

## Welcome to St. Virgil's...

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Sept. 8	5:00 PM	Mary DeRienzo Edward Schrak, Sr. Dolores Marcantonio Carolyn Alcock—Special Intentions
Sun., Sept. 9	7:30 AM	Esther Glanville Mary Patricia Bowers
	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson Joseph Haugh, Anthony Hauge, & Michael Hauge
	10:30 AM	Cal Benson
	12:00 PM	Tom Zimmerman
Mon., Sept. 10	6:30 AM	Roy Langford, Jr.
	12:10 PM	Jill Gorman
Tues., Sept. 11	6:30 AM	David Aschoff—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Edward Lang
Wed., Sept. 12	6:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Alex Family
	12:10 PM	Cal Benson
Thurs., Sept. 13	6:30 AM	Jill Gorman Pru Appell—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Bob Thomas
Fri., Sept. 14	6:30 AM	Cpl. Walter J. Brautigam
	12:10 PM	Bill Murphy
Sat., Sept. 15	8:00 AM	Alan Florin—Special Intentions Jack McDonnell-60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	5:00 PM	Craig Davidson Dorothy Denman Dolores Marcantonio
Sun., Sept. 16	7:30 AM	Craig Davidson Phyllis & Frances D'Annunzio
	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson
	10:30 AM	Grace Fili William Conradi
	12:00 PM	Geraldine Rose Puca

## This Week at St. Virgil's

### Sunday, September 9

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR  
Jr. High PREP Parent Meeting, 1 PM, TC

### Monday, September 10

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40PM, Church  
Jr. High PRP Parent Mtg., 7 PM, TC

### Tuesday, September 11

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC  
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8 PM, TC

### Thursday, September 13

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC  
Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Church  
Bible Study, 7 PM, TC

### Friday, September 14

Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM, Church  
Saturday, September 15  
Confessions, 3:30-4:15 PM, Church

### Sunday, September 16 **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 AM, CR  
PREP, K-4, 10:15-11:45 AM, School  
Youth Mass, 12 noon  
Jr. High PREP, 1 PM, School  
1<sup>st</sup> Yr. FISH, 6:30 PM, School

Through your continued kindness, the collection for the weekend of was \$10,573. (Regular Collection = \$8,630 + Faith Direct = \$1,943). We are most grateful for your generosity.

**Bookkeeping Reminder.** Unless otherwise noted, all checks written for our regular collections and Diocesan special collections are to be made payable to: St. Virgil's Church.

## Among Ourselves



Eileen Langan, Karen Cullen, Mary Sullivan, Steve O'Neill, Colleen Dillon & Family, Bob Taylor, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Kamasha Redhead, Stephen Burke, Sandra Buck, Janet Dittrich, Tammy Dolan, Mallory Miller, Miah Tully, Baby Randall Butchko, Domenico & Teresa Procopio, Anne Benson, Baby Emma Scannelli, Barbara Bock, Theresa Mohr, Christopher Mohr, Mary Maffeo, & Rose Marie Warrick.

Please note that names will remain on the prayer list for 3 months at which time they will be rotated off. If you wish the name to stay on the list, a family member must call the Parish Office to make the request.

### Ministry Schedule for September 15 and 16

	5:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
<b>Cantor</b>	Frank Kelly		Nina Rangel	Janet Winston	Youth Band
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Clifford	Ron Kelly	Jen Qvotrup	Rick Kane	Youth Minister
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lia Dyer		Brandon Kelly	Alexa Urriola	Michael Gopon
	Natalie Dyer			Chris Urriola	Jake Gringeri
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Maryann Altrui	Jackie Donnelley	Barbara Fisher	Viji Alex	Kelly Burrows
	Marie Hantak	Cathy Marshall	Eileen Fogleman	Maureen Kelly	John FitzPatrick
	Michele Para	Beverly Morgan	Chris Letta	Karen Schwingel	Tina Gopon
	Pat Para	Grace Walsh	George Perkins	Cheryl Zebick	Kevin Gopon
	Lydia Sesso		Angela Rangel	Bob Zebick	Melissa Gringeri
	Pete Sesso		June Sambrowski		Penny Manser



### Fr. Lance's Letter

This past week, the beginning of a new school year allows us to listen to the experiences our children and youth have had at school. Most of it will have been marked by excitement; maybe a few tears here and there; perhaps, some disappointments

at not having friends in the same classroom; and much about assignments, homework, and schedules for quizzes and tests. Sports and music must be given their equal share in the education and formation of our children and youth. May we assure our parents, our teachers and all students that you are in our prayers for the gifts of knowledge and wisdom, of prudence and perseverance, of wonder and progress.

