

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

Sat., Nov. 3	5:00 PM	Johanna Eckardt John Keating Joe Gagliardi Ann Marie Lagan
Sun., Nov. 4	7:30 AM	The Reznick Family
	9:00 AM	Florence McShane
	10:30 AM	Peter Askin
Mon., Nov. 5	12:00 PM	Angela & Antonio Gabriele Craig Davidson
	6:30 AM	Michael Romano Michael Weisberg—Special Intentions Mr. Harvey
Tues., Nov. 6	12:10 PM	Lindsay Ireland
	6:30 AM	Maura & Jim Gill—Special Intentions Paul Donnelley—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Herbert Miller
Wed., Nov. 7	6:30 AM	Tony Cwerko
	12:10 PM	Pat DiRuggiero
Thurs., Nov. 8	6:30 AM	Robert Littlejohn—Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Julian Mislavsky
Fri., Nov. 9	6:30 AM	Luz Maria Baina
	12:10 PM	Ann Orlando
Sat., Nov. 10	8:00 AM	Pam Antonaccio
	5:00 PM	George Nunn, Sr.—16 th Anniversary Ann Marie Lgan Rosemary Emms Arcadia R. Doberto
	7:30 AM	Mary Dennehy—87 th Anniversary
Sun., Nov. 11	9:00 AM	Craig Davidson Andrew C. Cecere
	10:30 AM	Anna Russo
	12:00 PM	Antionette Mennella

This Week at St. Virgil's

Saturday, November 3

Confessions, 3:30 – 4:15 PM, Church

Sunday, November 4

Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM, CR

Welcome Sunday, 9 – 11:30 AM, TC

2nd Year FISH Mini-Retreat, 5 – 9 PM, School

Youth Band Practice, 5 – 6 PM, Church

Monday, November 5

Miraculous Medal Novena, 12:40 PM, Church

Tuesday, November 6

Election Day

Return Support Group, 11 AM, TC

Rosary Society, 7 PM, TC

Wednesday, November 7

RCIA, 7 PM, CMR

Thursday, November 8

Bible Study, 10:30 AM, TC

Divine Mercy Novena, 6:30 PM, Chapel

Bible Study, 7 PM, 7th Grade Classroom

Friday, November 9

Eucharistic Adoration following the 6:30 AM Mass

Saturday, November 10

Confession, 3:30-4:15 PM, Church

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

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 **Robert Perkoski**. We pray that **Robert** rests peacefully with the Lord.



Please join with us in offering best wishes to **Renee Christine Russo and Michael Thomas Zavala** who were married here this weekend. We wish, **Renee & Michael**, many years of blessings and happiness.

Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of October 27/28 was \$9,702 (Regular = \$7,757 + Faith Direct = \$1,945). Your commitment to St. Virgil's allows us to continue to support the programs, ministries and outreaches of our Parish

Ministry Schedule for November 10 and 11

	5:00pm Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	12:00 noon
Cantor	Teresa Folan		Nina Rangel	Michael Kane	Sam Cifelli
Lector	Kevin Gopon	Mike Butchko	John Trombetta	Rick Kane	Ellesa Effner
Altar Servers	Michael Gopon		Breanna Barter	Bobby McLoughlin	Michael Szoke
			Brandon Kelly		
			Chris Urriola		
Extraordinary Ministers	Marianne Altrui	Margaret Flory	Dianna DeLorenzo	Viji Alex	Deanna Colasurdo
	Jane Flynn	Rosemary Paulison	Joe DeLorenzo	Maureen Kelly	Jackie Colasurdo
	Renee Gopon	Debbie Richenaker	Bill Hoferer	Frank Miller	Andrew DeBlock
	Marie Hantak	Gary Richenaker	Bernadette Mauser	Karen Schwingel	Matt Fallivene
	Wendy Nunn		June Sambrowski	Cheryl Zebick	Angela Rangel
		Lydia Sesso	Bob Zebick	Louise Spirig	



Fr. Lance's Letter

Last Saturday our nation and world were shocked by the carnage at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA. Eleven people were killed, the youngest was about 55 years old, the oldest 97 and a survivor of

the Holocaust. This was a hate crime committed in a place of worship where every person is welcome to praise, thank, confess and petition God. Nobody was prepared for such a heinous massacre. None of us think that such a bloodbath is even possible. That it happened in our country, and just a half-day ride away from us, make this slaughter most painful and utterly non-Christian.

Together with some of our parishioners I attend the vigil service held at Adath Shalom, 841 Mountain Way, Morris Plains last Sunday at 7:30 PM. The Synagogue welcomed everyone to this vigil service; we were greeted at the door and given a candle for this service. The sanctuary was packed with mainly Jewish families. There were people from all faiths (in front of me were three Muslim women, too). The vigil began with a hymn in Hebrew, followed by our National Anthem. This Synagogue has no organ or any musical instruments. Yet the voice of the cantors and the Rabbis were superb, impressive and very reverent. I noticed that the Jewish congregation joined in most of the singing. There were eleven candles lit, placed on a table on the dais. These represented each of the deceased members who attended the Tree of Life Synagogue last Saturday.

