

March 27, 2022
4th Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 26

5:00pm Kathryn Druetzler-Ullrich
Carl Eckardt

Sunday, March 27

7:30am Eileen Doherty
Luis Sarmiento-Fierro
Gabriella Stopper
9:00am Frank & Marie Occhipinti
10:30am Valentina Giacchi
Deceases Members of the
Knights of Columbus
12:00pm Ron Waer

Monday, March 28

12:10pm Kwiryn Wnuk
Jackie Donnelley—Special Intentions

Tuesday, March 29

12:10pm Fannie & Cozzie Gallo
Esther Gallo Shearer

Wednesday, March 30

12:10pm Kulesh Family—Special Intentions

Thursday, March 31

12:10pm Brett Smith
Joaquin & Rosa Gaspar
Rogilio & Jaime Gaspar
Alfred Wuykowski

Friday, April 1

12:10pm Veronica LaCanfora
Thomas Lampron
John Ruscus

Saturday, April 2

5pm Barbara Richardson
Mary Ellen Bellucci

Sunday, April 3

7:30am Grant Morgan
Brett Smith
9am Denise Wayne
10:30am Julia Sullivan
12pm Joseph Yassa
Rosina Tedeschi

This Week at St. Virgil's

Sunday, March 27

Youth Band Practice, 5-6pm, Church
FISH Gr. 7 & 8, 6:30-8:30pm, TC

Monday, March 28

Welcome Home to Healing, 7-8:30pm, Church

Tuesday, March 29

Lenten Faith Sharing, 7pm, by ZOOM or
phone

Thursday, March 31

Divine Mercy, ZOOM, 6:30pm
Bible Study in the SVC at 7pm

Friday, April 1

Adoration & Litany to Sacred Heart & Stations
of the Cross following the 12:10pm Mass
Station of the Cross, 7:30pm, Church

Sunday, April 3

Children's Choir Rehearsal, 10am, TC
Youth Band Practice, 4:30pm, Church
FISH, Gr. 10, 6:30-8:30pm, TC

First Friday, April 1

12:10 Mass, Litany to the Sacred Heart and
Stations of the Cross

7pm Mass, Litany to the Sacred Heart and Stations
of the Cross

First Thursday, April 7

6pm Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Rosary recited by the Knights of
Columbus.



Please remember in your prayers. . .

Our Family & Friends

Lottie Krolik, Ed Schrak, John O'Leary, Marie Loughlin, Steve Hogan, Mary Maffeo, Tony Loughlin, Robert Taylor, Doug Priszano, Sandra Buck, Judy Taylor, Eileen Lagan, Stephen Burke, Marie E. Logan, Bill Warrick, Miah Tully, Michael O'Connor, Barbara Bock, Barbara Trzaska, Debbie Dallemolle, John Luckey, 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.



Welcome New Parishioners

Joy & Michael Tedesco

Faith Formation March/April Schedule

Grade 2 Sacrament Preparation	April 23: 9-11:30am - 1st Penance/1st Eucharist Retreat
	April 23: 12 noon - First Penance

Youth Mass 12noon	Confirmation Grades 7-8 6:30-8:30pm	FISH Grade 9 6:30-8:30pm	FISH Meetings Grade 10 4-9pm
April 10	March 27	April 10	April 3

FISH Stations of the Cross/Family Lenten Program: April 8 from 6 - 8pm.

First Penance/Eucharist Retreat is April 23 with First Penance immediately following.

First Eucharist is on May 21. Families received email to request time Details will be released when all forms are collected.

Welcome Home to Healing
 Monday evenings ~ 7-8:30pm ~ Church
Confession/Reconciliation
 Saturdays ~ 3:45 – 4:30pm ~ Church

New Envelopes

Our Sunday Visitor has included the following collections in this month's mailing:

Building Fund: This monthly collection is applied to building improvements, such as HVAC, roofing, parking lot and sidewalk maintenance, renovations, etc.

Easter Flowers: Your donation to Easter Flowers will serve as a memorial to your loved ones. If you do not receive the monthly envelopes, we will have a form in the weekly bulletin that you can use for your memorial.

Stewardship: Regular Collection

Diocesan Assessment: Annually, the diocese assesses each of the parishes. Not having a Catholic School, SVC is assessed at 12% of the annual collections. This amount is collected to help the diocese pay for its regular expenses.

Palm Sunday: Extra Holyday Collection

Holy Land These funds are collected for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, education and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Easter Tomb Env: Extra Holyday Collection

Campaign for Human Development: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was mandated by the US bishops to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education.

Green Offering Envelop: Extra Monthly Collection

Parish Giving>>>

Thank you for your continued generosity. Parish income for the weekend of March 19/20 was:

Collection	In Pew	Faith Direct	Total
Regular	\$5,252	\$1,288	\$6,540
Ukraine	\$7,500		\$7,500

We are very grateful for your kind generosity.

Morris Catholic High School in Denville, NJ is accepting applications for the Class of 2026 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Learn more about Morris Catholic through our Admissions events!

*Our two spring Open House dates are:
 Sunday, April 3rd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and
 Wednesday, May 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm*

You can sign up for these events at www.morriscatholic.org/openhouse/

We are also offering shadow days and in-person campus tours. Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to schedule one of these visits or for more information about our application process!

You can also visit www.morriscatholic.org to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs.

St. Virgil's Rosary Society

Tuesday, April 5, 1pm in the Tracy Center
 May Crowning Planning Meeting

We will meet to discuss details of the May Crowning taking place on May 10, 2022. Additionally, the Greeting Card Gals will be writing Easter cards to various members of the church community. As always, friends are always welcomed, and refreshments will be available.

A donation of \$1 may be given to purchase Food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.

In case of inclement weather, please call the parish office at 973-538-1418



Easter Flowers

Each year, our Easter flower memorial allows us to offer to God the best of what we can in worship, and it also allows us to remember loved ones. There is an envelope included with the regular envelopes for Easter Flower Memorials for your loved ones. If you do not receive regular envelopes, please use the form below to memorialize your deceased relatives and friends. Fill out either the envelope or this form and drop in into the collection basket or Parish Office by Friday, April 8. A free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

In memory of / For the special intention of:

Given by:

Lenten Faith Sharing Group

Tuesdays through April 19 from 7 – 8pm via ZOOM or phone

We will join in the study of Richard Rohr's "Wondrous Encounters: Scriptures for Lent". Fr. Rohr uses scripture and a unique perspective in these daily reflections that are both challenging and consoling. The book/Kindle edition can be purchased from Amazon at a modest price:

<https://www.amazon.com/Wondrous-Encounters-Richard-Rohr-F-M/dp/0867169877> .

All are welcome. Each Tuesday is a "stand-alone" session, so attend some or all!

Contact Carole at cwccounsel@gmail.com or 201-213-0038 for the link.



Last Sunday, the parish conducted its second synod Listening Session, and parishioners spoke with passion and enthusiasm for their faith and offered suggestions on the direction the Church should take in the 21st century.

We want – and need – to hear from everyone. For those who might be reluctant to discuss these matters in a group setting, please contact us directly. We would be happy to meet with you one-on-one or send you the synod questions via email or regular mail. Please contact us at svlisteningparish@gmail.com or through the parish office.



Contemporary Stations of the Cross

Please join us on **April 1 at 7:30pm** in the church for Contemporary Stations of the Cross, a moving and inspirational service that applies the lessons of the Passion to our everyday lives and daily struggles.

Children's Choir Easter Rehearsals

Please join Nina Rangel as she practices with the Children's Choir and the Youth Band for our Easter celebrations!

Children's Choir

April 3 at 10am in the Tracy Center
April 10 at 10am in the Tracy Center
April 16 at 10am in the Church

Youth Band

April 3 at 4:30pm in the Church
April 10 at 10:45am in the Tracy Center
April 16 at 11am in the Church

Call Nina if you have any questions: 862-579-7347 or email her at youthminister@stvirgilparish.org.



Saturday, April 2
10am - 12noon
On the Church Grounds



Knights of Columbus

On Sunday, March 27, The Bishop McLaughlin Council #3495 Knights of Columbus will celebrate the founding of our Order at the 10:30 Mass. The Knights of Columbus was founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney to assist Catholic families who were in need. Locally, the Bishop McLaughlin Council donated \$12,500 to a variety of Charities in the Morris Plains area. This week Chuck Havers tells us why he joined the Knights of Columbus:

“As a long-term St. Virgil parishioner, I have been blessed by the grace of Jesus Christ with the warmth and spiritual connection with so many folks that attend our church and participate in its various ministries. The Knights provided me with an opportunity to give back to our local community and the local charities that so desperately need our help. I have also met some men that have become very close friends; we have worked together, prayed together, attended baptisms together, and yes, attended funeral masses together along the way. Please consider joining our team; we need new men to join our ministry if we want our good works to continue. God Bless.”

Chuck Havers, PGK

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, you and your family are invited to attend our Open House on Sunday, March 27, at 2pm in the Tracy Center.

Lenten Outreach - Clothe the Naked Rosary Society Clothing Collection for the Market Street Mission Deadline - April 3

As a Lenten Corporal Work of Mercy, the Rosary Society is again sponsoring a collection of new clothing for the men in the Life Change (addiction recovery) Program at the Market Street Mission in Morristown. The Mission first opened on March 18, 1889, and has continued to provide meals, lodging, clothing and temporary employment for homeless men and those wishing to turn their lives around. Even during the pandemic, the Mission continued its services while following all established safety guidelines.

Donating clothing enables the Mission to focus monetary contributions on its programs rather than spend time and money on purchasing everyday supplies. Last year's donations included 165 T-shirts, 124 pair of socks, and 82 pair of boxers. Please consider contributing the clothing (**new only**) requested by the Mission (**only the items and sizes requested**):

- Boxer shorts (sizes S - 4XL)
- T-shirts (M, L, 2XL - 4XL)
- Dress socks
- Pajamas (sizes S - L)
- Sweatpants (sizes S - XL)
- Sweatshirts (all adult sizes)

Please leave your donation in the carton in the church behind the altar rail. Your generosity to these men who are dedicated to turning their lives around will be most appreciated.

