

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

Sat., Oct. 20	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
Mon., Oct. 22	6:30 AM	Kamilia & Anthony Chainski
	12:10 PM	Bob Thomas
Tues., Oct. 23	6:30 AM	Francis Kenney
	12:10 PM	Paul Rodgers—14 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Richard Rodgers
Wed., Oct. 24	6:30 AM	Debbie Lucia
	12:10 PM	Louis Beneduce
Thurs., Oct. 25	6:30 AM	John & Lottie Martin
	12:10 PM	Peter Backes
Fri., Oct. 26	6:30 AM	Paul Glanville, Jr.
	12:10 PM	Sean Scott Downtan—1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Johanna Eckardt
Sat., Oct. 27	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving from the Bernardo Family
	5:00 PM	Dolores Marcantonio James Plano David Bryce Douglas Farra Gianna Lou
Sun., Oct. 28	7:30 AM	Mini Pitak & Family
	9:00 AM	Mary Delmonico
	10:30 AM	Mary Jo Hashagen
	12:00 PM	Craig Davidson

**This Week at St. Virgil's**

**Saturday/Sunday, October 21/22**

K of C "Keep Christ in Christmas" Sale behind Altar

**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

**Monday, October 22**

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church

**Tuesday, October 23**

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

**Wednesday, October 24**

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

**Thursday, October 25**

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

**Friday, October 26**

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

**Saturday/Sunday, October 21/22**

K of C "Keep Christ in Christmas" Sale behind Altar

**Saturday, October 27**

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

**Sunday, October 28**

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

PREP K-4, 10:15-11:45 AM, School

Youth Band Practice, 5-6 PM, School

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of October 13/14 was \$9,297 (Regular = \$7,553+ Faith Direct = \$1,744). The Religious Education Program received \$1,118 in the recent collection. Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.

Please join with us in offering best wishes to **Matthew Havers and Jacqueline Schuler** who were married here this week. We wish, **Matt & Jackie**, many years of blessings and happiness.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Aidan Patrick Keenan**, son of Brendan & Sara.

**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.



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Lindsay Ireland**. We pray that **Lindsay** rests peacefully with the Lord.

**Ministry Schedule for October 20 and 21**

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
<b>Cantor</b>	Janet Winston		Nina Rangel	Nancy Fenimore	Nina Rangel
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Welsh	Tom Wendorff	Lynn Kelly	Kathy Sisler	Mary Tiso
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lia Dyer Natalie Dyer		Brandon Kelly Breanna Barter	Bobby McLoughlin Alexa Urriola Chris Urriola	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Marianne Altrui Jane Flynn Marie Hantak Michele Para Pat Para	Beverly Morgan Rosemary Paulison Debbie Richenaker Gary Richenaker	Marie Aloia Dianna DeLorenzo Joe DeLorenzo Eileen Fogleman Rita McCleary Lydia Sesso	Viji Alex Maureen Kelly Pearl Law Penny Manser Karen Schwingel	Andrew DeBlock Angela Rangel Sandy Rosanio Louise Spirig Ron Spirig



*Fr. Lance's Letter*

We are most grateful to **Chris Letta** for organizing, promoting and leading this Candle Light Rosary Walk. Under his leadership and collaborating with him: **Susan Pittaro, Marie Tonini and Teresa Rangel** this Rosary Procession on the 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Fatima Apparition was a great blessing and a tremendous success. Thanks to the many youth who helped lay out the walk with paper lanterns, participate in the skit, and feed and wait on the people after the walk. Their joy and enthusiasm are contagious. God has blessed us with such lovely people, we are now very hopeful that there will be more participation and growing ownership of who we are in our parish.

Thank you also to the handful of brave women who prayed the Rosary at 12:00 noon on Saturday in the Roberts Garden. Their witness is important to our

community and to our faith.

Also, on Saturday, our Confirmation Candidates and their peer leaders were here to give us a good portion of their day in service to our church. "Parish Pride" asks of our youth to brighten our parish: clean up the grounds, cut down and pull out vines, shrubs and weeds, install new blinds in the Tracy Center, wash and clean windows and doors in the school and church, and repair the screen-shed behind the parish office. Thanks to **Penny Manser and Chuck Havers** who assisted and directed this Parish Pride Project. Thank You to all our youth for demonstrating their care and concern for our parish.

Thank you to **John and Leslie Charron** for upgrades to the four kneelers at the side Altars to Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart. Use them to see how comfortable and stylish they are.

