

**Welcome to St. Virgil's...
Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sat., Oct. 13	5:00 PM	Johanna Eckardt John Keating Darron Baker Ann Marie Lagan
Sun., Oct. 14	7:30 AM	Craig Davidson Phil Nodoro
	9:00 AM	Eleanore Stolworthy
	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Livera Family
Mon., Oct. 15	12:00 PM	Geraldine Rose Puca
	6:30 AM	Luz Maria Baena Aurora Zuleta Anna Blandon
	12:10 PM	Santo & Francesco Sciabica
Tues., Oct. 16	6:30 AM	Bob Thomas
	12:10 PM	Maria DePiro
Wed., Oct. 17	6:30 AM	Msgr. James Fallon
	12:10 PM	Rosella Harris—Special Intentions
Thurs., Oct. 18	6:30 AM	Rev. Jerry O’Riordan
	12:10 PM	Bob Hunter Kathryn Cheryl Chicken
Fri., Oct. 19	6:30 AM	Maria Goldovsky Brian Fleury
	12:10 PM	Maria Goldovsky A request to St. Jude
Sat., Oct. 20	8:00 AM	Ann Negri
	5:00 PM	Rosemary Schrak Douglas Farra David Bryce
Sun., Oct. 21	7:30 AM	The Betty & Vince McLoughlin Family Eileen Doherty
	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson Thomas Carroll
	10:30 AM	Albert & Elizabeth Shutta
	12:00 PM	Craig Davidson

This Week at St. Virgil’s

Sunday, October 14

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR
PREP K-4, 10:15-11:45 AM, School
Gr. 2 Parent Meeting, 11:20 AM, TC
Youth Mass, 12 Noon
Jr. High PREP, 1 – 3:15 PM, School
2nd Yr. FISH, 6:30 PM, School

Monday, October 15

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church
Jr. High PREP, 7 – 8:15 PM, School

Tuesday, October 16

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Wednesday, October 17

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, October 18

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC
Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel
Bible Study, 7 PM, Gr. 7 Classroom
Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, TC

Friday, October 19

Eucharistic Adoration, 7 AM, Church
Prime Time, 1 PM, TC

Saturday, October 20

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15PM, Church

Sunday, October 21

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30AM, CR
K of C Pancake Breakfast, 9 - 11:30 AM, Café
PREP Mass, 9 AM
Youth Band Practice, 5-6 PM, Church

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of October 6/7 was \$9,963 (Regular = \$8,219 + Faith Direct = \$1,744). Your commitment to St. Virgil’s allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.

Among Ourselves



Please remember in your prayers: Noreen Ballon, 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, 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.



Please join with us in offering best wishes to **Diane Carvagno and Ross Egan** who were married here this weekend. We wish, **Diane & Ross**, many years of blessings and happiness.

Ministry Schedule for October 20 and 21

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Frank Kelly		Nina Rangel	Ric Perez	Nina Rangel
Lector	Martha Barilla	Robert Vigorito	Amaia Biggan Regina Gabriel Angelina Messana	D & J McKenna	Kelly Jarocha
Altar Servers			Seleyna Bautista Evan Bautista Jake Gringeri	Anthony Loia	Micah Fuentes
Extraordinary Ministers	Jackie Donnelley Veronica Kelly Linda Marcantonio Helen Salerno Grace Walsh	Shirley Fleury Margaret Flory Cathy Marshall Joan Sambrowski	Melissa Gringeri Chris Letta George Perkins Karen Schwingel John Trombetta Mary Jo Tufaro	Maureen Kelly Wendy Nunn Sue Carol Scannelli Jim Scannelli Cheryl Zebick Bob Zebick	Maria Aloia Tony Avella Frank Miller Sandy Rosanio June Sambrowski



Fr. Lance's Letter

Thank You to all who came to pray the "Coast to Coast Rosary" last Sunday at 4:00 PM. It was encouraging to see that we still rely on the power of prayer, the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and the faith in our parish family. I shall report on "Candle-Light Rosary Walk" next week.

Pursuing our "Conversation about the recent scandals" and how we here at St. Virgil Parish are implementing "Protecting God's Children" procedures, here is an outline of what we do.

CONDUCT WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Anyone who provides pastoral services to children must fulfill the safe environment requirements of the Paterson Diocese, i.e. attend Virtus training, agree to follow this Pastoral Code of Conduct by signing an acknowledgement form and submit to a criminal history background check.

1. Church Personnel could be vulnerable when working along with youth (Working with youth includes all adults who are chaperones at events for children and young people.) Use a team approach to managing youth activities.

2. Physical contact with youth can be misconstrued and is prohibited unless pastorally necessary and appropriate.

(Examples of Physical Contact).

