



May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 14

5pm Sharon Doyle
Ronnie Kelly

Sunday, May 15

7:30am Pio Diokno
Albert DiFalco
9:00am Louis M. Rocco
10:30am Mario Sasso
Mary Montgomery
12:00pm Carl Eckardt
Frances & Michael Marinaccio

Monday, May 16

12:10pm Dr. Edgardo Bernardo

Tuesday, May 17

12:10pm Peter Lee

Wednesday, May 18

12:10pm Vincent Joseph Bloec

Thursday, May 19

12:10pm Mark Bracaglia

Friday, May 20

12:10pm Bernadino Diokno
12:10pm Richard Fleites

Saturday, May 21

5pm Mary Ellen Bellucci
Paul Schrak

Sunday, May 22

7:30am Gabriella Stopper
9:00am Antoinette De Ieso
10:30am Mario Sasso
Mary Montgomery
12:00pm John & Florence Luckey
Special Intentions of Mary
Sullivan

Through the waters of **Baptism**, we welcome to the Parish Family, **Ellie Rose Saxon**, daughter of John and Christina; **Luke Patrick Fiore**, son of Vincent and Andrea; and **Olivia Rose Sebak**, daughter of Brian and Christina.

Parish Giving

Thank you for your continued generosity. Parish income for the weekend of April 30/May 1 was \$3,926. Donations through Faith Direct for May 4 were \$11,809.23.

Please consider supporting our Parish through giving. Enrolling in online giving will simplify your monthly budgeting while also providing for our Parish.

If you would like to sign up, visit faithdirect.org and enter parish code NJ732 We are very grateful for your kindness.

Please remember in your prayers. . .

Our Family & Friends

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, 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 621st Contingency Wing, 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.

This Week at St. Virgil's

Wednesday, May 18

1st Eucharist Rehearsal at 4:30 for the 9:30am group; 6pm for the 11am group.

Thursday, May 19

Bible Study, 10:30am, TC
Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30pm, Church
Bible Study, 7pm, SV Classroom

Saturday, May 21

First Eucharist at 9:30am and 11am

Sunday, May 22

The Red Oaks School Open House from 9am -1pm in the School
Children's Mass at 9am (All First Communicants invited to attend in their Communion attire.



**Rehearsal for First Communion
Wednesday, May 18**

For the 9:30am group, rehearsal is at 4:30pm. For the 11am group, rehearsal is at 6pm.

Please let the Parish Office know if you have any questions!



**Open House at
The Red Oaks School's
new home**

On Sunday, May 22, The Red Oaks School will host an open house for St. Virgil Parishioners. From 9am – 1pm, you are invited to come and have a tour of the school and see all the marvelous renovations they have made and meet our new “extended family”. We hope you will join us!



Save the Date:

St. Virgil’s Rosary Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre featuring David. The date is Thursday, September 15. Price is \$164 per person which includes the show, lunch and bus trip to Lancaster, PA. More information to come.

Coins for Babies

After a three-year hiatus, we will resume our Coins for Babies outreach program. With the success of the 2019 campaign (\$3,090.23), we were able to provide diapers and wipes to the Interfaith Food Pantry during the pandemic as Birthright in Dover closed permanently. Money collected this year will be used to purchase much-needed items for North Porch in Dover: diapers, diaper cream, baby wash, baby wipes and petroleum jelly. Items are supplied year-round on an as-needed basis.



North Porch is a 501(c)(3) organization which provides emergency aid to needy families who have been displaced or have budget shortfalls. All clients are referred by local social services and religious organizations.

Starting on Mother's Day weekend, May 7/8, baby bottles will be available at the church entrances. Please fill with your donation and return to St. Virgil's on Father's Day weekend, June 18/19, or to the parish office. North Porch relies on contributions from individuals as well as church and company collections.

This is a great opportunity to put all your coins to good use and to teach young children the power behind giving, even small coins.

**Corpus Christi
Food Drive**



Due to the unprecedented food pantry requests from the local poor, Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 18-19. Our parish is being asked to provide **Soup (Any Variety), Mac ‘n Cheese and Facial Tissues**. Monetary contributions will also be accepted.

This is a reminder to be prepared on that day to help address the needs of the poor in our Diocesan Community.

Year of the Eucharist

Since this is the Year of the Eucharist, the Evangelization Ministry would like to let you know that in this Year of the Eucharist we have set up the bottom row of the CD rack, in the Church next to the Confessional, with books, CDs and Pamphlets that are about the Eucharist and the Mass. This week we added 4 new CDs and another pamphlet. Take and read to learn more about Jesus' presence, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the appearance of bread and wine.

