

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

Sat., Nov. 10	5:00 PM	George Nunn, Sr.—16 th Anniversary Ann Marie Lagan Rosemary Emms Arcadia R. Doberto
Sun., Nov. 11	7:30 AM	Mary Dennehy—87 th Anniversary
	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson Andrew C. Cecere
	10:30 AM	Anna Russo
	12:00 PM	Antionette Mennella Mark Anthony Quadrel
Mon., Nov. 12	6:30 AM	Aurora Zuleta
	12:10 PM	Gina Del Franco
Tues., Nov. 13	6:30 AM	Anna Blandon
	12:10 PM	Helen Conforth
Wed., Nov. 14	6:30 AM	Anthony & Joseph Cwerko
	12:10 PM	Anthony Marcantonio
Thurs., Nov. 15	6:30 AM	Bea Scagnelli
	12:10 PM	Anthony Fiore
Fri., Nov. 16	6:30 AM	Dot & Jack Denman
	12:10 PM	Elsa D. Bernardo
Sat., Nov. 17	8:00 AM	Hal & Rita Bermingham
	5:00 PM	Janet Stevens James Billotta Ronnie Kelly—Special Intentions
Sun., Nov. 18	7:30 AM	Ann & Nick Negri
	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson
	10:30 AM	Kathryn Cheryl Chicken
	12:00 PM	Sam Yassa

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, Mary Maffeo, & Rose Marie Warrick.

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Bea Scagnelli** and **Anthony Fiore** who were called home to the Lord this week. We pray that **Bea** and **Anthony** rest peacefully with the Lord.

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of November 3 and 4 was \$11,536 (Regular = \$9,591 + Faith Direct = \$1,945). Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.

Attention Lectors: Please pick up a copy of your 2019 Workbook for Year C located on a pew behind the Altar near the Sacristy.

Ministry Schedule for November 17 and 18

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Frank Kelly		Nina Rangel	Nancy Fenimore	Youth Choir
Lector	Martha Barilla	Margaret Flory	Tom Wendorff	D & J McKenna	Youth Band
Altar Servers				Anthony Loia Michael Szoke	Micah Fuentes Victoria Coté
Extraordinary Ministers	Michele Para Pat Para Helen Salerno Phyllis Smith Dan Smith Grace Walsh	Shirley Fleury Cathy Marshall Beverly Morgan Joan Sambrowski	Barbara Fisher Rita McCleary George Perkins Mary Jo Tufaro	Maureen Kelly Pearl Law Wendy Nunn Sue Carol Scannelli Jim Scannelli Karen Schwingel	Kelly Burrows John FitzPatrick Renee Gopon Tina Gopon Penny Manser Christine Rosamond

This Week at St. Virgil's

Saturday, November 10

Thanksgiving Food Drive, 4:30 – 6PM, Garages

Sunday, November 11

Thanksgiving Food Drive, 7:30 AM – 12 Noon,
at the Garages

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

Jr. High PREP, 1 PM, School

Youth Band Practice, 5 – 6 PM, Church

Monday, November 12

Parish Office closed for Veterans Day Observance

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church

Tuesday, November 13

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Knights of Columbus, 8 PM, TC

Wednesday, November 14

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, November 15

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, 7th Grade Classroom

Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, TC

Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM, CR

Friday, November 16

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Prime Time, 1 PM, TC

Saturday, November 17

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

Knights of Columbus Line Dance, 7 PM, Gym

Sunday, November 18

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

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

Youth Mass, 12 Noon

Youth Band Practice, 5 – 6 PM, Church

1st Yr. FISH Mini-Retreat, 5 – 9 PM, School



Fr. Lance's Letter

Our Second Graders are preparing for their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Last Saturday they joined us for a "retreat" and went through four sessions, learning to understand what the Sacrament of Reconciliation means. The many activities they participated in kept their spirits engaged and alive. Understandably, when asked what the best part of this "retreat" was, most of them chose the mid-day pizza. Thank you to our Religious Education Team of **Marie Tonini** and **Teresa Rangel** and the many parents who helped make the Reconciliation Retreat a blessing.

Our Second Year Confirmation Candidates participated in a "mini retreat" last Sunday evening. Such retreats - a time for reflection and commitment - are God-given occasions to learn and listen, experience and decide as to how the Lord is calling us into being disciples. This "mini retreat" was conducted by Ray Boswell, who enhanced his talks through imagery and pottery, conveying the biblical notion of that we are all "clay in God's hands". We are grateful to **Penny Manser, the peer leaders and the parents** who supplied snacks for this special "mini retreat". It is during such gatherings we recognize our united faith and our solidarity, seek better understanding and growth, and make commitments that increase our love for God and neighbor.

