



May 29, 2022

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 28

5pm Paul Schrak
Jack & Florence Luckey

Sunday, May 29

7:30am Sarasumma James
Souls in Purgatory
9:00am Antoinette DeLeso
10:30am Mary Montgomery
Special Intentions of Paddy
Treacy

12:00pm Patricia Scanlon

Monday, May 30

9:00am Mary Montgomery

Tuesday, May 31

12:10pm Paulita Booher
Mary Montgomery

Wednesday, June 1

12:10pm Ronald Burrows

Thursday, June 2

12:10pm Angelo Spinola—12th Anniversary

Friday, June 3

12:10pm Sarasamma James
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 4

5pm Kevin Riker
Angelo Penisi

Sunday, June 5

7:30am Henry Doherty
Norman Spino
9:00am George McGuinness
10:30am Gerard Palumbo
Ana Russo
12:00pm Ann Benson



This Week at St. Virgil's

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

Daily Mass at 9am
Parish Office is closed.

Thursday, May 26

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

Friday, June 3

First Friday Mass at 7pm

On Tuesday, May 31, the Parish Office will begin Summer Hours which are Monday thru Friday from 9am – 2pm. Summer Hours are in effect until Labor Day.



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Diann Speranza** who was called home to the Lord. We pray that **Diann** rests peacefully with the Lord.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Lia Juliette Eisenhart**, daughter of Alison Eisenhart.

Please remember in your prayers. . .

Our Family & Friends

Pearl Law, Ed Schrak, John O'Leary, Marie Loughlin, Steve Hogan, Mary Maffeo, Tony Loughlin, Robert Taylor, Doug Prinszano, 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 514th Air Mobility Wing, 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.*

**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.

What did Jesus Tell the Apostles to Teach to Us?

On June 16th the St. Virgil Bible Study will start a new study. We will look at what Jesus taught the Apostles and the Catholic Church has been teaching ever since. The program is called Beginning Apologetics and uses a workbook and video sessions.



We'd like to bring you up to date on the Synod. Last week, we submitted our Delegate Reporting Form to the Diocese and are currently working on a much more detailed report for the parish.

The report for the parish will be used as a starting point for more discussions toward continuing to build our St. Virgil's community, **so everyone's voice is important.**

There is still time for you to make your voice heard. If you have any input you'd like to give us – perhaps a conversation you had with someone at the Carnival or maybe a chat you had with your children – please let us know. Please send it to us (Joe Connor and Carole White-Connor) at SVListeningparish@gmail.com. **Please know that this email is private to us and your name and all identifying information will remain confidential.** Please provide your input by **Tuesday, June 7, 2022.**

Thank you to everyone who has already shared their thoughts – it has been extremely valuable!



Join St. Virgil Rosary Society to see the new show David at Sight & Sound Theatre Thursday, September 15, 2022. Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, DAVID is a state-of-the-art

theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand-new stage production. Lunch is also included before the show.

Details

Departs: St. Virgil's Church* at 9:00 am

Returns: Approximately 9:00 pm

Meal: Hershey Farm Smorgasbord

*250 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains

\$164 per person
Checks payable to: Long's Travel
Mail to: Long's Travel, 96 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ (973) 538-1700

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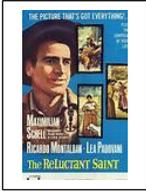
Cancellation policy: \$30.00 per person before August 1, 2022; after, non-refundable unless ticket is re-sold. COVID regulations: A Covid-19 vaccination is required for this trip, bring your card with you or email/text it to us in advance. Masks must be worn getting on and off the bus. Long's Travel and associated vendors and sponsors are not liable for any situation arising from Covid-19 circumstances.



Appalachia / Applebee's Fund Raiser

On Saturday, June 4 from 8am – 10am, our Appalachia Outreach team will be hosting and serving breakfast breakfast at Applebee's at 435 Route 46E in Dover (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. Tickets are available for sale for any team member or at the Parish Office.