The following forms of physical contact are generally regarded as appropriate (If at any time, an individual indicates that any of these forms of contact makes them uncomfortable, the contact should stop immediately).

Brief hugs initiated by a child Hand-shakes Verbal praise Sitting beside small children
 Holding hands during prayer Pats on the shoulder or back "High-fives" and hand slapping Holding hands while walking with small children Kneeling or bending down for hugs initiated by small children Pats on the head when culturally appropriate (For example, this gesture should typically be avoided in some Asian communities)

Examples of physical contact that are not appropriate include but are not limited to:

Inappropriate or lengthy embraces Showing affection in isolated areas such as bedrooms, closets, staff-only areas or other private rooms Touching knees or legs Tickling Any type of massage given by minor to adult or adult to minor Any form of unwanted affection Kissing Touching buttocks, breasts, genital areas or inner thigh Being in a bedroom alone with a minor Wrestling Piggyback rides Compliments that relate to physique or body development

3. The possession and/or use of any weapons, except by bona fide law enforcement personnel or in approved instructional or recreational situations, is strictly prohibited when working with youth.

4. The possession and/or use of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited when working with youth.

(i) If you suspect someone is in possession or allowing their use is strictly prohibited (The sole exceptions are weapons used in instructional and recreational activities sponsored by organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts of America and only with strict supervision and also observing the protocol of those organizations regarding their use.) (ii) Providing alcohol or drugs to a minor, or allowing their use is strictly prohibited (The sole exception is the distribution of the Precious Blood at Eucharistic Liturgies and, with the consent of parents or guardians, the use of wine when practicing for Holy Communion.)

5. Church Personnel must not provide shared or private overnight accommodations for young people where there is no other adult supervision present. This includes, but is not limited to, accommodations in any Church-owned facility, private residence or hotel room.

(i) In rare, emergency situations, when accommodation is necessary for the health and well-being of the youth, the clergy, staff, or volunteer should take extraordinary care to protect all parties from the appearance of impropriety and from all risk and harm. It is recommended that DYFS be contacted to provide shelter in such situations. The Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection must also be notified as soon as possible. ii) Use a team approach to managing emergency situations.

6. Other than for the purpose of recognition of achievement or use as a teaching tool church personnel shall refrain from giving gifts to individual children without the permission of the immediate supervisor. (See Virtus Training)

7. Providing tobacco to a minor or allowing its use is strictly prohibited.

8. Church Personnel shall not strike, spank, shake, or slap children and/or youth, nor shall they humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade children and/or youth in any way. They shall not use abusive language or profanity in the presence of children and/or youth.

9. Church Personnel must not tickle or wrestle with children and/or youth.

10. Church Personnel must never be alone in a vehicle with a minor who is not their child. When a child is present, there must be at least one other person (adult or minor) present in the vehicle at all times.

11. No adult may initiate hugs or other gestures of affection with a child and or young person.

On Monday, October 29, here in our Tracy Center, the Clergy from our Deanery (which includes Fr. Daniel, Deacon Merle, Deacon Sal, Deacon Rich and myself) will participate in the Virtus Training Program designed particularly for Clergy. We want St. Virgil to be a safe, welcoming, worshiping parish. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about this matter. May God bless us all - *Fr. Lance*

WHY ME?

Arthur Ashe, the legendary Wimbledon Tennis Player who was dying of AIDS, which he got due to Infected Blood he received during a Heart Surgery in 1983! He received letters from his fans, one of which conveyed: "Why did God have to select you for such a bad disease?" To this Arthur Ashe replied: 50 Million children started playing Tennis, 5 Million learned to play Tennis, 500 000 learned about Professional Tennis, 50 Thousand came to Circuit, 5 Thousand reached Grand Slam, 50 reached Wimbledon, 4 reached the Semifinals, 2 reached the Finals and when I

was holding the cup in my hand, I never asked God "Why Me?"

So now that I'm in pain how can I ask God "Why Me?"

Happiness keeps you Sweet! Trials keep you Strong!
Sorrrows keep you Human! Failure keeps you Humble!
Success keeps you Glowing! But only, Faith keeps you Going!
Sometimes you are not satisfied with your life, while many people in this world are dreaming of living your life.

A child on a farm sees a plane fly overhead dreams of flying. but, a pilot on the plane sees the farmhouse & dreams of returning home. That's life! Enjoy yours... If wealth is the secret to happiness, then the rich should be dancing on the streets. But only poor kids do that. If power ensures security, then VIPs should walk unguarded. But those who live simply, sleep soundly. If beauty and fame bring ideal relationships, then celebrities should have the best marriages. Live simply, be happy! Walk humbly and love genuinely!