Saint Helena was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. They moved their seat of governance to Constantinople (*Istanbul*). Queen Helena was inspired to restore Jerusalem and those places significant to Jesus' public ministry. She was eager to find certain articles which Jesus used: the clothing and sacred vessels; the instruments of Jesus' suffering; the tomb of Jesus; and most importantly, the Holy Cross. During the excavations, three

crosses were discovered. The story goes that a disabled and ill woman was immediately healed when she touched the "true Cross". This Cross became the object of veneration.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is celebrated each year by the Eastern, Catholic and Orthodox Churches on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This coming Friday - even if we can't make it to church - may we, at least, bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. Let us identify ourselves as belonging to Jesus, wanting to be his faithful disciples in word and in deed.

What I appreciate of this Feast is St. Helena's desire to find the true Cross. May her quest for the Cross of Jesus inspire us in our learning and study, in our desire to find the truth and live by it and for it: Jesus is the Truth, the Way and the Life!

May this week enable us to be true to Christ. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (also called: The Triumph of the Cross) is an occasion for each of us to "discover" and "recover" the significance of the Cross in our lives. In the spirit of Jesus let us use the crosses we bear in our lives and turn them into blessings for others and ourselves, too. May all of us be blessed and graced by the gift of the Holy Cross - *Fr. Lance*

## Parish Postings

### Jr. High PREP Parent Meeting

Reminder that there is a meeting of all Jr. High PREP Parents today in the Tracy Center from 1 – 1:30 PM. There is a make-up meeting on Monday evening from 7:30-8:00 PM.

### Living Rosary

We are looking for someone who would be interested in managing the parish Living Rosary Prayer Group. Please call Cathy at (973) 538-0793, if you would care to help out.

### St. Virgil Youth Band 2018-2019!



The St Virgil **Youth Band** will have its first rehearsal of the year on **Sunday, September 9**, from **5-6pm** in the church. New vocalists and guitarists are welcome! If you cannot make this rehearsal and are interested in joining the band, or have any questions, please contact Danielle Capuzzi, Youth Band Director, at [admcapuzzi@gmail.com](mailto:admcapuzzi@gmail.com).

### Divine Mercy Devotion



Autumn is almost here, and our church ministries will begin again. Our Divine Mercy devotion has been active right through the summer every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM here in the church (only a 1/2 hour). If you're looking for a spiritual journey with Jesus (and us), please come and give it a try. Learn how Jesus appeared to a nun from Poland in the 1930's (St. Sr. Faustina) and a painting drawn \*just as she saw) with the bright rays streaming from His heart. See how you can be drawn to this picture and other wonders of His mercy. Come join our regular devoted worshippers on Thursday evenings. Divine Mercy Ministry

1 PM in the Tracy Center to kick off our new season. We have invited Judy Bortman of TransOptions, Inc. to share with us some safety tips in our distracted world. This program will coincide with the "street Smart New Jersey" Program that Morris Plains is participating in during the month of September. So, whether you walk or drive, we will be able to learn to be a safer in a world dominated by the electronic age we live in.

Remember to send your check for membership dues of \$15 (payable to St. Virgil – Prime Time) to Jeanne McGuinness, 18 Central Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Any other questions? Please call me, Kathy Sisler at 973-538-1379 or email me at [kathleen\\_sisler@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen_sisler@yahoo.com). Hope to see you all on September 21 at 1 PM for some wonderful dessert-type goodies and renewal of friendships. Blessings on us all.



Do you like to sing? Do you like to spend time with wonderful people? Do you yearn to do more with and for your church at Saint Virgil Parish?

Then YOU should consider joining the Saint Virgil Adult Choir! On most Sundays of the year, we sing at the 10:30 Mass with a rehearsal which begins at 8:45 am, beforehand. During the summer we gather at 9:45 and sing at 10:30 Mass. Four weeks prior to Christmas and Easter, we have Thursday evening rehearsals, additionally. We sing in four-parts and we can help you determine if you are a Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass. We usually sing from the choir loft where the organ console is located. Our repertoire is varied and chosen according to the liturgy of the day/season. You do not need to have taken voice lessons. You do not need to have ever sung in a choir! The only qualification is that you love to sing for the Glory of God and you can sing in tune. (We can even help you with the "in tune" part.)

