

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

Sat., Nov. 17	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 Anthony Fiore
	12:00 PM	Sam Yassa Yen & John McCallion
	Mon., Nov. 19	6:30 AM
	12:10 PM	Maria Goldovsky Frances Merlo—2 nd Anniversary
	Tues., Nov. 20	6:30 AM
	12:10 PM	Fr. Daniel Chajkowski—Special Intentions
	Wed., Nov. 21	6:30 AM
	12:10 PM	Lorraine Strollo
	Thurs., Nov. 22	9:00 AM
Fri., Nov. 23	6:30 AM	Carmine Abbondanzo
	12:10 PM	Kordal Dink Hinton
Sat., Nov. 24	8:00 AM	Maria Santofiore In Thanksgiving for the Bernardo Family
	5:00 PM	Margaret Courtet—2 nd Anniversary Geraldine Rose Puca Linda Corea—6 th Anniversary Janet Stevens William Smith
Sun., Nov. 25	7:30 AM	Barbara Bracale Eileen Doherty
	9:00 AM	Dolores Iannuzzi Craig Davidson
	10:30 AM	John Clark
	12:00 PM	Anthony Fiore John & Dennis Muldoon People of the Parish

Among Ourselves



Please remember in your prayers: Mary Eileen Prisinzano, 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.



Fr. Lance's Letter

tradition, presented Mary to the Temple.

This non-scriptural event was first recognized by the Eastern Orthodox Church and a sacred Shrine was built by the Empress Helena very close to the original Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Our Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple on

This Week at St. Virgil's

Saturday, November 17

Knight of Columbus Line Dancing, 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

1st Year FISH Mini Retreat, 5 PM, School

Monday, November 19

Miraculous Medal Novena following the 12:10 Mass

Tuesday, November 20

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Wednesday, November 21

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR



Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Mass at 9 AM

Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 23

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 24

Confession, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

Sunday, November 25

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

The **Sanctuary Candle** honors the memory of
John B. Wolf
from his loving wife, Mary Wolf

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Marion Bracale and Josephine Underhill** who were called home to the Lord this week. We pray that **Marion & Josephine** rest peacefully with the Lord.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Maxwell Ryan Richenaker**, son of Mark & Kelly & grandson of Gary & Debbie.

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of November 10/11 was \$10,303. (Regular = \$8,551 + Faith Direct = \$1,752.). Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish.

Wednesday, November 21. The earthly life of Our Blessed Mother - from Her infancy until her Assumption into Heaven - is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. According to the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, her constant guardian."

On this Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple by Joachim and Anne, we are invited to make the choice to surrender our lives to the Lord. Parents are reminded of their solemn responsibility to present their children for Baptism. We are all challenged to bring this Feast to life in our age and thereby continue to participate in God's unfolding plan for the whole human race. May our Blessed Mother teach us through her complete gift of herself to God to follow and imitate her example. Recall our own individual Baptisms where we were dedicated to God and belong to Him. Pray that we live true to our promise to belong to the Lord and live faith filled lives. - Fr. Lance

Ministry Schedule for November 24 and 25					
	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Ric Perez		Nina Rangel	Janet Winston	Nina Rangel
Lector	Dave Burrows	Robert Vigorito	Carly Ellermeyer Katie Ellermeyer Liam Rose	Kathy Sisler	Mary Tiso
Altar Servers			Brandon Kelly Jake Gringeri	Ally McLoughlin Bobby McLoughlin	Micah Fuentes
Extraordinary Ministers	Marianne Altrui Nicea D'Annunzio Jane Flynn Marie Hantak	Margaret Flory Rosemary Paulison Debbie Richenaker Gary Richenaker	Dianna DeLorenzo Joe DeLorenzo Melissa Gringeri Chris Letta June Sambrowski Karen Schwingel	Viji Alex Maureen Kelly Cheryl Zebick Bob Zebick	Marie Aloia Tony Avella Andrew DeBlock Angela Rangel Sandy Rosanio

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 svparishoffice@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.



Gift Giving at its easiest. The Fall Yankee Candle Fundraiser to support **SAINT VIRGIL PARISH** continues through December 31 at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Enter 'Group

Number' (**990036689**) in the 'Start Shopping' section. Saint Virgil Parish will earn **40% profit** on every product sold. Contact Lynn Kelly LynnNJ28@optonline.net with questions.

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



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

For your order and donation, you 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. When you checkout, type ST.VIRGILS in the discount box.

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



3rd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Our Third Annual Christmas Bazaar is quickly approaching: Saturday, December 1 from 10 AM – 4 PM and Sunday, December 2 from 10 AM – 2 PM. The vendor list of local artisans and crafters is growing to include wood working, folk art, candles, coasters, knitted and crocheted items and Agnes & Dora clothing. Christmas shopping made easy.

We still have room for a few crafters. 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.



Holiday Sing-Along

St. Virgil's Rosary Society in Conjunction with the Members of the Parish Choir
Tuesday, December 4, at 7 PM in the Tracy Center



The Rosary Society is kicking off the Christmas Season with a Holiday Sing-Along with members of the parish choir. Come join us for a festive evening of singing and fellowship. We ask that you arrive at 6:45 PM since the choir will begin promptly at 7 PM. As always, friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Note to Rosary Society Members: you can bring your new, unwrapped items for the Jersey Battered Women's Service collection, as well as wrapping paper you may have. If you cannot attend the meeting, please drop off items at the Rectory. A donation of \$1 may be given to purchase Food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.

Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for November and December

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 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

Ministries & Outreaches

Star of Bethlehem



It has been a tradition in our parish to begin our Christmas Outreach Program following the Thanksgiving holiday. For more than thirty years, St. Virgil's parishioners have shown their compassion for the poor by responding generously to the Star of Bethlehem trees.

Two trees with gift card requests will be in our church the weekends of November 24/25, December 1/2 and December 8/9. Anyone wishing to contribute to this outreach program can select an envelope from one of the trees on either side of the altar and purchase the gift card requested.

Please place the envelope with the enclosed gift card in one of the collection boxes under the trees. Please mark the amount on the gift card.

The gift cards are distributed to local charities which provide emergency shelter, food, clothing, and medicinal needs to families in desperate need. When Christmas comes, and children are told "things are scarce this year," our gift cards come to the rescue. To think that it is our gift cards that come to the rescue help us to understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Gift cards will be sold at the main parking lot entrance after each Mass and during the week at the Parish Office hours.

Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs or our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals—with a total of over \$700,000 being returned to parishes last year along! Please help your neighbors in need and our parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30PM in room 101. This month's program: **"ANNUAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY"** For more information please call Lily Capriglione at: 973-568-4164.

Annual Holiday Candlelight Remembrance Program: Our family here at Dangler Funeral Home, Inc. wishes to extend to your family a personal invitation to our Annual Holiday Candlelight Remembrance Program. Our wish is to include the memories of your loved ones in a meaningful way as an important part of this holiday tradition. We want to let you know that you are not alone this holiday season. **When: Thursday, December 6, 2018 Time: 7:00 PM. Where: Dangler Funeral Home** 600 Speedwell Ave. Morris Plains. R.S.V.P. By November 27, 2018 973-539-3300 danglerfuneralhomes@gmail.com The program will include music, readings, and a candle lighting ceremony. You are asked to bring a framed picture or some memorabilia of your loved one to include in the program. These items will be returned to you at the end of the program. Light refreshments will be served. You are welcome to bring guests. When you R.S.V.P please include the number of persons who will be attending to ensure we have adequate seating. Sincerely, Christine Dangler Kip Dangler Betty Dangler Samantha Muro

The St. Patrick School community wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving! As we reflect on the many things for which we are thankful, SPS wants to take this opportunity to share just a few of them with you: We are thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. We are thankful for the support of our parents in creating an outstanding partnership for our students. We are thankful for the teachers, assistants, nurses, lunchroom aides, support staff, and administrators who really care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. We are also thankful for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school. Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Denville's Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation, Inc holds its annual **Holiday Tree, Wreath, and Gift Sale** weekends from Friday November 30 through Sunday, December 16, at the Union Hill Farms stand at 25 Cooper Road off Route 10 West in Denville. Hours are Friday from 4 to 8 PM, Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Regulars return every year for the fresh-cut trees. Come early for garland/roping, bowed wreaths, poinsettias, and more. Gifts and decorations are for sale in our Christmas Shop. Stop by and visit with the volunteers on the weekend. The sale benefits the Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation's preservation efforts. The Farm is listed on both the New Jersey and Federal Historic Registers and the Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so your donations are tax-deductible. Follow Ayres/Knuth Farm Foundation on Facebook for up-to-date information, go to www.ayresknuth.org, or for information or to volunteer, call 973-625-9345.

Weekly Reflections

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mark 13:24-32

Mark's account of Christ discussing Eternity in this week's Gospel is surreal-poetic in form but difficult to understand; fascinating and somewhat frightening. We accept it as a precept and the end goal of our faith, but it is not something we talk about much, perhaps because it is so complex and we are so focused in the "here and now." This reading in Mark is unlike the rest of his Gospels. Christ tells us "the powers in the heavens will be shaken...he will send out the angels and gather his elect...from the ends of the earth, to the end of the sky;" also, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Christ is conveying a reality to us that we can sense, but not prove. He tells us that He will be with us and that we shall live on; that there is another dimension to life, a place where "His words will not pass away, where He will come and send out the angels and gather his elect". We say the "Glory Be" prayer frequently, but how much do we reflect on its ending: "world without end"? If His Word lives on, then we must be there to hear that Word. We will not need all the "stuff" that now represents the world to us, but He will be near to us, which is all we really need. The biggest thing for us is to have lived in such a way as to be one of those "elect" who will be gathered "from the end of the earth to the end of the sky."

Lord, don't let us lose sight of the end-goal!



EVANGELIZATION CORNER GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

Faith and Thanksgiving go hand-in-hand.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends and reflect on the many blessings that God has bestowed upon each of us, especially His grace through His son Jesus Christ. As we each give thanks to God for His goodness to us, we can demonstrate that we truly are thankful by taking this opportunity to reach out and share Jesus Christ's message of love, hope, forgiveness, and eternal life with all those around us.

Thanksgiving provides a natural opportunity for each of us to share our experiences of God's faithfulness to us, to express gratitude to God for the blessings you have received, to share the news of Jesus Christ and to invite other "taste and see that the Lord is good." Reach out and invite family members or friends to a Thanksgiving service at St. Virgil's.

If you are having Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, ask everyone to share what they're most thankful for. If you are dining out for Thanksgiving, ask your server how you can pray for them before praying over the meal.

Our Evangelization Ministry's prayer for you is that the Lord lets his love, comfort, and presence be felt in your life today and every day. And that you are thankful for each other--for family and friends who enrich your lives in wonderful ways and that with his help you can live your life each day in ways that honor and please him.

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Team

