St. Virgil Parish

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Call 973-538-1418, Ext. 14
for the immediate attention of a Priest.

Ministries

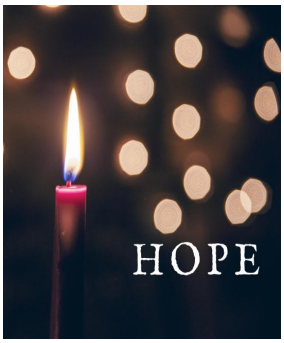
Altar Linens	Pat Para
Altar Servers	Fr. Michal Falgowski
Appalachia	Nina Rangel
Arbor Terrace	Deacon Joe & Don & Jeanne McKenna
Baptismal Prep	Clergy
Bible Groups	Kathy Sisler, Phil Alcock
Carnival	Keith Chesnut
Children's Choir	Nina Rangel
Church Décor	Parish Office
Counters	Jane Flynn
Divine Mercy	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
Music Director	Patrick B. Phillips
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Jane Flynn
Pre Cana	Clergy
Prime Time	Lydia Sesso & Anna Loia
RCIA	George Wolfe
Respect Life	Angela Pennisi
Rosary Society	Ann Picone
Social Outreach	Jane Flynn
Sunrise Assisted Living	Deacon Sal Mazzoccoli
Ushers	Jim Scannelli
Wedding Prep	Clergy
Young Adults	Andrew DeBlock
Youth Band	Nina Rangel
Youth Protection/Safe Environment	Debbie Amati-Wolfe

Registration—Call or email the parish to register

Baptisms—The sacrament is celebrated on each Sunday at 1:00 PM. Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment

Wedding Preparations - Call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the pastor to begin marriage preparation, preferably one year in advance. A Pre-Cana Class will be required.

Visitation of the Sick or Elderly - Call the Parish Office to arrange for visits to the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound. HIPPA Regulations require that we receive permis-



December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Giving

Thank you for your continued generosity. Donations for the weekend of November 26/27 totaled $4,569. The Thanksgiving collection was $770.

Please consider supporting our Parish through eGiving. 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.
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Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 3
5pm Kuttyamma
Joanne Delia
Manuel DaSilva

Sunday, December 4
7:30am Mary Arnold
Brian Fleury
9:00am Sarasamma James
10:30am Stefano Grimaldi
Rosario Abbate
12:00pm Barbara Caroselli

Monday, December 5
12:10pm Grazyna Soszynska

Tuesday, December 6
12:10pm Dave Hennings

Wednesday, December 7
12:10pm Jack Schultz
Joseph & Marion Martin
Francis McConvery
Patricia Young
7:00 pm (Vigil)
For the Parish

Thursday, December 8
12:10pm Jamie Hunter
Gerard Palumbo
7:00 pm People of St. Virgil

Friday, December 9
Mickey Nodoro

Please remember in your prayers:

Our Family & Friends

Gail Schulz, Helena, D'Estang, Shawn Black, Patti Alcock, Pearl Law, Ed Schrak, John O'Leary, Marie Loughlin, Steve Hogan, Mary Maffeo, Tony Loughlin, Robert Taylor, Doug Prisinzano, Sandra Buck, Judy Taylor, Eileen Langan, Stephen Burke, Marie E. Logan, Bill Warrick, Miah Tully, Michael O'Connor, Barbara Bock, Debbie Dallemolle, Jackie Donnelley, Colleen Dillion & Family, Jerry Warrick, Rose Marie Warrick, 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 Carrithers, and newly deployed Vincent Rizzo, SFC.

Our Home-bound Parishioners and friends at

Morris View Health Care,
Sunrise Assisted Living,
Arbor Terrace

This Week at St. Virgil's

Tuesday, December 6:
Final Class, Fr. Marcin 7:00 TC

Wednesday, December 7
Vigil Mass for Holy Day 7pm

Thursday, December 8:
Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
Masses at 12:10 and 7pm

Bible Study 10:30 TC
Divine Mercy 6:30 pm
Bible Study 7 pm SV Classroom

Christmas Ornaments

Music Ministry will be displaying and selling Christmas ornaments and suncatchers in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The ornaments depict the stained glass windows here at Saint Virgil's Church. The ornament shown here is the window depicting The Holy Family. A table will be set up in the back corner of the sanctuary so that you can take a look after mass and purchase if you like. All proceeds are for the benefit of the parish ministries.