How do we know it is true? Because Jesus told us, very clearly, it is, the Apostles taught that it is, the Church Fathers wrote that it is, and miracles illustrate it is. Miracles like this one: In 1263, a German priest known as Peter of Prague was struggling with the doctrine of transubstantiation. While he was saying Mass in Bolseno, Italy, blood began to stream out of the host and onto the corporal at the moment of consecration. This was reported to and investigated by Pope Urban IV, who concluded that the miracle was real. The bloodstained linen is still exhibited at the cathedral in Orvieto, Italy. Many other eucharistic miracles are like the one experienced by Peter of Prague, in which the host turns into flesh and blood.

There are many other miracles down through the years, even in the 20th Century.

Read the Bible and see how the Eucharist was first hinted at in the early years of God's people, listed in the Book of Genesis, preceded in the Manna in the Desert of Exodus and flat out detailed by Jesus himself, then proclaimed in the Letters of the Apostles. Then see how it is connected to the vision of St John in the last book, the Book of Revelation.

Read how it has been the turning point for the conversion of many of our current best known Theologians and Apologists and by many Saints down through the ages.

It's Real!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 98 1-2

First Reading: Acts of Apostles 14: 21-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145: 10-13

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Communion Antiphon: John 15:1-5

After Christ had risen, the era of the Apostles began, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. After the Pentecostal appearance of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles traveled extensively and appointed elders in each church. They then returned to Antioch where they were praised for all they had done. They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The book of Revelations, which followed Acts, brought another message:

"God's dwelling is with the human race...He will dwell with them; they will be his people and God himself will always be with them, as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Apostles then added important part of Christ's teaching as related in John's Gospel:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

There it is. The very heart of the faith Christ was born to give to us.

How are we doing now that it is our turn to spread His message? Do people know us by how we love one another?

Let's think about that this week.

Lord help us to love one another, following the Apostles, the disciples of Christ!

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



Chapter 8 in Revelation begins with Jesus opening of the seventh seal of the scroll. This unleashes another series of signs. When He opened the seventh seal, the angels and the elders ceased their songs of praise, and there was a profound silence in heaven that lasted for about half an hour. We often read in scripture where silence during worship is a signal of profound reverence as in the Catholic Mass or the time between Holy Thursday liturgy and Easter Sunday. But this silence is ominous, like the silence proclaimed by the Old Testament Prophets, when God intervened in judgment.

John tells us that he then saw seven angels who were standing in the presence of God before the throne. Each are given a golden trumpet. In the Old Testament we often read where trumpets were used to announce solemn feasts, to herald the beginning of a Kings reign, or to warn of trouble or to summon the people for war. As an example, we read that at the battle of Jericho God commanded that seven trumpets be blown on seven successful days by seven priests. (Jos. 6:1-20) It is not surprising that as God prepares to give judgement his people that He would again use trumpets.

Then John saw another angel come forward and stand at the altar. This angel held a golden censer and was given a large amount of incense to offer, with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke from the incense held by the angel, together with the prayers of the holy ones, rose up to God. The angel then filled the censer with the burning coals from the altar and hurled them down to the earth. There were *“peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightnings, and an earthquake.”* (Rev. 8:5)

As we continue in Revelation, you will note that the format of the seven trumpets is similar to that of the seven seals. The events that follow the first four trumpets form a single picture like that of the four horsemen. But unlike the events with four horsemen, which flowed primarily from the actions of human beings, the events that followed the first four trumpets depict severe disruptions of nature; disruptions that could neither be caused nor prevented by humans.

As bad as things are after the first four trumpets the worst is yet to come. The events that accompany the fifth and sixth trumpets contain some of the most bizarre visions in sacred scripture. One must remember that the vision that John witnesses is symbolic and that in reading these one must interpret the images in the context of similar visions. John is warning his readers that all hell is about to break loose.

The fifth trumpet brings forth various kinds of torment, suffering, and affliction on those who did not bear the seal of God on their foreheads. However, these plagues are not allowed to kill but only torment the people for five months.

The sixth trumpet releases the four angels who were bound at the banks of the Great River Euphrates with the mission to kill one-third of the people who have not repented.

After an interlude, the sounding of the seventh trumpet announces the coming of the *Kingdom of God*.

We will continue with more detail on the seven trumpets next week.

May His grace be with each of us as we continue on our journey with Christ.

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry



Appalachia / Applebee's Fund Raiser

On Saturday, June 4 from 8am – 10am, our Appalachia Outreach team will be hosting and serving breakfast at Applebee's at 435 Route 46E in Dover, NJ (in front of the Shop Rite). The cost is \$12 per person and the proceeds will go to fund the teens' trip to Harlan, Kentucky, in July.

Let's all come out to help our teens fund their trip. They will be at the doors of the church this weekend selling tickets.

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Children's Choir	Nina Rangel
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