Thank you again to **Penny Manser, Nina Rangel, Andrew DeBlock and Matthew Fallivene** who took a group of young

adults and teens to the "**Catholic Underground**" in New York City. This visit to the "underground church" opens our eyes and minds to spiritual needs of teenagers, young adults and grown-ups. All desire to "meet the Lord" and find his healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. We are grateful to our Knights of Columbus for covering the cost of transportation. Let us keep this desire to discover our faith and come to the Lord alive. It would benefit our parish greatly if groups of women and men would consider making a trip to the **Catholic Underground**.

This Sunday is also Veterans' Day. There are a number of parishioners who have served our country in the uniform of a serviceperson. Their gift of valuable time is remembered today (and on Monday). We are most grateful to our Veterans and pray that God bless them with good health and peace of mind.

- Kindly take note of our request for your e-mail, phone number and ministry you participate in. We are going to use "Flocknote" as our resource and method of quick communication. Please support this endeavor.

- Father Daniel has undergone surgery on his lower back last Tuesday. Kindly keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery and healing. Also, prayers for Deacon Rich who is slowly coming along and healing well after the course of radiation.

May God bless us this month when we began with the remembrance of All Saints and All Souls. We continue to pray for all deceased members of our parish and families. - Fr. Lance

Parish Postings



Flocknote offers a smarter way for us to stay in constant contact with our "flock" through email and text messages. Email and cell phone numbers are now considered more permanent than our home address. We last conducted a census update in 2007 and much of the information is outdated. In order to make **Flocknote**

work efficiently for us, we, of course, need updated information. Please take a few moments to update your contact information below. You can email the information, drop it in the collection basket, drop it in the mail or drop it off to the Parish Office. We appreciate any help you can give us. Oh and no worries. **You have the ability to "opt out" of Flocknote**, but we still will be happy to have the updated information.



St. Virgil Church Census Update Form

(Please note that each individual must have their own email and cell phone number for *Flocknote* usage.)

FAMILY NAME _____

Name: _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Ministry, Group, or Organization you participate in: _____

Name: _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Ministry, Group or Organization you participate in: _____

Do you wish to participate with **Flocknote**? _____ Yes _____ No

Children living with you:

You can email this information to us at svarishoffice@gmail.com, mail it to us at 250 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, drop it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office. Thanks so much for your help.

Lynch Creek Farms Fundraiser. Centerpieces, Wreaths, Tabletop Christmas Trees? Purchase your handcrafted, elegant evergreen products online and support St. Virgil Parish. Ships direct in a decorative box from Lynch Creek Farms, a family owned business. Order online at www.lcffundraising.com/c/157503

The Fall **Yankee Candle** Fundraiser to support our Parish continues through Dec. 31 at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Use 'Group #' **(990036689)** and St. Virgil's will earn **40% profit** on every product sold. Questions? Lynn Kelly LynnNJ28@optonline.net



Are we all ready for our November Prime Time meeting at 1 pm Friday 11/16 in the Tracy Center? We have a speaker from the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counseling for Medicare beneficiaries in Morris Plains. The presenter will let us know, in a general way, what our options are during this Open Enrollment period (10/15 -12/7), and if you have more personal, specific questions you can make an appointment. There is someone available for individual counseling each Monday at the Morris Plains Community Center from 10 am to 12 noon.

We will be handing out our 2018-19 membership list at our November meeting. We will also have our tasty dessert table available, a chance to socialize and of course, our lucky 50/50. Please plan on joining us for the afternoon of Friday 11/16 at 1 pm in the Tracy Center. Any questions? Please call Kathy Sisler (973-538-1379)

Stained Glass Christmas Ornaments



Bring home one of St. Virgil's beautiful windows for your Christmas tree this year! Need a gift for a friend, a child who is living in another state, a teacher, a grandparent? Your purchase will help the Music Ministry's ongoing projects. There are 10 ornaments in the series and each one is framed in brass. All are suitable as Christmas Ornaments or as

window suncatchers. Actual size is 2 x 3 3/4".

Ornaments will be sold behind the Altar starting the weekend of November 17/18 and running through December 22/23. They will also be available during the Christmas Bazaar. With the exception of the Ascension window which is \$25; the other nine in the collection are \$20 each. All profits will be used to further the Music Ministry. Thank you for your support.