Interfaith Food Pantry Network

The current economic challenges have made it very difficult for all of us, and in particular the working poor of Morris County. Please be generous

Pantry's Biggest Needs

* Canned Fish (Tuna, Salmon)
* Peanut butter 15-18oz preferred
* Pasta
* Tomato products (sauce, crushed, whole, diced, paste, puree, etc.)
* Side dishes—Rice-A-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Instant Potatoes, etc. (except Stuffing and Mac & Cheese)
* Cereal—lower sugar preferred
* Oatmeal
* Fruit Cups
* Soup—Hearty and Condensed
* Evaporated milk
* Dry milk (1-qt. packages)
* Calcium-fortified milk alternatives
* such as soy, rice or almond milk
* Healthy Snacks (i.e. Belvita Breakfast Biscuits, Granola Bars, Wheat Thins, Ritz Crackers)
* Baby Food—Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3
* Baby Diapers—up to Size 6
* Baby Wipes

The next time you come into the church to pray, if you would like to pray the Rosary but do not have Rosary Beads with you, there is a box at the Altar of Our Blessed Mother where you will find blessed prayer beads that you may use and take home with you. There are also books and pamphlets available to you on the side window ledge. Please feel free to place prayer petitions in the prayer box by the Infant of Prague statue.

Compassionate note: We have been approached by someone known to our pastor who is looking for a modest apartment to rent in the area. If anyone has any helpful leads, please call the parish office at 973-538-1418 and we will pass the information forward.

FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES FOR CUTTING

St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206, Newton NJ, has thousands of Christmas Trees ready to choose and cut, seven days a week, from November 26th to December 20th. They are open from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm., located at 289 Route 206, Newton NJ. There is also the Abbey gift shop on site, available for Christmas shopping.

Second Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 30:19, 30 "...behold, the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart."

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever;"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great thing for us: we are filled with joy."

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-11" I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you..."

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6, Prepare the way of the Lord…"

Communion Antiphon: Baruch 5:5; 4;36 **"**…behold the joy which comes to you from God."

We have been contemplating the common theme in each section of our liturgical readings. Today's readings make this an easy task. The word "Joy" can be found easily in each section of today's Mass-readings. Joy is not only found in our Mass-readings but is also a popular front page of many Christmas cards, wrapping paper, store decorations - and the list goes on. With the liturgy connected the secular festivities it seems quite possible that both our secular experiences and faith can be joined together to share the common philosophy of "Joy" and make our celebration of this Feast even richer in meaning. Often, Joy is not the focus of our faith. Yet it is not uncommon for us to find many great Saints who speak ardently about Joy.

So, Joy to the Lord!

Lord, show us your presence in our world: "...Behold the joy that comes to [us] from God." Help us to make Christmas a time of "joy" for all!

The Star of Bethlehem Christmas outreach program, **a parish tradition for more than 30 years, will begin the weekend following Thanksgiving. Over the years, St. Virgil's parishioners have shown their compassion for those in need by responding generously to this program.**
Two trees with gift card requests will be in our church for the next few weekends. Anyone wishing to contribute to this outreach program can select an envelope from one of the trees on either side of the altar. This year we will only be collecting cards from ShopRite, Walmart and Kohl's. Please do not substitute any other gift card. These stores are the most accessible to our card recipients. Place the envelope with the enclosed gift card in one of the collection boxes near the trees. ***Please mark the value on the gift card or include the purchase receipt in the envelope.***

The gift cards are distributed to local charities that use them to purchase food and winter clothing for the homeless, baby care essentials (diapers, wipes, etc.) for families on tight budgets and personal items for the boys in a local orphanage.
Because of your generosity, we can bring some of Christ's light into the lives of those struggling with homelessness and those just trying to make ends meet

Operation Chillout Homeless Veteran Outreach
Winter Backpack & Emergency Response Fund Drive

Last year, due to our concerns about the availability of several items in the coming months, we purchased the backpack components in advance and hoped that donations would cover the cost. That worked out very well so we will repeat this procedure again this year.