God bless you all! - *Fr. Lance*

## Parish Postings

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:svparishoffice@gmail.com)

## Faith Formation

### Religious Education Schedule for October & November

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

## Ministries & Outreaches

### Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry



On the weekend of November 10/11 Youth Ministry will be hold the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive which will benefit the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry. The Garages will be open on Saturday afternoon, from 4 – 6 PM and on Sunday from 8 AM till 1 PM. We will be accepting the following food donations:

- Turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chickens
- Stuffing
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned turkey gravy
- Canned corn (low salt, if possible)
- Regular and hearty soups (low-salt if possible)
- Regular tea bags and coffee
- Parmalat or powdered milk, evaporated milk & soy or almond
- Apple, cranberry, grape or other 100% juice (32 oz)
- Nuts, mini marshmallows
- Salad dressing
- Muffin or roll mix
- Brownie or cake mix and icing
- Canned fruit
- Canned pumpkin
- Fresh potatoes, onions, yams, apples & oranges.



### Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card Campaign

The Knights of Columbus will be selling religious Christmas cards behind the Altar after all Masses on the weekends of October 20/21, October 27/29, and November 3/4. These are beautiful cards, the likes of which cannot be found in any store, displaying the true meaning of Christmas. Help to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by sending religious cards—a message participating in the New Evangelization from you. All proceeds will go to help support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Any questions? Call Jim Scannelli, 973-627-0762.

#### 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](http://www.mcifp.org) for a complete list of needs.

### Around the Diocese

**The Health Ministry** of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Whippany invites you to a **HEALING MASS** on Saturday, October 27, at 11 AM in the Parish Center (handicap accessible). The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. If desired, participants will receive an individual blessing. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before October. 24, by email to Our Lady of Mercy Rectory at [olmchwhip@aol.com](mailto:olmchwhip@aol.com) or to [olmHealthMinistry@ourladyofmercyparish.com](mailto:olmHealthMinistry@ourladyofmercyparish.com) or to Kathy at 973-428-4996.

**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.

**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](http://www.aosenj.org) to register for the Open House or to apply online.

**Wee Wednesdays announced at St. Vincent Martyr School:** Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to enjoy free events sponsored by St. Vincent Martyr School. This series of events, known as "Wee Wednesdays" offers an opportunity for toddlers and their caregivers to get out and experience unique entertainment with other local families. Events will be held on-site at St. Vincent Martyr School at 9:00 AM on Wednesdays in October. On October 24, toddlers and their caregivers may pop into SVMS for a "Super Bubble Fun Time," during which the "bubbleologist" will enchant the audience with amazing bubble tricks. The final October event will feature Halloween STEM crafts, which will capture the imaginations of the young visitors who will learn as they have fun. All of the events are free. However, space is limited, and event registration is required. Please visit the school's website to register online at <https://www.svmsnj.org>. If you have any questions, please call the school at (973) 377-1104.

## #iGiveCatholic 2018

Tuesday, November 27  
Watch for details!

### **Open House and Information Sessions at St. Vincent Martyr School:**

St. Vincent Martyr School in Madison, NJ invites families with children entering PreK-3 through 8th grade to visit in November to learn more about the school. Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday, November 7, at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, November 10, at 10:00 AM. An Open House will be offered on Thursday, November 8, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Please visit the website <https://www.svmsnj.org> for more details and to register to attend an Info Session and/or the Open House. Please contact our Admissions Director Mary Brooks with any questions (973) 377-1104 ext. 224 or [mbrooks@svmsnj.org](mailto:mbrooks@svmsnj.org). St. Vincent Martyr School is a Catholic co-ed school for students in PreK - 8th grade. We welcome students from all faiths. SVMS considers the talents of individual students, their stages of cognitive development & their styles of creative expression to help each child achieve personal success. We provide an outstanding academic program in a safe, state-of-the-art facility, supported by a friendly & caring community.

### **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](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)

### **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](http://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!

### **The Compassionate Friends**

a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, November 8, at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 PM in room 101. This month's program: **GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Michael Giuliano, a prominent**

### **Morristown Psychiatrist speaking on "How to Handle the Holidays"**

For more information, please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

### **Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child**

a Catholic Independent school, all girls, grades 7-12, invites you to attend an **Open House** on Saturday, November 3, 9:30-11:15 AM. This includes a presentation, tour and faculty showcase. There will also be an Information Session on Wednesday, December 12, at 4:30 PM. Tours only. For more information and to register online, visit our website [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org) or call Admissions at 908-522-8109. Pre-registration is recommended but not required to attend.

### The Diocese of Metuchen in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Newark presents the **2018 Critical Life Issues Conference EVERY LIFE: Cherished • Chosen**

Sent SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Join us as we gather to be nourished and to celebrate the gift of life in prayer and fellowship. All are welcome to attend! EXPERT SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS: • "Humanae Vitae at 50 Years – Back to the Future" • "The Beauty and Wisdom of God's Design: A Millennial's Perspective" • "From Death to Life: A Conversion Story – Becoming a Missionary Disciple for Life" Excerpts from the documentary film "Unprotected" will also be shown. COST: \$25 \*Fee includes lunch and handouts.