**Blue Christmas Prayer Service
Tuesday, December 4 at 7:30 PM**

Please join us for a Blue Christmas service, a quiet service of worship that recognizes the Christmas season as a difficult time for many who are coping with stress, grief from loss or illness. This service will feature special selected hymns and music, a message of consolation and hope, and a lighting of candles in recognition of collective grief and loss. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by Arbor Terrace and St. Virgil's Church, the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains and St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sessoespresso Gourmet Coffee

At **Sessoespresso Gourmet Coffee**, we believe a cup of coffee can make a difference in someone's life. Our goal at *Sessoespresso* is with every purchase of a case of our gourmet coffee in 8 (12 oz. bags) or a case of our gourmet single serve K-Cups, (73 cups). *Sessoespresso* will make a donation to Saint Virgil's Parish

\$6.00 Donation for an Order of an 8-(12oz) bag case

\$6.00 Donation for an Order (72) cups K-Cups

Your orders will also receive a 15% discount.

For your convenience, Sessoespresso provides free shipping and handling. So, enjoy the best cup of coffee you've ever tasted.

To order go to www.sessoespresso.com. Order a case of coffee or K-cups. Then, at checkout type ST.VIRGILS in the discount box.

God bless you and thank you for your orders and donations.



3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Come and shop at our Bazaar where local area crafters and artisans will display their wares! Saturday December 1 ~ 10 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, December 2 ~ 10 AM – 2 PM. If you're a crafter and would like a table, call the parish office.

Faith Formation

Advent Wreath Family Day

Sunday, December 2 ~ 11:30am-1 pm in the Cafeteria

The workshop will include: Family Advent Wreath Making, extra crafts for children, cookies, and juice.

Please return this portion of the form to the Parish Office by November 12

Family Name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

(Please make checks payable to St. Virgil Parish ~ memo line: advent wreath

_____ # of COMPLETE kits (\$20/kit ~ includes frame, candles, greens, ribbon, and Advent calendar.)

_____ # of REFILL kits (\$15/refill kit ~ includes greens, candles, ribbon, and Advent calendar.)

(Wreath supplies must be ordered in advance.)



Religious Education Schedule for 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
November 18 December 2 Advent Wreath Making December 16	November 11 December 16	November 25	November 18: 1 st Yr. Mini-Retreat (5-9PM)	November 18 December 9
December 4 Reconciliation for 2 nd Graders	Monday: 7 – 8:15 PM November 12 December 3 & 17	December 16	Dec. 9--1 st Yr. FISH Dec. 16--2 nd Yr. FISH	December 24 – 6 PM

Have you ever wondered about your own spirituality and looked for ways to increase your spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you ever wondered if other men from our parish and local communities face similar challenges to their faith and if so, who are they and how can I connect with them? The St. Virgil Men's Cornerstone

Retreat VII is scheduled for Friday, February 15-16, 2018 and will provide you an experience to address these personal and important challenges. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

Ministries & Outreaches

Country Line Dane Night
Saturday, November 17 ~ 7:30 to 10:30 PM
Featuring Bill and Diane of Cowboys & Sweethearts
In the school gym.
Admission is \$7



Jersey Battered Women's Service Holiday Boutique

Every December, the Rosary Society sponsors a gift collection for the holiday boutique conducted by the Jersey Battered Women's Service (JBWS) for its clients. Last year over 200 families, including 445 children, received holiday gifts. Mothers select gifts of new toys and clothing donated by the local community. Handmade gifts are especially appreciated. You can imagine a mother's relief as she knows that she can give her children some joy in the holiday season.

JBWS has requested that we consider gifts for teens and pre-teens although items for all ages are welcome. Suggested items are listed here, but a more-detailed list is available in the Parish Office:

- Clothing for all ages (especially boots for ages 12 months-4 years)
- Jewelry/wallets/purses/watches
- Makeup/nail polish
- Puzzles/books (no board games, please)
- Crafts/science kits
- Models (Lego, Minecraft, Matchbox, etc.)
- Sports equipment

Please drop off your gifts (new and unwrapped) at the Parish Office **no later than Tuesday, December 4**. Unused wrapping paper (sheets, rolls), ribbons and bows may be given separately. Rosary Society members may bring their gifts to the monthly meeting, also December 4.

All parishioners of St. Virgil's are invited to participate and to make the holidays a bit brighter for these families.



OPERATION CHILLOUT OUTREACH

Operation Chillout is a local grassroots program which started out primarily assisting homeless Vietnam vets. Today, most are veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These vets are young – 20 to 30 years old – and many are women. They risk staying homeless and unemployed as many suffer from post-traumatic stress and other health conditions that increase their risk of death. Many choose to live outdoors rather than stay overnight in shelters. It is to this group that Operation Chillout (www.operationchillout.org), now in its 18th year, provides the basic necessities to help them through the winter and summer months.