We will be meeting for our beginning of the year social gathering at IHOP in Cedar Knolls on **Thursday evening, Sept. 13, at 6:00**. Join us and find out what we are all about. If you can't make it, please give Beth Vecchio, Choir Director, a call at **973-449-5750** and she will answer all your questions.



I hope all of you are having a great summer and are looking forward to our first Prime Time meeting of the new year. We will be getting together on Friday, September 21, at

# Faith Formation

## Religious Education Schedule for September & October

<i>PREP K – 4</i>	<i>Jr. High PREP 5-8</i>	<i>Jr. High Masses</i>	<i>FISH (Confirmation)</i>	<i>Youth Masses</i>
<i>10:15-11:45 AM</i>	<i>Sunday: 1-3:15 PM</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>12:00 noon</i>
September 16 & 30	September 16	October 21	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr.—September 16	September 16
October 4 & 28	<i>Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM</i>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr.—September 23	October 12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting 11 am October 4	September 17		2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr.—October 4	
	October 1, 15, 29			

### *Thursday Morning Bible Study*

Do you ever want to know a bit more about the readings that we hear proclaimed each Sunday at Mass? Do you ever wonder what Jesus was trying to tell the people 2,000 years ago, as well as all of us in 2018? Please join us on Thursday morning, at 10:30 AM in the Tracy Center for a more in-depth look into the Scripture readings that we will be hearing next Sunday. Hope to see you on Thursday, September 6, at 10:30 AM. If you have any questions, call me, Kathy Sisler at 973-538-1379 or email me at [kathleen\\_sisler@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleen_sisler@yahoo.com)

### *Thursday Morning & Evening Bible Study*

Fr. Lance pointed out "even as adults we need constant education". This action deepens and clarifies "our faith (which) gives us the tools to create a community that believes, trusts, and grows according to God's plan".

In our current bible study of Revelation, we learn that God told Moses there would be a place where God's name (which invokes His presence and power) would dwell. That place became the Temple in Jerusalem. There, God's covenant with David was supposed to extend to all nations, making Jerusalem the center of the world where all could come and hear God's Law.

That Temple was destroyed in 70 AD but it's importance was already overshadowed by the real Temple of the Word - Jesus; so His Church, the New Jerusalem, fulfilled God's promise. We are the bride, we are the place where His Name resides and that is why we are called to go out and tell the world about Him.

As the Evangelization Corner pointed out, it isn't the hypocritical, Pharisaic, priests that we are called to follow, we are called to advance the cause of our One High Priest - Jesus, to continue to build His one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7 PM, in the Tracey Center. Join us at any time, God's word has no beginning or end. Start this week!

### *Return - Bring them back to Jesus*

Fr Lance's letter talked about our children going to school and their need to continue their discipleship with Christ, he also points out that we adults need constant education to be able to influence others to live a good life and ultimately live an eternal life with God. Then the Twenty Second Sunday meditation emphatically states "We must see [the] evil.....in the world and do something to change it"

So how can we change it? Join the Return Support Group and learn various things we CAN DO to help our children to stay

in, or return to an eternal relationship with Jesus, here on earth and forever after.

If you look in Brandon Vogt's book, RETURN, you see in chapter 6 that a part of our job is to "EQUIP YOURSELF" - to learn the questions our kids are challenged with, learn where to find the answers, and prepare ourselves to be able to answer them. Currently we are looking at the question of "suffering on earth".

In our Return Support Group we help each other. Why not join us for a while and see if you can find some way to try and lead your loved ones back to Jesus' Church, which is the sure road to salvation; as He said "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me" John 14:6

We meet in the Tracey Center on Tuesday mornings at 11 AM

If an evening meeting would work better for you, please call the Parish Office and let us know, 973-538-1418. If we can get a small group together we could start a group, meeting every other Monday, or Tuesday, at 7 PM

### *How to do it Corner*

In Revelation 3:1-3, Jesus' tells the church in Sardis " you have a name that you are alive, **but you are dead**. Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

We need to strengthen the things that remain, remain in us, and hopefully, still remain in our children. So, DID you pick up the pamphlet, **THE GOOD NEWS?** Did you read it? It is well worth reading.