St. Virgil Rosary Society Movie Day
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 1 p.m. in the Tracy Center

The Reluctant Saint
Starring Maximilian Schell, Ricardo Montalban, Akim Tamiroff & Lea Padovani

This is the story of Saint Joseph of Cupertino (born Giuseppe Desa). Due to his slow grasp on learning, his mother kept him in school even as a grown man. He also tried employment as a laborer but failed at that. He is a patient, good-natured man despite the ridicule of "fellow villagers." At his mother's insistence, he enters the Franciscan friary with the help of his influential uncle. He miraculously manages to pass the exams. Though just a simple, unaccomplished man, his love for the Blessed Mother and the Mass brings about a number of miraculous events. Joseph of Cupertino, a 17th century friar and mystic, was declared a saint by the Catholic Church.

Come join us. Friends are always welcomed.

Refreshments available.

A donation of \$1.00 may be given to purchase Food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.

Year of the Eucharist: The Last Supper

At the Last Supper, Jesus offered bread and wine to His disciples, an act clearly reminiscent of His forerunner Melchizedek's. In fact, when Jesus did this, He even used sacrificial language to describe the bread and wine, making the connection with Melchizedek impossible to miss. He said that His body was "given for you" (Luke 22:19), which in Greek literally means "given on your behalf," implying that Jesus was offering His body as a sacrifice for His disciples. Similarly, He said that His blood was "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28), and in the Old Testament, priests would "pour out" the blood of their sacrifices (Exodus 29:12, Leviticus 4:18).

Now, if Melchizedek foreshadowed Jesus, and Jesus offered bread and wine using sacrificial language, the connection between these two figures almost forces us to take the next step. Just as Melchizedek offered bread and wine *as a sacrifice*, so, too, did Jesus offer bread and wine *as a sacrifice*. It wasn't just a metaphor; wasn't merely a symbolic ritual. No: when He instituted the Eucharist, He meant it to be a real sacrifice.

The Mass is a Sacrifice

Melchizedek may not be a major figure in Scripture, but he's an important one. He was a key forerunner to Jesus, and his story in Genesis helps us to understand what Jesus was doing when He instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Since Melchizedek offered bread and wine as a sacrifice, the bread and wine that Jesus gave His disciples was a real sacrifice as well. It was a "pre-presentation" of His sacrifice on the cross the next day. So, every time we go to Mass and celebrate the Eucharist, we too are participating in that sacrifice—a "re-presentation," as we say—joining ourselves to it and offering it up to the Father again with Jesus. It's a new sacrifice, Jesus sacrifice was one time for all times and all peoples.

And there is a clear connection to the Book of Revelation which is being explained in the Bulletin (see Evangelization Corner section) and the Mass

Overall, Revelation places the liturgy for us at the center of time and space. In chronological terms, it reinforces the fact for us that the liturgy is not only a dynamic 'remembering' of Christ's sacrifice but also a dynamic reaching forward in time to the end of the world when Christians will be celebrating the liturgy in heaven. In this way, the liturgy also spans space, making heaven present on earth.



14TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING **Hole-in-One (\$10,000 cash prize) + Closest-to-the-Pin Contest**

Please join the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth on Monday, June 20, at Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club in Livingston, New Jersey. Enjoy a great day of golf while helping to support the Sisters and their Mission of Charity. The Sisters are well-known for their contributions to healthcare, education, service to the poor, and social justice.

Registration fee of \$400 per golfer includes brunch, golf (green fee, golf cart, course beverages included), cocktails and awards dinner. Brunch only or dinner only guests are also welcome.

Visit www.scnj.org, text SCNJGOLF2022 to 41444, or call 973-290-5454 for further information.



EVANGELIZATION CORNER



As mentioned last week, the first four trumpet judgments and the events that John describes, symbolize natural catastrophic events that God will allow to occur. Note that these judgements are tempered by God's mercy giving the inhabitants of the earth an opportunity to repent.

