

This Week at St. Virgil Parish

Sunday, February 28, 2010

PREP B, 10:15AM, TC
 YM Band Rehearsal, 11 AM, Café
 Franciscan Mystery Players, 7:30 PM, Church
 Confirmation Classes, 6 PM, Campus

Monday, March 1, 2010

Reconciliation, 7 PM, Church

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Faith-Sharing Group, 1:15 PM, CMR
 Jr. High PREP, 6:45 PM, School

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

HSA Meeting, 7 PM, Library
 Faith Sharing Group, 7:30 PM, CMR

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Faith Sharing Group, 10 AM, CMR
 Faith Sharing Group, 10:30 AM, CR
 Choir Rehearsals, Usual Times, Church
 Yoga Class, 6:45 PM, TC
 Faith Sharing Group, 8 PM, Library

Friday, March 5, 2010

Lenten Presentation, 1 PM, TC
 Stations of the Cross, 7 PM, Church

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Faith Sharing Group, 9 AM, CMR

Sunday, March 6, 2010

PREP A, 10:15 AM, School



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 27	5:00	Blair W. Morris
Sun., Feb. 28	7:30	For the People
	9:00	Macaylah Brueder
	10:30	Dominick Palumbo
	12:00	Anne Cunningham
Mon., Mar. 1	6:30	Judith Love
	12:10	Pamela Costens Bauman Marie Rocha & Daughter
Tue., Mar. 2	6:30	Manilito Alvarez Peter Tonini
	12:10	Marie Kurtulik Marie Abbott
Wed., Mar. 3	6:30	John & Elizabeth Connors
	12:10	Mary Bergstedt Ethel Monica
Thurs., Mar. 4	6:30	For Peace in the World
	12:10	Emilio A. Carlucci, 10th Anniversary Joseph Moglia Hector Vella
Fri., Mar. 5	6:30	For Our Parish & School Family
	9:00	Marilyn Snow Billie Bryane
	12:10	Daniel Sullivan Frank Santomeno Helen Santomeno
Sat., Mar. 6	8:00	Mark Paul Longua
	5:00	Celeste Sodano
Sun., Mar. 7	7:30	For the People
	9:00	Joseph Signorelli, Sr.
	10:30	Deborah Breen
	12:00	Antonio Gabriele

Among Ourselves



We offer our prayerful condolences to the families and friends of **Mary Loehner** and **Yolanda Marcellaro**.

May Mary & Yolanda rest in God's peace.

Please pray for the sick of our parish family: **Janet Lake, Alan Rhea, Tina Witowsky, Gregory Kerian, David Helmkin, Tara DeMarzo, Ted & Ann Carbin, Frances**



Merlo, Kay Pezeshki, Nancy Rosnell, Mabelle Uehara, Zoe Budwick, Marie McNamara, Mary Ann Colasurdo, Judith Lynch, Betty Clary, Andrea Muli, Mary Beckett, Albert M. Harenchar, Susie Bryce, Daniel Guadreau, Valerie Lano, Roger Gerdes, Katherine Bayer, Joan Green, Tommy Barnes, Sr. Margaret McCowan, Charles Petrock, Jr., Sue Ann Cattano, Ellen Selert, Jimmy Graham, Baby Kayla Davidson, Marcella Butchko, Frank Suchenski, Bruna Gaudioso, Fr. Bob Norton, David Weelock, and Angela Nucci.

Welcome Home To Healing

“Welcome Home” is a diocesan initiative inviting all Catholics to experience the grace of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday in March, during Lent, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come walk and pray with us as we journey with Jesus to Calvary and pray the Stations of the Cross during this Lenten season - a season to reflect on our Christian faith - a season to reconcile ourselves with our creator and redeemer - Jesus the Christ.

TIME & DATES

WHERE: IN THE CHURCH

WHEN: FRIDAYS DURING LENT

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

DATES: 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19



ATTENTION ALL ST. VIRGIL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS
WITH PRIMARY GRADE AND/OR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

REGISTRATION FOR SAINT VIRGIL ACADEMY
AND MORRIS CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL
WILL BEGIN FOR NEW STUDENTS IN EARLY MARCH.

If you would like to learn more about our programs or
observe classes in session, join us for our

FANTASTIC FRIDAY OPEN HOUSE

on any Friday during the school year 9:30 to 11 AM or 1:00 to 2:30 PM

Call 973-539-7267 to let us know when you'd like to drop by!

For 100 years, parents have entrusted our school to help form their children both academically and spiritually.

See for yourself the benefits of a Catholic School education!

St. Virgil Academy (Grades Pre-K – 5th)

Morris Catholic Junior School (Grades 6th - 8th)

The Way of the Cross A Franciscan Mystery Play



Today, Sunday, February 28, at 7:30PM, the Franciscan Mystery Players will present their moving version of "The Way of the Cross" in the church. Written by Franciscan Father Francis Pompei, the Mystery Play is not a "play" in the common sense, but is, in fact, a prayerful experience that uses special lighting, a stirring soundtrack, pantomime actions and an inspirational narration to portray the Stations of the Cross in a manner that invites each viewer to contemplate the meaning of the Passion, and how it relates to their life today. The group is comprised of 14 teens and 10 adult advisors from several parishes in the Paterson Diocese. Adults and teens are strongly encouraged to attend this special Lenten experience. We suggest you arrive 15 minutes early. A free will offering will be taken up to support the players.

St. Virgil School Grand 50/50 Raffle

Tickets for the St. Virgil School Grand 50/50 Raffle Drawing are now available for purchase at the Parish Office or from any school family. Tickets cost \$5 each. Drawing will take place at our Annual Gift Auction on **March 12, 2010**. Winners need not be present. Last year's first prize was over \$3,000! Please support our parish school by purchasing a ticket or two. You could be one of the lucky winners!

1st Prize will be 50% of 1/2 of the Total
2nd Prize will be 35% of 1/2 of the Total
3rd Prize will be 15% of 1/2 of the Total

Save the Dates!!!

March 7 - Lenten Sunday Presentation

*FIRST 100 YEARS FROM
MESSIANIC JUDAISM TO
CHRISTIANITY TO CATHOLICISM*

Deacon Merle Sisler

after the 12 noon Mass (1:00PM)
Soup and bread meal, in the Tracy
Center

March 14 – Lenten Sunday
Presentation

*THE LEGACY OF POPE JOHN XXIII,
THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION*

Deacons Tom Harenchar & Ken Rado
after the 12 noon Mass (1:00PM)
Soup and bread meal, in the Tracy
Center

April 11-14 - Parish Mission

WE COME TO TELL OUR STORIES
with Fr. James Friedel, OSA.

Yoga Classes in the Tracy Center

No previous knowledge of yoga is necessary to begin. Come join us as we explore a wonderful way to develop a healthy body while alleviating stress through a system of physical postures, breath work and relaxation. The class consists of a gentle warm-up, standing, strengthening, and balancing postures, calming poses, and final relaxation. If you are interested in finding out more details, call the Parish Office.

ST. VIRGIL SCHOOL GIFT AUCTION Friday, March 12, 2010

At a NEW VENUE:

The Villa at Mountain Lakes Frungillo Caterers, Inc.
90 Route 46 East Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

Gift Auction Benefits the St. Virgil School Community



- Tickets \$50 Per Person, which includes an elegant sit-down dinner
- Doors open at 5:00PM
- Basket bidding will end promptly at 7:30PM
- Silent Auction will end promptly at 8:00PM
- Gift Baskets Valued From \$200 To Over \$1,000
- Grand Prize Items, Silent Auction, SVS Children's Art Auction, Many Raffles, Surprise Bags, Goody Bags, and a St. Virgil School Heritage Display
- Cash Bar Available. (Must be over 21 to attend.)

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office. Stop by to pick one up for you and a friend.

For additional information, call
St. Virgil School at 973-539-7267
or visit St. Virgil website at www.stvirgil.com

Bereavement Sessions

Losing a loved one is never easy. If you have suffered a loss, think about joining us for our Bereavement Support Sessions. Open sessions for anyone who has suffered a loss will be offered through the winter and spring. Sessions will be held in the Tracy Center, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, on the following Saturdays: March 27, April 24, and May 15. These sessions will offer sharing in a caring, supportive atmosphere. The sessions will be led by Barbara Trimiglozzi, Board Certified Chaplain, and Joanne Calafiore, Pastoral Associate of our Pastoral Team. Regular scheduled Mass is at 8:00 AM in the church. Attendance at Mass is optional. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne, on extension 222, or at joannecal@gmail.com, or Barbara on extension 221, in the Parish Office at 973-538-1418.



During Lent our Elect, **Kaelli and Danny Zacchini** continue to prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Christian initiation – Baptism,

Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. They will have special prayers prayed over them as they enter the final period of their preparation called Purification and Enlightenment. The Book of the Elect, which was signed by the Bishop last Sunday at the Cathedral, will remain at our Baptismal altar until the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for Kaelli and Danny, and for all people who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter, that they may, through their sacramental celebrations, deepen their relationship with the risen Lord. Joanne Calafiore, Pastoral Associate

Inwood House Baby Boutique Collection

To help enable very young mothers to **CHOOSE LIFE**, to keep their babies, and break the poverty cycle, during this Lent, please consider donating an item to *the Inwood House Baby Boutique* in NYC. There young mothers can “buy” baby items, but the only currency that is accepted are the points earned for positive parenting behavior. **Donated items must be new/unused** and can be all types of baby clothes, newborn essentials such as baby bags/blankets/teething rings/rattle toys, or even infant carriers. Stop by the table behind the presider’s chair for an information sheet on Inwood House or to drop off a donation. Of course checks or cash are welcome, too.

Please make checks payable to St. Virgil Parish. Parishioner, Margaret Herold is leading this drive to support Inwood House.

Girls Scouts Collection for Area Pound

Our area animals need your help! St. Virgil School Girl Scout Troop 662 is organizing a supply drive to benefit the Randolph Animal Pound. The pound serves the local community and has animals in need of supplies while they await adoption. Bins located at the church doors will be available to receive your donation anytime between February 27 and March 7. Please consider donating any of the following items: Dry Cat Food; Dog Food (dry or canned); Pet Crates/Carriers (new or gently used); Towels and Blankets (new or gently used); Cat or Dog Goodies (e.g., bones, toys, treats, etc.).

Why Catholic Faith-Sharing Sessions

Allow God to touch you through the *Why Catholic?* program. We continue this Lent with the next book in the series, *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacrament*. Consider joining one of the many groups whether you were part of a group last year or not. Our small faith-sharing groups have begun to meet. This program is also not cumulative, so it gives you the freedom to attend as your schedule allows. You are still welcome to join a discussion group as well as a virtual discussion group through the internet. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Joanne Calafiore in the Parish Office or email at joannecal@gmail.com.

Thank You Note from St. Clare's Hospital

Thank you to...the Prayer Shawl Ministry for all the wonderful prayer shawls and hats you have made and donated to our patients here at Cancer Care at Saint Clare's. I wish all of you could see the smile on the face of each patient when we present one of your handmade gifts! As someone who does a bit of knitting, I appreciate all the time, care and love that you put into each of your creations. On behalf of our patients, thank you for what you do.

Diane Wood, LCSW, Sr. Oncology Counselor

Program for Girls

All Things Girl – A 13-week series airing on EWTN beginning on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:00pm with a repeat showing on Friday, March 5, at 10:30am. This program will help girls, ages 9 through 13, discover God's plan for their lives and how by following Him their world can be changed forever.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE	Mar 6, 5:00 PM	Mar 7, 7:30 AM	Mar 7, 9:00 AM	Mar 7, 10:30 AM	Mar 7, 12:00 PM
Extraordinary Minister	Joseph Barry Veronica Kelly Karen Schwingel Nancy Vella Cheryl Zebick Robert Zebick	Tom Effner Margaret Herold Clareanne Lanktree Daniel Lanktree Dennis Paulison Rosemary Paulison	Barbara Fisher Eileen Fogleman John LoSapio Rita McCleary Liane Paul John Schultz	Chelsea Cattano Maureen Kelly Penny Manser B/P Mauser Bill Murphy Irene Selitto	Marie Aloia Anthony Avella Rita Birmingham Geraldyn Colasurdo Lisa Cox Nancy Gares
Lector	Kelly McDermott	Ellesa Effner	Raymond Lillie	Ann Negri	Craig Perkins
Altar Server	Carrie Fleury JP Halis Gina Simone	Mary Katherine Effner Michael Manley Veronica Manley	Patrick Fischer Erin Fischer Kaitlyn Gilchrist	Kenneth Aranus Ian Mauser Sarah Zebick	Deanna Colasurdo Jacquelyn Colasurdo Vince Loia

THE POWER OF WORDS THE DANGER OF REPETITION

By Dr. Patricia Bartle

“Take this, all of you, and eat it, this is my body, which will be given up for you.”

John Westerhoff, an Episcopalian priest, predicted that the 20th Century will go down in history as “an era of unconsciousness.” Too frequently this prediction becomes a reality during the Communion Rite of Sunday Eucharist! It is so easy to fall into the trap of receiving Communion as if it were just one more thing that we do at Mass. Because we hear the Words of Institution week after week, they can become so common place. Yet, if we take a moment to become conscious of their meaning, we will approach Communion with a vivid awareness of the sacredness of this moment.

When those present at the Last Supper received Communion, they were unaware of HOW Jesus would give his body up for them. The next day they witnessed the horror of the crucifixion. It would be hard to imagine that any of them would ever approach Communion casually!

The sacrifice of the Mass is a sacramental re-presentation of Christ's paschal mystery. The Words of Institution command us to “take and eat” in such a prominent a way they cannot be ignored. It was the general custom to have the Host placed in the hand of the communicant until sometime in the 9th Century. Sometime later people were expected to receive the Host with a hand covered by a white linen cloth. As reverence and awe of the Host continued to increase, the Host was placed directly on the tongue of the communicant. Even though this exaggerated sense of awe and unworthiness that were common for many centuries are not considered the ideal, neither is the opposite attitude of irreverence. Ministers of Holy Communion have a serious responsibility to set the example of reverence for the community.

NORMS FOR RECEIVING THE CONSECRATED HOST

1. The communicant approaches the Minister of Holy Communion reverently.
2. The minister offers the Host with the words, “The Body of Christ.”
3. The communicant bows his/her head reverently and responds, “Amen.”
4. If the communicant wishes to receive Communion in the hand, he/she stretches his/her hands forward one under the other to form a place for the minister to place the Host.
5. The Host is to be consumed IMMEDIATELY.
6. The faithful are not permitted to take the consecrated Host and dip it into the Precious Blood themselves. Communion is always given by another.
7. The communicant wishing to receive Communion on the tongue, approaches the minister with hands folded, says “Amen,” and receives the Host.
8. The faithful never TAKE or GRAB the consecrated bread from the minister. Rather they RECEIVE the Body of Christ reverently. (Norms for receiving the Precious Blood will be printed next week.