Starting in early December, Operation Chillout volunteers will distribute backpacks filled with warm clothing and toiletries to over 1,000 homeless right here in Morris and neighboring counties and eastern Pennsylvania.

St. Virgil Parish is a collection partner. We have been asked to provide only the items listed below for both men and women. **Clothing must be new; please provide only the items and sizes requested.** We will have this collection from **November 17 - December 2**. Please place your gift in the carton beside the altar.

- Thermal underwear (L, XL, 2XL) *
- Warm gloves (no leather, Gore-Tex preferred) *
- Heavy, warm socks (wool/acrylic blend preferred)
- Zipped hooded sweatshirt or heavy flannel shirt
- Knit cap

* most-needed items

If you prefer, cash or checks payable to either St. Virgil Church or Operation Chillout Inc. may be given instead of clothing. Please place your donation in an envelope and drop it into the collection basket. The organization does not solicit, so you will not be contacted for additional support. Operation Chillout, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and is eligible for matching gifts and grants. Your contributions are tax deductible. Cash and checks payable to St. Virgil's will be used to purchase gloves and thermal underwear.

As we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family, please think of those who have little to be thankful for and be as generous as you can. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

Around the Diocese

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Here I Am, Lord

With the help of funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priest's retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. These priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. The appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a concrete way to acknowledge our priests' decades of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

Weekly Reflections

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **Mark 12:38-44**

Mark starts this week's reading: "In the course of His teaching..." Throughout his Gospels, we have seen Mark consistently refer to Christ as "Teacher." How important is that, calling him Teacher? To Mark, it clearly and simply distinguished Christ's role of teaching "the way, the truth and the life" to his followers and for those who choose to follow, while non-followers and critics, have referred to Christ as a carpenter, a radical, a rebel, or even a "zealot." Mark wrote his gospels to reveal what Christ taught, not just to his disciples, but for all mankind and future followers, including us living today.

Christ's teaching in today's Gospel is "humility." Mark tells of Christ having referred to the scribes as mere show offs, emphasizing that their lengthy prayers would not bring praise, but condemnation. He also did not have praise for rich folks who gave only from their excess, also showing off donations. Rather He praised a poorest of the poor widow who gave from her substance, because she had given all she had. These are the things Christ teaches us each day, if we but listen.

We all can probably relate to the best teachers we have had in life, what they taught us and how it improved or changed our lives? Well, Jesus is and has always been here trying to be that teacher for us. If we want to receive and accept His teaching, we can learn to be humble and not full of pride; generous, without showing off. These are lessons that will make us happy if we learn to follow them.

This past week on the Feast of All Saints, the Gospel reading was from Matthew's version of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a basic communication of our Teacher's philosophy. Another great teacher, Ghandi, found Christ to be a master teacher. It is said that Ghandi had the Beatitudes posted on his wall above his bed. He found them to be a remarkable teaching tool.

We all have had access to a remarkable Teacher, Christ, who can change our lives,

Lord teach us what we need to know today!



EVANGELIZATION CORNER

How often have you heard or read that 'Evangelization is not an optional add-on?' It

is at the very heart of what it means to be Catholic followers of the Jesus Christ?

In spite of this clear mandate, there are some who still are tempted to respond to this call by saying that 'Catholics evangelize with how we live our lives, not by our words.'

Yet, the Catholic Catechism states: "*The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it.*"

But true evangelization is born from a love for people and a desire that everyone on earth come to know the love of Christ and the blessings of living in his kingdom. As St. Paul once told the Corinthians: "*The love of Christ impels us to proclaim Christ.*" (2 Corinthians 5:14).

To effectively spread the Word and have someone listen to it, we must first earn their trust by caring about them, investing time in them and making ourselves vulnerable to them before they have any reason to trust us. We need to focus less on Christian, as the world sees it and believes it to be and invest more of ourselves in being more Christ-like.

In short, to be an evangelist in today's modern world, we must become agents of Christ in our daily living. It may not be easy, but it is an obligation we Christians must try to fulfill. This means that we need to live the Gospel fully in order to fully share the Gospel with others. First, we need to align our lives in keeping with the teachings of Christ and reflect this love of Christ onto others by both our words and deeds. By seeing Christ in us, others may be converted to become better humans in whatever religion they follow. This brings us back to **Servant Evangelism** which we wrote about in last week's column.

Servant Evangelism is more like the evangelism Jesus did for most people. He immersed himself in a local community, went out of his way to cross social boundaries, noticed what people needed and he responded. Then he encouraged people to go out, to live lives with purpose, focused on doing the same for others.

Ask Jesus for a heart open and willing to help evangelize those who need to know him, and the courage to reach out to them with his love — a heart that longs for all God's children to return to our Father.

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry