whoever initiated the covenant assumed the greater responsibility in seeing it fulfilled.

In next week's column, we will discuss the origins and symbols of other marriage ceremony traditions including, the white wedding dress, the bridal veil, the joining of the right hands, the vows, the exchanging of rings, etc.

May the Lord's peace be with you always!

Evangelization Ministry

Excerpts were taken from: Fairchild, Mary. "Christian Wedding Symbols: The Meaning Behind the Traditions." Learn Religions, June 3, 2020, learnreligions.com/christian-wedding-traditions--701948

Weekly Reflection

We have to love this Sunday's first reading about the prophet Elijah. He was looking for God—aren't we all! But as probably is always the case, God comes to us. "A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains ...but the Lord was not in the wind. Then an earthquake,"..."but the Lord was not in the earthquake." ... After the fire there was a tiny, whispering sound..." "but Elijah hid his face..."

How often do we think we will find God in Church, or on a retreat and then go home and look into the eyes of our spouse who may have alzheimers, or the face of the toddler who is in full-blown terrible twos; and it is there we see our God. We look and look, but find it is not our "looking, but God's that lets us find Him or Her."

The New Testament reading is telling us the same concept, in a different way. The disciples were in their boat where Jesus told them to be, and to cross to the other side. Suddenly the wind was against them. When Jesus came to them walking on the sea, they were terrified. Christ told them "Take courage...do not be afraid." Peter cried out, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said "come," and Peter began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he became frightened, as when we ourselves stop looking ahead to Christ, i.e., we start to trust only in ourselves, Peter began to sink. Then Jesus said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Even with Christ standing there on the water, Peter and the disciples doubted. So let's not be too hard on ourselves. Let's remember how Christ kept coming to His followers and given them faith that Christ was indeed the "Son of God." Surely, He will come to us.

Lord, walk to us on the water. we need You now!

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Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:9a-13
New Testament: Matthew: 14: 22-23

final thoughts...

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.

I am Morristown

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/>