Parish Postings



Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card Sale will be going on behind the Altar after all Masses October 20 through November 4

Prime Time

Our next Prime Time meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 19, at 1 PM in the Tracy Center. Please come join us and become better acquainted with some of our more senior parishioners. We have an interesting program with our own Angela Pennisi as our speaker. She will be letting us know all the good things that our Right to Life group here at St. Virgil's is doing and how easy it is for us to show our support for all from conception to natural death.



Please remember your check for \$15 if you have not yet sent it to Jeanne McGuinness. We will have some tasty desserts on our table for all to enjoy, thanks to Joan Sambrowski and her cadre of bakers. Please come join us. We look forward to sharing the afternoon with you.



3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Crafters Needed for our Third Annual Christmas Bazaar ~ December 1 & 2. Join the growing number of crafters that have already registered! Contact the Parish Office (973-538-1418) for a registration form or email svparishoffice@gmail.com. If you'd like to join the team of volunteers who work to make the Bazaar a success, please call Gloria in the Parish Office or email her at svparishoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for October & November

PREP K – 4 10:15-11:45 AM	Jr. High PREP 5-8 Sunday: 1-3:15 PM	Jr. High Masses 9:00 AM	FISH (Confirmation) 6:30 PM	Youth Masses 12:00 noon
October 28, November 18	October 14 November 11	October 21	2 nd Yr Mini-Retreat (5-9PM)	October 12
Reconciliation Retreat— November 3, 9AM – 12 PM	Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM	November 25	1 st Yr Mini-Retreat (5-9PM)	November 18
	October 15, 29 November 12			

Ministries & Outreaches

40 Days for Life

Is Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach

Join Morris County Right to Life at:

Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown
7 AM – 7 PM, 7 Days a Week ~ Begins September 26 ends November 4

Cover Planned Parenthood 40 Clinic Hours of Operation:

Your registration in time slots during clinic hours is much preferred and far more likely to save an unborn baby. When YOU sign up YOU make it possible to cover ALL 40 clinic hours!

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Open	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	9:00 AM	12:30 PM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	---
Close	4:30 PM	8:00 PM	4:30 PM	7:30 PM	4:00 PM	2:00 PM	--



Interfaith Food Pantry



Even in Morris County, NJ, which is often ranked as one of the best counties in the nation to live in, there are many households struggling. Please remember to bring an item for the Food Pantry when you come to Mass each Sunday. You can consult their website – www.mcifp.org for a complete list of needs.

Around the Diocese

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE XIX: "FILL MY CUP, LORD":

The parish of Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, 75 Ridgedale Ave., Cedar Knolls, NJ, invites women 25 and older who have never attended a Cornerstone retreat to join us for this awesome spiritual opportunity, **Friday evening, October 19 & Saturday, October 20, 2018.** Cornerstone is a unique retreat designed to provide participants an opportunity to revitalize and deepen their spiritual lives. The retreat lasts approximately 26 hours, beginning on Friday evening at 6:30 PM, and ending with a Closing Liturgy on Saturday evening at 5 PM. All participants are provided sleeping accommodations at the parish center, which helps ensure the spiritual continuity of the experience for everyone involved. For more information or to register, please visit our website at www.ndcarmel.com, or contact Beth Letizia at mrstiz1@verizon.net / 973-699-4427.

Annual Senior Sisters Sale to Benefit Religious Teachers Filippini at Villa Walsh Academy:

Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza on November 4 from 12:00 Noon – 5 PM featuring unique gifts, crafts, a Money Raffle, baked goods and much, much more. There will be a food court with many Italian specialties. Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.

St. Patrick School--Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future:

Parents and caregivers of toddlers, please join St. Patrick School in Chatham for *Tiny Tot Thursdays*. Hosted monthly, this new program will feature a fun Storytime with a local community leader followed by creative craft-making in the new SPS Makerspace! *Tiny Tot Thursdays*— for children ages 2-5 years with a parent or caregiver – starts

on Thursday, October 25 at 10AM. For more information, log on to www.st-pats-school.org. To attend *Tiny Tot Thursdays*, RSVP to Ashley Kearney, Director of Communications & Development at admissions@st-pats.org or 973-635-4623.

The Little Sisters of the Poor's Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale – Turkey & Ham Drop

will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 Free Admission 10:00am-4:00pm. In conjunction with the Sale we will be collecting Turkeys & Hams to provide future meals for our residents. Come join us at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, 140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa NJ, (Parking and Entrance on Cumberland Ave.) For Information: 973-942-0300 or www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

The Academy of St. Elizabeth

in Convent Station, will host an Open House on November 8, from 7 – 8:30 PM. Goo to www.aosenj.org to register for the Open House or to apply online.