They represent partial judgements inflicted to only one-third of the land, the sea, and the sky.

However, they do indicate an escalation in His judgements from those of the four seals which affected only a quarter of the land, the sea, and the sky. (Rev. 6:8) We will see this escalation continue with the judgements of the seven bowls that will come later (Rev. 16:1-21) which will bring total destruction.

Following the fourth trumpet judgment, John hears an eagle flying through the air crying a warning, "*Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels*" (Rev. 8:13). Each of the eagle's cry of "woe" corresponds to a final judgment that God will pronounce on the evil inhabitants of the earth in order to get them to repent (Rev. 9:20). For this reason, the fifth, sixth, and seventh trumpets are referred to as the "three woes." Each of these last three judgements will involve a time of great anguish, grief, and affliction for those who do not belong to God; those who do not stand firm in Christ. **But those who know God will have no need to fear.** God's purpose in Revelation is not so much punitive as it is remedial. His objective is to move sinners to repent. (Rev. 9:20-21)

With the sound of the fifth trumpet the first "woe" is revealed. John sees a star fall from heaven to the earth and is given the key to a bottomless pit. Upon opening the pit smoke bellows out 'like the smoke of a great furnace.' And the sun and the air are darkened by the smoke. Worse than the destruction by the forces of nature, the suffering brought by the forces of demons that arise from the pit is greater. Rising out of the pit and the smoke John sees a demonic army of locusts with the ability to sting like a scorpion. But these are not literally locusts. They look like horses prepared for battle. This alone would have been frightening to the First century readers since Roman war horses were large, ready for battle, taught to bite and equipped with razor sharp hooves.

They are demonic creatures, with what looked like crowns of gold on their heads, indicating a claim to rule, and their faces were like the faces of men and hair like women's hair reflecting a personhood. Their teeth were like those of a lion, symbolizing their ferocity. Their breastplates were like iron suggesting their invincibility. The sound of their wings was like the sound of horse drawn chariots running into battle. Their tails were like a scorpion's but with stingers in them.

They were permitted to harm only those people who did not have the "seal of God on their forehead" (Rev. 9:4) and allowed to torment unbelievers for five months with painful stings. And although their victims will long for death, death will not come. One woe is past. Still two more woes are coming after these things.

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry

Ascension of Our Lord

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 68 33-35

1st Reading: Acts the Apostles 1:1-11 & 7:55-60

Responsorial Psalm: 47:2-9

2nd Reading: Ephesians: 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

This week we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

Luke's Gospel reveals that Jesus had preached to his disciples "It is written that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all nations... [H]e then led his disciples out as far as Bethany, raised his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, He parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

The authenticity of Christ's ascension is also revealed in the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 1:1-11 records that he was taken up to heaven after having presented himself as alive and, after having given his apostles proof that he had suffered. It records that while He was speaking to them, they were looking up to the sky when suddenly two men, dressed in white garments, stood beside them looking up to the sky and stated "Men of Galilee why are you looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven."

"In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we learn "And He put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the Church which is His body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way."

The Acts of the Apostles, 7:55-60, also gives us an account of a young man, Stephen, who having become filled with the Holy Spirit and having given testimony to Christ, looked up intently to heaven saw "the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." As they were stoning him Stephen called out: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit...do not hold this sin against them...and when he said this he fell asleep." Stephen is known as the first martyr of the new fledgling church. The manner of his death testified to Christ's authority.

These are among the recordings of Christ's Ascension and testify as to Christ's credibility. At times we might seem a little disappointed with the Ascension, wondering whether it might have better if Christ had "stayed" with us. Instead, He has left us to our own duty to preach His message, under the perpetual guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, help us to live out our faith in Your in our spreading your message!

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Appalachia	Nina Rangel
Arbor Terrace	Deacon Joe Quinn & Don & Jeanne McKenna
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Children's Choir	Nina Rangel
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