Rabbi Moshe Rudin who leads Adath Shalom welcomed all of us and expressed his admiration in seeing such a large turn out from various communities. He welcomed especially the Mayors of Morristown and Randolph (they both spoke briefly), our own NJ Assemblyman, and educators from the local schools. Speeches, prayers and sung psalms were offered by visiting Rabbis. The Kaddish was recited by the whole congregation during which we lit our candles. This prayer is often called the "mourner's prayer" and always ends with a sincere request for peace: *May He who makes peace in His high places grant in his mercy peace upon us.*

The main theme of this vigil was to pray, to ask God for his protection and mercy, and that such a carnage should never ever happen again. May we keep our Jewish brothers and sisters in our prayers, pray for peace and respect for all religions. Most of all, let us strive to "*be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ...(and) live as children of the light*" (Eph 4:32 & 5:8)

May God bless us all with peace, understanding and goodwill to all - *Fr. Lance*

SAVE THIS DATE

Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. This will be a very, very important event for our St. Virgil Parish. We are hosting "**Dynamic Catholic**" in the person of **Dr. Allen Hunt** and his team. Our theme will be: **Find Your Greatness!** Please reserve this date and time. More information will be published in the near future. I personally believe that this mini-retreat will grace us as individuals and as a parish family. We need to be great!

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

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



A shout out to all our senior parishioners:

We have an invitation to attend the Morristown High School production of "PRANCER", their fall show. We have

been asked to come on Wednesday, November 14, at 3 PM. and to arrive after 2:45 when school lets out. Come on out and let's support our younger parish members as they entertain us for the afternoon. At intermission, there will also be free refreshments for us. Please let me know if you are interested, so that I can RSVP to the school. Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you. Blessings on us all. Kathy Sisler (973) 538-1379.

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

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 ever 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.

Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, at 7 PM
in the Tracy Center
Featuring A Surprise Movie



Come join us for an evening of camaraderie, conversation and a movie that is sure to please. Bring a friend—they're always welcomed. A donation of \$1 may be given to purchase food Pantry items, in lieu of a canned good.

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



Faith Formation

Religious Education Schedule for November

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

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.)

Ministries & Outreaches

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 this weekend, 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, 973-627-8762.

Golf Outing Results: On Monday, September 24, the Bishop McLaughlin Council of the Knights of Columbus held our annual Monsignor Fallon/Jack O'Brien Memorial Golf Outing with all proceeds directed to the Youth of St. Virgil Parish. These funds will also be utilized to continue our Opioid Addiction Communication campaign. Many thanks to the 72 golfers and 10 additional folks that attended the dinner that evening. Due to the support of 84 sponsors, our event generated \$10,650 for the above campaigns, A NEW RECORD! We will place a poster in the church showcasing the support of our sponsors. Once again, many thanks.

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



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 12 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.

Around the Diocese

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

When you give to a charitable organization, it is important to be confident that the funds are used wisely. Please know that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the following causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our urban elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence and priests' extraordinary healthcare needs. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goals is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties. You can make a pledge with confidence when you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org. Thank you!

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

Christmas Music CD Offer from the Cathedral: This year the musicians at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, are offering ah hour long CD of 19 freshly recorded sacred Christmas Hymns with singers from both Broadway and the Opera. The \$15.75 tax deductible donation per CD will again be devoted to assisting the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson area. The CD will surely make a beautiful, lasting, and thoughtful Christmas gift for you and others you care for. For more information, obtain a purchase from your parish office, the Cathedral website, or call Tom Kieren at (973) 214-6473, and send it

together with you check to: Christmas CD Offer, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

EXPERIENCE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

On Friday, November 9, prospective students in grades Kindergarten thru 7th grade and their parents are invited to spend the day at St. Joseph School. Attend classes, meet our staff and experience firsthand the vibrant learning environment at SJS. To register, call 973.543.7474, ext. 7. Visit www.sjsmendham.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [sjsmendhamnj](https://www.instagram.com/sjsmendhamnj).

St. Patrick School Fall Open House Events

Come see how your child can #BeTheFuture! Join St. Patrick School for our Fall Open House events on Wednesday, November 7 from 7:30-9PM and on Thursday, November 8 from 9-11AM. Pre-K3 through 8th grade. Meet our teachers and tour our safe, inviting school campus. Learn more about our STEM certification and why SPS is a National Blue Ribbon school. Find out about our Transfer Grants*. Visit technology-equipped classrooms and labs. Receive curriculum and admission information. Learn more about our high academic standards. Watch faith in action daily. Find out why students and parents love our school! RSVP to admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623. For more information, visit www.st-pats-school.org.