The winter drive will be conducted online at www.operationchillout.org. For $25 you can "purchase" a backpack filled with warm winter gear for the sheltered homeless (those willing to go indoors in inclement weather) and $40 for the unsheltered (those permanently outside).

Other suggested donations are $10 for the OCO Rapid Response Team *or* $10 for the Emergency Supplies Fund. Our Rapid Response Team is available 24/7/365. Based on information received from our automated hotline about a homeless veteran, the team provides free transportation, basic needs, temporary housing and then arranges access to case management services and longer-term housing solutions. You can support this service online as well our emergency supplies fund for $10 each. You will receive an online receipt for your donation.

To report a homeless veteran, please call our hotline at 908-509-1462.

If you would like to support our activities but prefer not to give online, please write a check to Operation Chillout, Inc., place it in an envelope marked "Operation Chillout" and drop the envelope in the collection basket. Cash donations will also be accepted.

St. Virgil Rosary Society

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 1 pm in the Tracy Center

A Christmastime Gathering

Let's come together for a tasty lunch, a glass of punch, and even sing a Christmas carol or two. There will also be some Trivia questions to add to the fun. And in the spirit of Christmas, we'll be writing Christmas cards to various members of the St. Virgil community.

As always, friends are always welcomed.

Service: A donation of $1.00 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.

Knights of Columbus just held our most successful raffle for some time, leading up to Thanksgiving, with all proceeds split evenly between the winners and the Interfaith Food Pantry. Parish winners were: 1st Prize: Beverly Morgan ($329.40); 2nd Prize: James Dye ($311.10); 3rd Prize: Don McKenna ($146.40); and 4th Prize: Joan Sambrowski ($128.10). Many thanks to the parishioners of Saint Virgil for their continuous support of our local charities and the Knights for their untiring volunteer efforts to help those in need.
We wish all of you a joyous and blessed Christmas Season ahead.

2022 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

"One Body In Christ"

With the year coming to an end, many people look to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has a significant impact. Please consider the Diocesan Ministries Appeal which helps so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In fact, tens of thousands of people are supported each year by the work of our Diocese with assistance from the Appeal. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or online at www.2022appeal.org. May God bless you for your generosity!

The cloistered contemplative Carmelite Sisters of Morristown **are devoted to praying more than eight hours a day for peace in our community and in the world. They depend entirely on the goodwill of the community to meet their needs. We are excited to share that a fundraiser to help our beloved Sisters of Carmel is currently underway. This cookbook, which is truly much more than a compilation of recipes, is available for pre-order! Please consider participating in this fundraiser in which the Sisters have written many beautiful narratives explaining the origins of their unique traditions including their 'all-pink' meals on Gaudete Sunday and the solemn meal prepared for our Lord Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday. Mother Prioress permitted photographs of their meals with a desire to share aspects of their liturgical living with their benefactors. This truly is an insightful publication which endears us even more to our beloved Sisters and the sacrificial lives they choose in their desire to make themselves more pleasing to God. Additionally, volunteers have offered unique recipes from around the world. Please consider participating in this cookbook fundraiser. May God reward you for your generosity.**

Information to pre-order "**Sweet Carmel Volume II: Traditions Around the World** " is available at:
carmelnj.org/cookbook Contact: carmelvolunteers189@gmail.com

Choir News

Rehearsals for the Advent/Christmas Season continue with carols and anthems. Selections include "Gaudete", "Prepare the Royal Highway", "Ding Dong Merrily on High", "Do You Hear What I Hear" and more. Practice schedule: Thursday evenings, 7:45 to 9:00, December 8, 15, and 22. If you enjoy singing the music of the season, come and join us. No long-term commitment is needed to participate in the Advent/Christmas Choir. If you have any questions, Music Director Patrick Phillips can be reached at: music@stvirgilparish.org.

Evangelization Corner

The sounding of the seventh trumpet announces God's final judgments on those who persist on following the beast and who continue to blaspheme "the name of God" and refuse to repent.

As was mentioned last week, the third and final judgment is represented by seven angels who hold the seven-gold bowls that are filled with the wrath of God. In verse 16:1 John says, *"I heard a voice speaking from the temple to the seven angels. 'Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's fury upon the earth.'"* We then read that one-by-one the angels went out and poured out his bowl upon the earth.

There are two interesting historical parallels to the seven last plagues. First, you will note that these last seven plagues bear some similarity to the ten plagues that God inflicted on Egypt described in the Book of Exodus. And, just as Pharaoh was given many opportunities to repent and refused, and he and his kingdom suffered from severe plagues, so will those who were called by the angel to repent before the start of the bowl judgments (Rev 14) and have harden their hearts against God experience the seven last plagues. It is also interesting to note that in Revelation 15:3 we find God's faithful people singing "the song of Moses" that was also sung after God had brought the plagues upon the (Ex 15:1-19).
In addition, these last plagues also have similarities to the seven trumpet plagues (Rev 8 and 9), but with increased intensity. While the first four trumpets impacted upon a third of the trees to be burned up, a third of the sea to become blood, a third of the creatures in the sea to die, a third of fresh water to become poisonous and the light of the sun, moon and stars to be diminished by a third (Revelation 8:7-12), these seven last seven plagues will impact on everything and all who continue to ally with the antichrist and worship its image.

When the contents of the first bowl are poured out it will cause painful and festering sores upon those *"who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image"* (Rev 16:2).
The pouring out of the second bowl will turn the sea to blood causing all life in it to die (verse 3) thereby destroying a major food source for millions of people. **After the third angel pours out its bowl**, the rivers and springs of water will also become blood (verse 4). This plague will destroy freshwater fish—even further impacting the food supply for millions of people. **The fourth bowl** will continue the assault on the order of nature causing the sun to become so hot as "to scorch the earth and men with fire. (Verses 8 and 9).
The pouring of the contents from the fifth bowl on the throne of the beast plunged its kingdom into supernatural darkness. Its followers did not repent and suffered from their pain and sores (verses 10-11). **The bowl containing the sixth plague** will be poured out on the Euphrates River, causing it to dry up making land travel easier for the armies of "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" to assemble and advance toward Jerusalem for a final battle against Jesus Christ (verses 12-16).
The final plague from the seventh bowl will consist of rumbling, thunder, lightning, and a great earthquake such as has never occurred on the earth causing all false religion to fall. There will also be devastating hail falling on those who blasphemed God.

God bless and may His grace be with each of us as we continue on our journey with Christ.

ST. VIRGIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year End: June 2022 (Profit & Loss)

INCOME	
Offertory Collection	$548,439.00
Faith Formation	16,441.00
Rental income	65.356.00
Fund Raising	99,332.00
National Collections	8,858.00
Other Income	45.213.00
Pass through Income (Restricted)	6,966.00
TOTAL INCOME:	**$790,605.00**

Income Note:

- Rental income only 6 months
- Fund Raising Carnival (2 days of rain)

Additional Comments:

- Sale of Convent-Proceeds were deposited into our CILA Savings account with the Diocese of Paterson (Sold in 2019)

EXPENSES	
Salary/ Benefits	$382,144.00
Faith Formation/Tuition Assistance	65,059.00
Diocese Assessment	51,591.00
Building & Utility Costs	182,100.00
Fund Raising	36,159.00
National Collection	8,858.00
Other Expenses	85,838.00
TOTAL EXPENES:	**$812,022.00**
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ (21,417.00)**

Expense Notes:

- Faith Formation - includes Salaries for Coordinators
- Building/Utility
  - HVAC Repairs & Completion of unfinished work
  - HVAC Unit for the Choir Loft
  - Completion of open permits from Township
  - Snow Removal/Landscaping/Tree Removals
  - Property Insurance
  - Utilities paid on school, until Officially Rented
- Fund Raising Carnival (2 days of rain)

Year End: June 2022 (Balance Sheet)

ASSETS	
Checking / Savings	$529,278.00
Fixed Assets	$6,678,946.00
Other Assets	57,471.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**$7,265,695.00**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Long Term Liabilities	$ 63,014.00
Equity	7,202,681.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**$7,265.695.00**

Upcoming Expenditures:

- New front & side doors for the Church
- New door for the maintenance room
- HVAC system for the school need to be update/repaired
- Leaking roof in entrance way for the church
- New Garage doors
- Additional security cameras
- New furnace for the Rectory

If anyone would like a further breakdown on the above items, please contact the Parish Office