This week you should try picking up a copy of "**Why Be Catholic?**" or perhaps, "**Reasons to Return to the Catholic Church**", or, "**SALVATION**", or any one of the others that catches your eye.

We have also put out copies of a CD titled "**Seven Reasons to be Catholic**", by Peter Kreeft. He converted to Catholicism and has written over 35 books about the why and what of the choice. It's easy listening and could be perfect for your next drive.

We also put copies of Trent Horn's book, Why we're Catholic. It provides clear, friendly, and helpful answers that can help skeptics, seekers, and even Catholics who want to firm up their faith, to understand the evidence that strengthens our belief and "brings us joy".

Several of us have read it and it is good. Check it out!

Our prayer to our patron saint says he loved education and learning, let us love continuous learning too.

## Ministries & Outreaches



K of C Bishop McLaughlin Council #3495  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual Msgr. James Fallon & Jack O'Brien  
Charity Golf Outing  
September 24  
at the Flanders Valley Golf Course  
Tee Time: 1 PM  
Flyers at the doors of the Church

### Interfaith Food Pantry



Hunger does not take a summer vacation. Our collections for the food pantry have been improving, so we thank you and ask for your continued generosity. The food pantry would be most grateful for any contributions. These are their current needs, but you can consult their website – [www.mcifp.org](http://www.mcifp.org) for a complete list of needs.

Canned Fruit

Cereal—low sugar, high fiber

White Rice/Brown Rice – 1 or 2 lb. sizes

Dry Milk

Evaporated Milk

Calcium-fortified Milk alternatives such as soy, rice, or almond milks

Tuna Fish

Peanut Butter—18oz. preferred

Canned Meats & Meals, hash, stew, chili

Rice-A-Roni

Pasta-Roni

Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper

Baby Food: Stage 1 Meats & Meals,

Vegetables, Fruits

Baby Food: Stage 2 Meats & Meals

Baby Food: Stage 3 Meats & Meals,

Vegetables

Diapers: Size 5 & Size 6

Baby Wipes

Reusable Grocery Shopping Bags

Boost or Ensure, regular

Boost Glucose Control or Glucerna

Water – 0.5-liter bottles

Paper Towels

## Around the Diocese

### 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Hear I Am, Lord!

The 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is officially kicking-off this weekend with the theme: *Here I Am Lord!* Please support this important annual cause that helps so many people throughout our Diocese.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; seminarian education; priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our urban elementary schools. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, and so you are invited to make a pledge today. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

### Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 4, at 3:30 PM**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

### Saint Pio comes to the Diocese of Paterson

#### St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany

Thursday, September 20, from 8:30am – 6:30pm

For more information about the public veneration, please call (973) 334-2090 or send an email to [stpeterpar@optonline.net](mailto:stpeterpar@optonline.net). Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration anniversary of his passing. A Mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7 PM by Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A., Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church.

### St. Paul Inside the Walls

Upcoming events: Love God by Not Religion? **Can I be Spiritual without being religious?** Saturday, September 22, 10 AM – 12 PM. Dr. Timothy Gray, founder and president of the Augustine Institute, will use biblical examples to argue that Jesus established the Catholic Church. Tickets are \$10 per person. Purchase them at [insidethewalls.org/RS](http://insidethewalls.org/RS)

**Catholicism from Scratch:** A course in Basic Catholicism for those who need to brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fall 2018 Schedule: September 29: Raising Questions; November 3: Saints in the Making; December 8: The Handmaid's Tale; Mary. For more information: visit [insidethewalls.org/Catholicism-from-scratch](http://insidethewalls.org/Catholicism-from-scratch).

## Around Town

### CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION, MORRISTOWN

On Monday evening, October 8, at 7:30 PM in Rauscher Hall, Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a highly accomplished breast surgeon and the president and co-founder of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, will discuss her participation as one of the professionals featured in HUSH, a groundbreaking film on the subject of women's breast and reproductive health. The film will be shown in a condensed 15-minute version and takes a thoughtful look at the flow of information related to the risks of breast cancer from abortion and asks if women are being given all the information they need to make truly informed decisions. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us. There is no charge to attend and all are welcome.