THE 177.PROJECT

You are invited to participate in a unique faith experience which is being held in each of the 177 archdioceses and dioceses throughout the US during October. For this reason, it is called the **177 Project**. This engaging faith event led by Adoration Artists will be held in Our Lady of the Magnificat Church, 2 Miller Road, Kinnelon, on October 29 from 6:45 – 8:45 PM. It will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, a period of adoration and conclude with a short concert by the Adoration Artists, a group of talented musicians. For more information, please visit www.the177project.com/about and click dates/tickets at the top of the web-page. Look for Paterson Diocese. Tickets are free, but seating is limited. Do it right away!

St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Center for Catholic Evangelization for the Diocese of Paterson Upcoming events:

- **One Way:** All adults (18+) are welcome to join this interactive, small-group experience which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church. This month we meet **Tuesday, October 16th, 23rd and 30th, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.** For information visit insidethewalls.org/one-way-18plus
- **Lecture on Pope Paul VI:** Join us in a celebratory reflection of St. Pope Paul VI's life and writings on **Tuesday, October 16th.** Fr. Paul Manning and Dr. Julie Burky will share their thoughts on the pope's brilliance and provide some ways to put his thoughts into practice in the 21st Century. For information visit insidethewalls.org/events/pope-paul-vi-lecture

"BLOOD DRIVE" at the Saint Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ; Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM; sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville, the Denville Rotary Club, and New Jersey Blood Services.

Weekly Reflections

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10:17-30

In today's reading Mark continues to remind us that we are on a journey with Christ and must not only observe the commandments but also follow Christ's teaching to inherit eternal life in the kingdom of God. A wealthy man approached Christ and asked what he must do, in addition to observing the commandments, to ensure he would inherit eternal life. Christ told him to give what he had to the poor and to come follow Him. But the man could not bring himself to give up his wealth. He became sad and left. Christ then turned to his followers and asked them how hard it is for a person of wealth to enter the kingdom of God. Astonished by his question, Christ repeated it and analogized with hyperbolic words: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." He then told his disciples that those who give up all to follow Him and the gospels will be rewarded a hundred-fold in this life and inherit eternal life in the age to come.

In his analogy, Christ meant it would be difficult for a wealthy person to gain entry to the kingdom of God, but not impossible, which we might conclude when we compare it to the sewing needle as we know it. The analogy Christ used had some special relevance then and bears explanation. At that time, the entrances to the great cities had entry points that resemble an eye of a needle. This was so that travelers could enter a city with their beasts of burden-camels. But for the camel to get through the gates the packages they had attached to the camels had to be removed for the camel to fit through. Therefore, those entering the city with their camel had to divest themselves of their wares. This was difficult, a pain in the neck. Perhaps we could think of the difficulty we all have today to get to a destination by airplane, especially having to go through security at the gates, annoying, but not impossible.

Christ was telling His disciples then, and He is telling us now, that it is difficult, but not impossible to gain entry into the kingdom of God. Christ is still telling us that we shall be reimbursed for what we give up in this world for Him and the gospels and shall be blessed with "eternal life in the age to come." It is easy in our materialistic world for us to be like the rich young man. We have so much that at times we don't even realize it. Christ's words are as relevant now as it was then in a very different time and culture. Materialism is rampant, and His message speaks to us today. Telling us patiently what we need to do to attain the kingdom of God. How much are we willing to give up for Him and the gospels?

Lord, help us to simplify our life, and gain Your kingdom

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



One of the simplest and most effective ways to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ is through our **Personal Testimony.** This approach just requires you to tell about your spiritual pilgrimage; how you came to know Jesus in a personal, life-changing way. It's sharing your own personal Road to the Cross. There is nothing to memorize; no Bible verses and no Church doctrine.

Whenever you tell your story (your testimony) you give honor and glory to God. Regardless of whether you think your story is "inspirational" or "uninspiring" — it testimony to God's character. It is your eyewitness account of how God rescued you from sin and death through Christ, and how this has changed your life. When you share your story with others you help them get to know what God is like and what He can do.

You might be asking yourself, 'What kind of things should I tell others about Jesus?'

Your testimony can be about what happened when you finally decided to do things God's way or when you started letting His Word become your guide for daily living. Or you can relate what God has done for you since you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior. Each of us can tell of special occasions when God has answered a prayer, met a need or brought us through a difficult time. We may tell of how God has changed and is changing our life on a daily basis.

It can include how He is helping you raise your children, doing your job or just living day-to-day. It may be about how knowing the Lord has changed or is changing your life today. You don't need to go into embarrassing detail, but you need to give enough detail so that the person you are talking with can compare the you back then with the you right now. The strength of this approach is that no one can dispute it because it's your personal experience. If there is joy, peace, and love in your life as a result of knowing Christ, that will be evident. Your witness testimony can form the basis of your **Direct Approach Evangelization.**

WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU SHARED YOUR TESTIMONY WITH SOMEONE?

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry