February 13, 2022
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 12
5:00pm Irene Selitto

Sunday, February 13
7:30am Albert DeFalco
Luis Sarimiento-Fierro
9:00am Grace Perret
10:30am Anne Kilcomons
12:00pm Patricia Scanlon—26th Anniversary

Monday, February 14
12:10pm Dorothy Leahey
Fred Mandato

Tuesday, February 15
12:10pm Donna Prisco

Wednesday, February 16
12:10pm Jack O'Brien

Thursday, February 17
12:10pm Thomas Burke

Friday, February 18
12:10pm Donna Prisco

Saturday, February 119
5pm Bernadina Diokno

Sunday, February 20
7:30am Lorraine Brenner
9am Beth Burdette
10:30am Peter Gallo
12pm Tom Markt

*The **Sanctuary Candle** honors the memory of **John Hooper** from Pauline Hooper.*

*The **Altar Bread and Wine** honors the memory of **Margaret Conforti** from the Carvagno family.*

*We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Joseph Costens**, who was called home to the Lord. We pray that **Joe** rests peacefully with the Lord.*

Please remember in your prayers. . .

Our Family & Friends

Hank Giannetti, Lottie Krolik, Baby Connor Francis Feeney, Anne Benson, Ed Schrak, John O'Leary, Marie Loughlin, Steve Hogan, Mary Maffeo, Tony Loughlin, Robert Taylor, Doug Prisinzano, Sandra Buck, Judy Taylor, Eileen Lagan, Stephen Burke, Marie E. Logan, Bill Warrick, Miah Tully, Michael O'Connor, Barbara Bock, Barbara Trzaska, Debbie Dallemolle, Florence & John Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Colleen Dillion & Family, Jerry Warrick, Rose Marie Warrick, Baby Emma Scannelli.

(Unless you notify the parish office, names will rotate off the list in three months.)

All who serve in defense of our Country, both at home and abroad

The deployed airmen of the 914 Air Refueling Wing, SSGT Blake Reidinger, LT Kelsey Bergh, PO1 Timothy Butchko, MJR Gary Windt, LT Patrick Leahey, LCDR Daniel M. Leahey, LT Mark Leahey, LT Ryan Feeney, MJR Stephanie Sittman, SSGT Thomas Sittman, LTR Andrew McGuinness, SSGT Eric Wright, LT Mark Van Orden, MSGT T.J. Hopkins, LT Kian Federick Steward, LT Tyler Huhn, DC1 Alexander V. Fernandez, CPL Irvin Carithers.

Our Home-bound Parishioners and friends at

Morris View Health Care, Sunrise Assisted Living, and Arbor Terrace.

New Flag Poles

During one of the storms this winter, one of the flag poles snapped and as we had been repairing it for the last several years, it was now beyond repair. We have already ordered two new flag poles and once the ground thaws, we will have them installed.

If you would be interested in memorializing a family member who has passed, we would be happy to accept your donation and arrange for a small plaque to be placed at the base of the flag poles with your family members name on it.

Please call the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Michal if you are interested.

Parish Giving>>>

Thank you for your continued generosity. Parish income for the weekend of February 5/6 was:

Collection	In Pew	Faith Direct	Total
Regular	$8,601	$1,443	$10,044

We have completed the ***Christmas*** count and our collection this year was $41,268. You also generously donated $1,340 for our ***Christmas flowers***. We are very grateful for your kind generosity.

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, February 13
Youth Band Practice, in Church at 5pm
Tuesday, February 15
St. Joseph Novena following the 12:10 Mass
Thursday, February 17
Divine Mercy, ZOOM, 6:30pm
Bible Study in the SVC at 7pm
Sunday, February 20
Youth Band Practice in the Church at 5pm

Counters for the Sunday Collection

We are looking to "round out" our group of counters for the Sunday collection.

We are currently counting the Sunday collection as well as Candle Money and weekly office receipts on Monday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Office.

Please contact the Parish Office or Father Michal directly, if you'd like to join.

St. Virgil's
45th Annual Carnival
May 4, 5, 6, & 7

All systems are "go" for this year's carnival. Blue Sky Amusements and Paladin Amusements will again help us to host this great event. So now all we need is **YOU!**

If you are interested in helping us plan and run this year's event, please email Keith Chesnut at svcarnival@stvirgilparish.org.

After School Child Care

The Red Oaks School is seeking an after school childcare worker for their Cutler Street location. Flexible hours 2:30 to 5 or 6pm ~ Monday thru Friday. The only requirement is that you love children. Call Patty Giordano at 973-539-7853. Available immediately.

Faith Formation February Update

Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 will continue to meet virtually for the remainder of the school year.

Children's Mass 9:00-10:00am (Mandatory)	2nd grade In-Person Classes 10:00-11:30am	K-6 In Person Meetings/Retreats 10:15 – 11:45am
February 27	February 27	March 4 at 7:30pm

Youth Mass 12noon	Confirmation Grades 7-8 5-9pm	FISH Grade 9 5-9pm	FISH Meetings Grade 10
February 27	February 27	March 20	February 13
RCIA each Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Tracy Center			

Our last class for the year will be Sunday, February 27. **All grades are required to attend Stations of the Cross on March 4 (See below.)** All outstanding work will be due to your teachers by Friday, March 11.

First Penance/Eucharist Retreat is April 23 with First Penance on April 23 and First Eucharist on May 21.

Kindergarten thru 6 Families:

On Friday, March 4, at 7:30pm, we will have Stations of the Cross for our Faith Formation children. All grades, K through 6, are required to attend with at least one parent. This is one of the large group activities that was on our original schedule. You should all have received an email about this earlier this week.

We have chosen Stations appropriate to their age and would like the children to participate as readers. If your child would like to read, please fill out the google form in the email and then we will send you the script so your child can practice.

If you have any questions, please email Laura Pazar at faithformation@stvirgilparish.org or call the Parish Office.

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth Communications Office is seeking a permanent part-time Social Media Specialist. The applicant must have a broad knowledge of all social media platforms, WIX website management, Hootsuite, and strong writing skills. A motivated self-starter with at least five years of experience in social media with a finger on the pulse of current marketing and communication trends is desired. This position required two full days a week at our location in Convent Station (Morristown). For further details, please contact Donna Sartor – 973-290-5345 or escharity@scny.org.

Results of the Knights of Columbus 50/50 drawing to benefit LIFENET: 1st Place: Betty O'Keefe; 2nd Place: Carolyn Dubee; 3rd Place: John Feeney; 4th Place: Ted Krisanda.

Our next drawing is March 29.

St. Virgil Lending Library

Did You See? We have a St. Virgil Lending Library on the windowsill next to the Confessional booth on the parking lot side of the Church. We just put 10 more books in it. Take a look and see if there is something you would like to read. Are you interested in famous Catholics who lived in Revolutionary times? See "***Liberty Lions***"; would you rather learn more about the incredible mystery of the Eucharist? We have copies of ***Dr. Scott Hahn's book, "Lambs Supper".***

#LISTENING CHURCH

Pope Francis needs our help – for the future of the Church. In a world hurting from a pandemic, divisiveness, and alienation, Pope Francis and bishops from across the world is hoping to revitalize the Church and our parishes at a critical time in history. But they can't do it alone: they need us.

What is this all about? Pope Francis surprised the Church last year by announcing a two-year "synodal" process. The goal is to discern ways to engage more people in the decision-making processes that affect the whole church. It's called "the Synod on Synodality", which simply means **journeying together** with ears open to each other and the Holy Spirit.

What does this mean for me? Parishes throughout the Diocese of Paterson – including St. Virgil's -- are holding "listening sessions" with local Catholics and others. It is a process of listening to each other and sharing thoughts as a way to discern how the Spirit is leading the Church to move forward. During this process, ***all*** are invited to listen to each other, without exception, and especially those who feel their voices are seldom heard. The fruit of this process will be a Spirit-inspired vision for our Church. How well we do may very well determine the type of Church we leave to our children and grandchildren.

How do I participate? Come join us and Fr. Michal for coffee and cake on **Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Tracy Center.** ***All*** are welcome – practicing Catholics, inactive Catholics, and those thrilled or disappointed with the Church. Please join us in this important time as we seek to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking through you and your experiences to help guide us forward in bold faith!

How can I learn more? Check out the diocesan website: https://rcdop.org/synod-2023, or contact our parish delegates to the synod, Joe Connor and Carole White-Connor. You can meet with them in-person, via Zoom or by telephone. Please contact them via email at SVListeningParish@gmail.com or through the parish office.

Women's Morning of Reflection

A Mini- Retreat for Lent

Who were the four Mary's at the foot of the Cross?

Once again, we will try to bring forth the "***FOUR WOMEN AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS***". Mark your calendars for

Saturday, March 19, from 8:30am to 12:00 Noon.

"Coffee and" at 8:30 with presentations to start at 9:00. This is a morning of reflection, prayer, and friendship.

The morning retreat will be given by ***Joanne Calafiore***, our former pastoral associate and ***Deacon Merle*** who will introduce you to these remarkable women who were the witness to the death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior. We hope the women of the parish will enjoy and grow from this the first of several mornings to be held "God Willing" for the women of St. Virgil's.

If you plan to attend, please email the Parish Office or drop this little acknowledgment in the collection basket.

"***FOUR WOMEN AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS***"

I plan to attend the Women's Mini-Retreat for Lent

Name_____ Phone or Email_____

Evangelization Corner

In the prelude to the Book of Revelation we are told that the author has used the symbolic descriptions to suggest Christ's universality, his power, and his knowledge. We also read where John was instructed to, *"Write down therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards." (Rev. 1:19)*

The first two groups of sevens we encounter are the ***7 Letters*** to **7 *Churches.* (***Rev. 2:1-20 and 2:1-22)*

Through an angel, Jesus instructs John to write seven letters, one to each of the seven churches (Congregations) in the Roman province of Asia: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Although these were not the only churches in the area, the seven letters do provide us with a picture of the spiritual condition of the apostolic and post-apostolic church in the major crossroads of the Roman world at that time.

Saint John begins each letter with*: "John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you and peace from him who is, and was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins in his blood" (Rev.1:4-5).* This greeting is followed with one of several attributes of Jesus' majesty that was appropriate for that specific church. The letters go on to emphasize and commend each church for their strong spiritual works and/or admonishes each community for their specific spiritual condition.

Jesus finds a lot to praise in the church at Ephesus, but his heart is broken because they have lost the strong love, they had for Him. *(Rev.2:1-7).*

Although the church at Smyrna was under persecution for their faith, Jesus reminds them to remain faithful even until death as he did. *(Rev. 2:8-11)*

The church in Pergamum had not denied him but, the community was regressing to pagan practices and worship. *(Rev. 2:12-17)*

Jesus commends the church at Thyatira for their latest works were greater than their first but, they tolerate Jezebel a false prophetess who misleads his people. *(Rev. 2:18-29)*

Although the church at Sardis had the reputation of being alive, Jesus saw that the church was neither wicked nor immoral but dead, unresponsive to God. *(Rev. 3:1-6)*

Jesus saw a small and uninfluential group of faithful in the church in Philadelphia. He promised if they held fast, they would be protected in the time of trial that is to come. *(Rev. 3:7-13)*

The church in Laodicea was wealthy but had a halfhearted commitment to the faith. Their faith was lukewarm, neither cold nor hot. He expresses his desire for them to see the reality of their own condition but unrepentant he promised, "*If lukewarm I'll spit you out." (Rev. 3:14-22)*

Each letter ends with strong warnings for those who are spiritually weak to repent and mend their ways or suffer punishment. There was also encouragement to persevere in the faith and the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of God for those who continue to be faithful or for those who repent. Finally, each letter concludes with the warning: "*Whoever has ears ought to hear what the spirit says to the churches…"*

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 31:3-4
1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-6
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17-26
Communion Antiphon: Psalm 78 or John 3:16

In today's Gospel, Luke gives us a reading with one of the most recognized passages in the New Testament: *The Beatitudes*, which also are in the Gospel of Matthew. But the passages are different. For example, Luke writes: "Blessed are you who are poor," while Matthew writes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Luke's Gospel emphasizes both spirituality (salvation) and material needs (a preference for the poor), while Matthew seems to focus more exclusively on spirituality. Luke's account of Christ's teaching is called the Sermon on the Plain while Matthew refers to it as the Sermon on the Mount. Many feel that Luke's approach more closely demonstrates Christ's own teachings.

According to Luke's Gospel, in preaching the Beatitudes, Christ was speaking to His Apostles and to a large" number of people who had come from the surrounding area to hear His messages. Apparently, they were not disappointed.

The Beatitudes are so well known that those of many faiths, and even those without any faith, have found find guidance in these teachings. It is said that Gandhi kept a copy of them posted over his bed.

We all might benefit by looking them over once in a while. Many have found these words of Christ difficult. Do we?

O Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD who has been bountiful with me. Psalm 13

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