### **Sangria & Sisterhood**

Have you ever wondered about the annual Women's Cornerstone Retreat? Come to an information session and social event to learn all about this sharing and supporting group of women. Gifts, raffles, and a gathering of women you will be glad to have met. Join us for lite fare and home-made sangria on Wednesday, October 24, from 6 – 9 PM, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 13 South Street, Morristown. RSVP to Chrissy West, Lay Direct of the Assumption Women's cornerstone. Call 973-809-1646 or [costa1112@yahoo.com](mailto:costa1112@yahoo.com)

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Morris Township Turkey Trot**

to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry and Literacy Volunteers of Morris County. Join us for a 5k, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run or Kids' Trot on Thursday, November 22, at Ginty Field (Rain or Shine) Visit our website to register today: <http://www.morristownshipturkeytrot.org/>



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### **Flocknote**



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## Weekly Reflections

### *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### *Mark 10:35-45*

It is hard to imagine the arrogance of the Apostles James and John in asking Christ to give them “priority seating,” being on Christ’s left and right, in the kingdom of God! Really. Can we imagine anyone being so proud, or confident as to ask this of Christ? Christ did not show any enagement over the request, but He did tell them that they had to be ready to suffer to gain such a place in eternity. They were confident that they were up to the task, while the other ten Apostles were, in fact, “indignant” at their request, but Christ went on to tell them that if they want to be great they must serve all, and give their life, as He was doing, “for the ransom of many.” Christ is telling us to be humble, not to even want the first seating, but to want to be as He was, the servant of all.

As simple as this sounds, it is truly the most difficult focus of all for us to achieve. For when we are most humble, somehow, we start to be the most arrogant, proud of our humility. Perhaps this is why Peter could be their leader, for he was shown his own weakness when he denied Christ three times, never believing that he would ever do such a thing. This truly taught Peter humility. It made him wary of wanting that first place and hoping instead to just make it into the door of heaven.

So, by their arrogance, James and John taught us an important lesson, one that bears us meditating on this week - teaching us to want to be last, not first. In our world, in which we are inundated us from a very young age that we are special, we are all to want to be the best, the first in every competition, every class, every team sport, No one tells us to be meek and humble of heart, in fact just the opposite. Everyone wants to be picked out and brought to the top seating, recognized by those considered important as part of the elite.

Humility is not an easy virtue. At first, this may not seem like such an important Gospel, but in reality, it is one of the most important of all.

***Lord, stay with us, and guide us to truly serve others, and not just ourselves!***



#### **EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

##### ***Life Style Approach to Evangelization***

At first this approach seems the easiest to adopt, requiring us to do nothing different! It is often promoted by claiming that St. Francis said “Proclaim the gospel always. When necessary, use words.” Unfortunately, this is a medieval urban legend; Franciscan scholars know there isn’t a single historical account of him saying any such thing.

Of course, “living witness” is very important, St James said (James2:17) “Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” And no one will believe our words if our actions display the

opposite. So, most evangelists, including Pope Francis, say that you must proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Christ himself said (Matt 28: 18-20) we have to go to the whole world “teaching them to observe all I have commended you.”- notice he said “teach” not just demonstrate.

If you want to implement the ‘lifestyle approach’, Dr Scott Hahn suggests you first go to your spouse, children, and or siblings and ask them if your lifestyle is so powerful, moving, and complete that people just look at you and know everything there is to know about God, Jesus Christ, and His Church, about sin and grace, sanctification, and salvation... or is there something lacking? When they laugh, you know you have some work to do. Or perhaps you just need to look at your sphere of influence which starts with yourself, then family, friends, associates and the world. Have some of them left the Church? Maybe you have some work to do.

In our own times, we see Mother Theresa’s life is a strong example of ‘lifestyle approach’, she certainly and clearly displayed Christ’s teaching to ‘love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves’ (Matt 28:18-20). But, her actions always brought observers to ask questions! And her answers have been written down and repeated over and over, and they point to Jesus!

So we need to work at becoming ‘saints’ in this world. Many of us behave a different way when we go out of church and back into the world. Our environment dictates how we act we aren’t noticeably different from those around us. Like a chameleon we change our colors to blend in.

#### ***Instead we need to ‘stand out’.***

Do people even know you are a Catholic? Do they know Mass is important to you? That you feel great after going to confession to the priest? Have you said “God Bless you” or talked about upcoming events at our parish to them? If you hear anti-Catholic talk or blasphemy, do you stand up in protest?

To use the “lifestyle approach” may be the hardest approach we can take; we need to work to become ‘saint like’ to make it work. We also need to learn more about Jesus so that when people do see us acting in a more Christ like way and ask us “why?” we are as St Peter urged (1Peter3:15) “ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope”. But since Jesus commanded us to do it, let’s try harder to follow Him.

#### ***WHEN’S THE LAST TIME YOU SHARED YOUR BEHAVIORAL TESTIMONY WITH SOMEONE?***

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

#### ***St. Virgil’s Evangelization Ministry***

"Work hard every day at increasing your purity of heart, which consists in appraising things and weighing them in the balance of God's will." — St. Francis de Sales