**The Smith Road Coffee House** at St. Ann Church Proudly Presents **Arlon Bennet & The Healing Project in Concert** Saturday, September 22 from 8 – 10 PM St. Ann Church, 781 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Donation \$20 at the door (cash & checks only). Proceeds to benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. For more information, call 973-884-1986 or visit [www.arlonbennet.com](http://www.arlonbennet.com) or [www.saint-ann.net](http://www.saint-ann.net).

Do you have some time to share? **Grace Healthcare Services** is seeking individuals with dedication and commitment who are interested in working with hospice patients in a local facility. We have volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Companionship- providing friendly visits, reading, listening, writing letters. Pet Therapy- dogs, cats, etc. with Pet Therapy Certifications, Craft- making blankets, memory books, dolls/bears, Complementary- certified/trained professionals, who can provide Reiki, massage therapy, music therapy, etc. Adults, youth groups/ministries can always help in many different ways! For more information on our opportunities and *free training* contact Mary Ellen Day, Volunteer Coordinator at [marvellenday@gracehcs.com](mailto:marvellenday@gracehcs.com) or call (732) 439-1086.

## Weekly Reflections

### **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Mark 7:31-37**

Jesus says, “be open.” What does that mean to us, to “be open”? Perhaps it means to be able to receive and give without feeling inhibited in any way. The Gospel reports that a man was brought to Jesus, someone He did not know at all. He was open to this person, to his life, to his needs. He didn’t ask for any information, any background check, Christ saw the man’s problems, He was “open,” to care enough to give strength. He, “groaned,” He gave His time, understanding, and energy to help this man. The man was deaf and had a speech impediment. He was not able to be open to others, being unable to communicate. Yet Christ was “open” to this man, broke through his solitude and gave him the ability to be “open” to others, to share his life and feelings with others, and to be able to listen to others and their needs. Christ gave this man his very ability to live a more complete life.

Are we open to others, for their benefit, or is it for our own? Do we just sidestep someone who looks a little different from us, thinking we might not understand them, or might be rejected? Can we ask Christ today to give us the gift that He demonstrated and gave this man, the gift of openness to others. Christ was not running for any office, He did not boast about what He had done. He told His followers not to go around telling others what they had seen, yet the act was so compelling that they could not contain themselves. But, what we have heard before in other gospels, Christ’s followers went out and shared His miraculous works with others. Are we impressed enough with these acts of Christ that we cannot contain ourselves from helping others? Every week we are asked by our Evangelization team to do just that. With the guidance of these Gospels we have a tremendous example and an opportunity to be open to others, to live the truth of these Gospel stories, the stories that tell us who He is.

**Lord, help us hear, and be open to sharing Your works.**

### **EVANGELIZATION CORNER**



The message of evangelization has been, is and always will be the proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ. Evangelization will always be ‘Christocentric’. This means that the foundation, center and summit of our message will always be a clear proclamation that, *‘in Jesus Christ salvation is offered to all men, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy.’*

Those who have been reading this column or other articles on the “New Evangelization” are aware of the three main areas where the “New Evangelization” needs to be focused:

1. Where the Church is not established, and we bring Christ to those individuals and culture,

2. Where a strong Church community exists and “carries out her activities and pastoral care”, and
3. Where there is a need for “re-evangelizing” of those who have fallen away from their faith.

There are numerous technology applications available today that are relevant, beneficial, and necessary in helping us to proclaim the message of the gospel in each of these areas. This is not to say that technology replaces or is the only way to evangelize. Nothing can replace the example of how we live the gospel in our daily lives. It is not just what we say, but who we are as a whole. That Christ is present in us where ever and whenever we are.

There are few today that do not have cell phones. Email, video chatting, instant messaging, Twitter and Facebook, to mention a few other technology changes, have completely transformed the way many people (especially the millennials) communicate today. Therefore, to reach even wider geographic areas and/or larger numbers of people and affect their lives through the power of the Gospel, we will have to embrace these new technologies in spreading the Good News. This does not mean we must post scripture passages daily but, it means that we should truly be our Catholic selves and shine for others online within our connections as we do in all other aspects of our lives.

The bottom line is that the use of new alternative communication technology should not be ignored as an effective way to evangelize – to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**St. Virgil’s Evangelization Ministry**



**St. Virgil’s Parish Family Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 23**  
**2:00pm**  
**Church Grounds**

**Bring a salad or dessert!**

**Games and activities for the kids!**