Tiny Tot Thursdays on November 15

Parents and caregivers of toddlers, please join St. Patrick School for *Tiny Tot Thursday* on November 15 at 10 a.m. This month, a Chatham Borough Police Officer will read to our tots in the SPS Makerspace, followed by craft time with SPS Art Teacher, Mrs. Vowells. For more information, log on to www.st-pats-school.org. To attend *Tiny Tot Thursdays*, RSVP to admissions@st-pats.org or call 973-635-4623.

Weekly Reflections

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 12:28b-34

In today's Gospel of Mark, as we wind down Year B, we are enlightened by Christ's, the Teacher's, response to a Scribe's (a student of the Old Testament law) question about which is the first of all the commandments. Mark reported that Christ was direct and to the point with the scribe, stating "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart...and Soul. And second, "love your neighbor as yourself." The scribe reportedly appreciated the wisdom of Christ's answer, and Christ respected his sincere understanding of the law. Christ told him that he was not far from the Kingdom of God. Christ did not blather on and on. He put it out there simply, as he does for us, "Love God, Love Your Neighbor!" That's His message. Easier said than done, for all of us.

We are coming to the end of the Church's liturgical year, so let's review where we are in the Church's calendar, of which there are three rotations. Each year is devoted to one of the three Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. Year A is the Gospel of Matthew; Year B is the Gospel of Mark (the present liturgical year); and Year C is the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is used throughout the rotations for Holy Days. Thus, every year we begin a new Synoptic Gospel rotation, and so on. We only hear the same reading every third year, although it may seem to us that we hear many of them much more frequently. The rotation in the Gospels begins anew every First Sunday in Advent (this year it is December 2nd).

We started sharing these reflections three year ago in Year C, when the Pope had called for a Year of Mercy. Since the Gospel of Luke is called the Gospel of Compassion, it was fitting that the Pope devote the Gospel of Luke, Year C, as the Year of Mercy. The second year we followed the Gospel of Matthew (Year A), and are now completing the cycle with Year B, the Gospel of Mark. This coming liturgical year we shall return to the Gospel of Luke (Year C).

In addition to the Gospels, there are three other readings in each Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. The first reading is from the Old Testament and almost always has the same theme as the Gospel reading. As we meditate on the Gospel, let's try also to see if we can find the common theme shared with the Old Testament. The second reading is the Responsorial Psalm, a prayer which is rich in poetry and meaning, followed by one of Paul's Epistles. The Epistle does not share in the common theme of the Gospel and Old Testament but gives us more on which to meditate.

Lord, help us learn and live by Your word!

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



Jesus said: "A greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13).

SERVICE (Servant) EVANGELISM, the last of our discussion on evangelization approaches, can be done at any time, with relative ease and can be exciting and fun while providing an opportunity to share the Good News. If you naturally notice the needs of others and enjoy serving them, you might prefer this approach to evangelism. People who prefer this approach enjoy sharing the love of Christ through deed over word.

Unfortunately, there are many who accuse Catholics of preaching love but not showing love, while at the same time, there are some

evangelists who criticize Catholics as showing love, through their outreach programs, but not preaching love or the Gospel. Service evangelization, if done properly, can both show and preach love. The idea behind this type of evangelization approach is to reach people with love, compassion and service with a kind heart, a generous attitude and an embracing smile; reaching people for Christ by actively demonstrating God's love and grace in practical ways. The driver for Service Evangelization appears to be the gospel of Matthew (*Matthew 25:35-40*) in which Jesus is teaching his followers to meet both the spiritual and material needs of their neighbors; that is, to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned and to bury the dead. The premise for this approach is that practical acts of kindness if done with the right motivation can open the door to sharing of the Gospel and lead people closer to accepting Jesus. Since love is demonstrated by showing concern for others, it is important that we all serve others with good works and charitable deeds. Taking time to call someone who is sick, visit someone in the hospital, send a card, to comfort friends who has a death in the family will show others that we care.

There is an anonymous quote that states, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care". This eloquently captures the idea behind Servant Evangelism, that if we can reach people as servants we can then soften their hearts and bring them to accepting the Gospel.

However, it is important to recognize that the service activity alone is not evangelization. Evangelization requires that the service be accompanied by an explanation or discussion of the Gospel and that it is the Gospel that gives meaning to our actions. If you find that this is the method for you there are many ministries here at St. Virgil that offer opportunities for you to spread the Good News through Service Evangelization.

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

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry

Send upon us, O God, from your treasure-house
the Spirit of sevenfold grace,
who rested upon you in all his fullness:
the spirit of wisdom,
enabling us to relish the fruit of the tree of life,
which is indeed yourself; the gift of understanding:
to enlighten our perceptions;
the gift of prudence,
enabling us to follow in your footsteps;
the gift of strength:
to withstand our adversary's onslaught;
the gift of knowledge:
to distinguish good from evil
by the light of your holy teaching;
the gift of piety:
to clothe ourselves with charity and mercy;
the gift of fear:
to withdraw from all ill-doing
and live quietly in awe of your eternal majesty.
These are the things for which we ask.
Grant them for the honor of your holy name,
to which, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, thanksgiving, renown,
and lordship for ever and ever. Amen.

~St. Bonaventure