On Thursday, March 31, we will be meeting again in the church on the Blessed Mother side. Our group has been together now. Ten years. In this short half hour, we've been listening and learning the messages give to us from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina. We then recite the prayers give to us by Jesus, "The Divine Mercy Chaplet." We'd love to welcome those who would like to know more about this wonderful ministry. All our welcome.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 24, when we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday—the first Sunday after Easter—at 3pm.



EVANGELIZATION CORNER



We find in Chapter 5 that there is one who is finally found who is worthy to open the scroll. *John says that one of the elders says to him, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals." (Rev. 5:5)*

It has been said that we are now at one of the most decisive moments in all scripture for at this point we read that there is one who has "overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals," and thus bring about the Great Promise. It is the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root and offspring of David which establishes his status as the heir to David's earthly kingdom. When John turns to see the worthy one, he expected to see the Lion of Judah. Instead, John sees "standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders, a **Lamb** with the marks of slaughter upon it" (Rev. 5:6). This is an interesting and "one of the most beautiful mixed metaphors in all the Bible—a **lion** that is a **lamb**". (Grant Osborne, *Revelation*, 254).

At his first coming Jesus emphasized and fulfilled his role as priest, through sacrificial love and gentleness, by submitting his own sinless body to death on the cross, in atonement for sin. He conquered sin and death by shedding His blood on the cross. Jesus is THE PASCAL LAMB, the suffering servant of Isaiah (Is. 53:7), who was made worthy to open the scroll, not through the military power of his lineage as the lion of Judah but through his perfect sacrifice. It is the story of atonement, redemption, and sanctification. Jesus did the work of salvation, and because of His work, he is worthy to possess and open the scroll.

John describes the lamb as having "seven horns and seven eyes" [Seven again denoting fullness and completeness]. This imagery describes Jesus as having conquering power [the seven horns] and all knowledge [the seven eyes]. John also mentions the seven spirits that God has sent out to all the earth; the Spirits of wisdom, and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge, and reverential and obedient fear of the LORD.

John then saw the Lamb come and take the scroll from the right hand of the One sitting on the throne. (Rev 5:6-7) When He took the scroll, the four living-creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls being full of incense (which are the prayers of the saints), and then all creation worshiped the one on the throne and the lamb.

Next week the opening of the seals and the scroll — God's redemptive plan, His judgements and the final events that will happen in the future when God comes to reclaim the world.

May the Lord's peace be with you always!

Evangelization Ministry

Third Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 66:10-11
First Reading: 1Samuel Joshua 5:9-12
Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-7
Second Reading: 2Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32
Communion Antiphon: Luke 15:32

If we were asked which is the most well-known parable, many choose the one in Luke's Gospel, "The Prodigal Son." Christ probably chose it because it would resonate then to a large majority of his followers who were members of a family, as children, parents or both. This is relevant to us today. Looking back through our own experiences, we recognize daily the difficulties in handing out praise, corrections, and forgiveness to one another, and we may differ in giving or accepting pardon and praise. But we all can appreciate the apparent unfairness presented in the story of the Prodigal Son. It is not surprising for us to conclude that the prodigal son's father had been too indulgent toward his youngest son. We also may have little sympathy for the younger son who demanded, received, and squandered his inheritance. We also can relate to the feelings of the oldest son, who remained loyal to and worked so hard for his father becoming angry when his father showed such mercy. Clearly, he did not understand that he himself needed to forgive and give mercy to his errant brother.

But Christ's message in the parable is crystal clear, especially for us in this season of Lent. It is an overarching message from Christ of the need for genuine repentance, as practiced by the younger son, who only asked to be treated as one of the father's servants; forgiveness and mercy, as practiced by the father; and for us not to be judgmental, as displayed by the older brother. The parable is enlightening and motivates us to adopt Christ's teaching.

Lord, help us to understand and practice your teaching!

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Appalachia	Nina Rangel
Arbor Terrace	Deacon Joe Quinn & Don & Jeanne McKenna
Baptismal Prep	Clergy
Bible Groups	Kathy Sisler, Phil Alcock
Carnival	Keith Chesnut
Children's Choir	Nina Rangel
Church Décor	Helene Havers
Counters	Jane Flynn
Divine Mercy	Frank Miller
Evangelization	John Trombetta
Hospitality & Greeters	Marybeth & Don Soutar
Interfaith Food Pantry	Parish Office
Knights of Columbus	Peter Sesso, G.K.
Lazarus Ministry	Barbara Fisher
Lectors	Don & Jeanne McKenna
Living Rosary	Cathy Marshall & Maureen Kelly
Men's Cornerstone	Chuck Havers
Morris View	Deacon Merle Sisler
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Prayer Shawl Ministry	Jane Flynn
Pre Cana	Clergy
Prime Time	
RCIA	George Wolfe
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Wedding Prep	Clergy
Young Adults	Andrew DeBlock
Youth Band	Nina Rangel

