

September 20, 2020
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our Weekly Newsletter
for our Parish Family

St. Virgil's Parish

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Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family **Thomas Joseph Haggarty**, son of Greg & Nicole.

Sat., Sept. 19	5pm	Emma Donovan Nora Murphy
Sun., Sept. 20	8am	Keith Peternich Antonio Giglio Domenico Procopio
	10:30am	Robert H. White
Mon., Sept. 21	9am	Genowefa Rekiel
Tues., Sept. 22	9am	Catherine Mills
Wed., Sept. 23	9am	Paul Effenberger
Thur., Sept. 24	9am	Beverly Insull
Fri., Sept. 25	9am	Grace Smith



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 Kelsey Bergh**
PO2 Timothy Butchko **MJR Gary Windt**
LT Patrick Leahey **2LT Ryan Feeney**
MJR Stephanie Sittmann **SSGT Thomas Sittman**
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LT Kian Federick Stewart **LT Tyler Huhn**
DCI Alexander V. Fernandez **CPL Irvin Carithers**

Please remember in your prayers:

Debbie Dallemolle, Harriet Lipari, Deacon Alan Lucibello, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Prisinzano, 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 News



We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support.

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>

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.

25th 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

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

Did you notice in last week's first reading that God told Ezekiel (33:7) that if he didn't tell people what God told him to say and they died (went to Hell), that God would hold Ezekiel responsible? In Matt 28:20, Jesus told us to tell everyone all that Jesus told us, will we be held responsible? St. Vincent de Paul said it this way: "I am sent not only to love God but to make Him loved. It is not enough for me to love God if my neighbor does not love Him."

Did you know that a recent Pew poll showed that only 6% Americans want to talk about their religion, but only 2% of Catholics are willing to consider that! Is it because no one taught us how to talk about it or why it is important! If we knew how, would we be able to talk with family members and friends who have left the Church? Could we help to save their souls? Did you know Catholics must believe all the Church teachers as Dogma, whether you understand it or not?

Would you be interested in studying any of these things? Or is there any subject that you would like to see offered? This is an open brainstorming search, and if there is enough interest in any subject, 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



2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "Love Thy Neighbor"

The 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (formerly called the 'Bishop's Annual Appeal') is officially kicking-off this weekend. The theme of this year's appeal is "Love Thy Neighbor". It is a vivid reminder, especially as we all face the COVID pandemic together, that what we do for our neighbors in need, we do for Christ himself.

Please support this important cause that helps so many of our brothers and sister in our Diocese.

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities, priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, urban elementary schools, and seminarian education. These are all important ministries that touch many lives, and your participation make this assistance possible. These are all important ministries that touch many lives, and your participation makes this assistance possible. You can give with confidence, knowing that funds from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used solely for the causes described in the campaign materials. They are used for no other purpose. For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2020appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.

The Tuesday Bible Study Group is always open for people to join. You can jump in anytime and learn more about God's Salvation plan. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis. Call Phil Alcock for phone conference access info: 973-222-6453



It's time to do some summer cleaning!

St. Virgil Appalachia Outreach Team

will be conducting a clothing drive from September 21 through September 26. 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 September 21 through September 25 from 9am – 4pm and on September 26 from 9am – 11am. 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.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be held at the Cathedral of



St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held

Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 3:30pm

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 1. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Let us pray for unborn babies and for the end of abortion!

When: September 23rd to November 1st, 7AM to 7PM

Duration: Volunteers usually pray an hour (or more) a week.

Where: 196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown NJ, in front of Planned Parenthood

Sign up by sending an email to 44lifeus@gmail.com or going to the 40 Days for Life website <https://40daysforlife.com>. If you have any questions, please call Frances Spillman at 973-627-1654. We encourage you to sign up so that we know that each hour is covered for a particular day. Spontaneous visitors and stay-at-home prayers are also welcome. You may save a life – please come and join us for 40 Days for Life.



Every Child is a Gift
from God!

Evangelization Corner

The Beatitudes



As we wrote last week, Christ's message in the Beatitudes is directed to the "poor in spirit". The first Beatitude was about recognizing our spiritual poverty and acknowledging our reliance on God to deliver us. This week we look at the second Beatitude, "Blessed Are They Who Mourn, For They Shall Be Comforted." This Beatitude touches the heart and soul of what it is to be a Catholic.

2. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

The second Beatitude like the first, is a paradox. At its core, this beatitude brings a message of hope for those who mourn or are hurt. But this Beatitude confronts us with several questions such as, 'Who are the blessed mourners Jesus is referring to?'; 'What or who are they mourning?'; and 'Who will provide the comfort?'. And where will it be received; how will we be comforted.

In this Beatitude, the 'Blessed' Christ is referring to are those who are spiritually and emotionally poor; those who have sinned and fallen away from God but have recognized this and have humbled themselves and sought reconciliation.

We are taught that we are created in the likeness of God and that the purpose of this gift of life is for us to become 'imitators of God as children'.

But sin separates us from God. In asking for His forgiveness we acknowledge our total dependence on Him. We realize that we have hurt the one who has been so good to us and we regret the fact that we have sinned and that we have become spiritually poverty-stricken. Mourning, the emotion which follows spiritual poverty, is the recognition of one's failings and the feelings that are generated from that recognition. An example from Isaiah is his cry, "I am a man of unclean lips" and his concurrent lament, "Woe is me; I am doomed!" (Isaiah 6:5)

The mourning of our sinful nature shows our desire to be reunited with God and to follow the way He wants us to live; to live in righteousness. When we mourn, we not only mourn our sinful nature but also the sins of others and the violence, hatred, and injustices present in this world.

Jesus calls those who mourn their sins as blessed—for the mourning of our sins is a blessing because we regret our sinful nature and we desire to improve ourselves and to do what is right!

We humble ourselves when we mourn and open our hearts to the Lord, who in turn comforts us. We are comforted by the assurance of God's pardon and by His grace. In the Old Testament it is written that God will "comfort all who mourn,

to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning" (Isaiah 61:3). In talking with his disciples Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Comforter (2 Corinthians 1:4). Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would abide with us forever. The Holy Spirit is, therefore, the comforter of those who are honest about their own sin and humble enough to ask for forgiveness and healing.

May His grace be with each of us as we continue our journey with Jesus!

Evangelization Ministry

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Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9

New Testament: 20:1-16

Weekly Reflection

As it was last week, the generosity of God is the subject of this week's reading, and shall be, again, next week. In the reading from Isaiah, the prophet says "let him [the scoundrel] turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God who is generous in forgiving." In Matthew's New Testament reading, workers who had worked a full day objected to those who came late and worked only a half day. Should that generosity aggravate us? Surely, if we were the ones who came late, we would not have objected. The message is, who are we to object to God's ways? Is it right for us to be happy with mercy for ourselves but want only justice, not mercy, for others? Does forgiveness look simpler for us if we are on the receiving end, rather than if we are the ones who have to do the forgiving?

Lord, guide us in accepting mercy being given to others.

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/>