

This Week at St. Virgil Parish

Sunday, March 7, 2010

PREP A, 10:15AM, TC
Lenten Presentation, 1PM, Church

Monday, March 8, 2010

Reconciliation, 7 PM, Church

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Faith-Sharing Group, 1:15 PM, CMR

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Prayer Shawl Mtg. 1 PM, CMR
Faith Sharing Group, 7:30 PM, CMR

Thursday, March 11, 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 12, 2010

SVS Gift Auction, 5 PM, The Villa, Mt. Lakes
Stations of the Cross, 7 PM, Church

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Faith Sharing Group, 9 AM, CMR

Sunday, March 14, 2010

PREP B, 10:15 AM, School
Lenten Presentation, 1 PM, Church
Appalachia Outreach, 1:30 PM, Library
Confirmation Classes, 6 PM, Campus



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 6	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
Mon., Mar. 8	6:30	Charles Smith
	12:10	Catherine & Joseph Kubinec Mary Polise, 13 th Anniversary Jack Brennan
Tues., Mar. 9	6:30	Mary Loehner
	12:10	David Ackerman Brenden Brady
Wed., Mar. 10	6:30	For the Parish
	12:10	Anna Russo Pamela Costens-Bauman
Thurs., Mar. 11	6:30	Rose Vickerilla
	12:10	Concetta Terranova Marie Rocha
Fri., Mar. 12	6:30	For the Parish
	12:10	Frank Lombardi James O'Keefe, 1 st Anniversary Rose Capricciuolo
Sat., Mar. 13	8:00	Rita Spriggs
	5:00	Jack Denman
Sun., Mar. 14	7:30	For the People
	9:00	Catherine Glanville
	10:30	Nicholas Femicola
	12:00	Francis Caroselli

Among Ourselves

We offer our prayerful condolences to the families and friends of **Angela Nucci and Thaddeus Keilbasa**.



May Angela and Thaddeus 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 Gaudio, Fr. Bob Norton, and David Weelock.

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: 3/12 and 3/19

Third Sunday
in
Lent

**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 THIS MONTH**

**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 11:00 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)

St. Virgil School Grand 50/50 Raffle

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS!

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

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.

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.

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. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Joanne Calafiore in the Parish Office or email at joannecal@gmail.com.

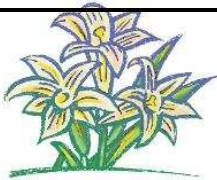
Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place on the following Sundays at the 9AM mass:

March 7, 14, and 21

April 11, 18, and 25

Children, aged 4-11, are invited to come forward and proceed in groups to the meeting rooms behind the altar for their own Liturgy of the Word.



LENT AND EASTER
SCHEDULE

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 15, at 7:30PM

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:15PM

Holy Thursday, April 1

Morning Prayer 9:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00PM

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer, 9:00AM

Liturgy of the Passion 3:00PM

Tenebrae, Service of Light Scripture & Song 8:00PM

Holy Saturday, April 3

Morning Prayer 9AM

Blessing of Easter Foods 2:00PM

Easter Vigil Liturgy 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:15PM

Morris View Nursing Home

“Tea” - On Wednesday, March 10th, we will be baking for and serving our monthly “Tea”. Everyone enjoys the day – residents and volunteers alike. If you can help with this endeavor by baking a cake, brownies, cookies, etc. (no nuts please), please leave your contribution on the table provided at the parking lot entrance of the church by noon on the 10th.



“Fresh Fruit Sunday” - On Sunday, March 14th, we will be collecting fresh fruit to be distributed to our shut-in friends. The residents look forward to the “Fruit Sunday” each month and thank us many times for your thoughtfulness and generosity. If you can contribute, please leave your fruit in the cartons provided at each entrance of the church on the 14th.



If you have any questions, please call Ann Negri at 973 538-8609.

Prime Time

Apologies for Mother Nature's nasty behavior last week. As a result of cancelling our meeting, I want to bring you up to date on a few things.

Our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon is coming up in less than three weeks on Friday, March 19, at 1PM. Send your check for \$14, payable to St. Virgil Prime Time, to Jeanne McGuinness at 18 Central Avenue in Morris Plains. We need a head count for food so do this quickly.

Our White Elephant Sale will take place in April and pizza will be on the menu that day.

Morristown High School invites all seniors to their production of *Barnum*, on Thursday, March 18, at 3PM at the school – 50 Early Street in Morristown. No charge and refreshments will be served.

Also, seniors are invited to the 11th Intergenerational Prom on Friday, May 7, from 6:30 to 9:30PM, for dinner, dancing, and memories. Event has limited seating so a response is needed by April 24.

Anne Benson,
Prime Time Coordinator

Save the Dates for our Parish Carnival - May 5, 6, 7, & 8

We need all of our parish family to help out, so please put aside some volunteer hours for this wonderful event!

THE POWER OF WORDS THE DANGER OF REPETITION

By Dr. Patricia Bartle

***“Take this, all of you, and drink from it.
This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant,
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.”***

Each time the Eucharist is celebrated, the Words of Institution make it clear that drinking from the sacred chalice is equally as important as receiving Communion under the form of bread. Hence, in the early Church eating and drinking was the common form of receiving Communion. This was also the practice of the Roman Catholic Church until the 13th Century. Its slow disappearance was due to many causes: an exaggerated concern that great wrong would be committed if the Precious Blood were spilled, the spreading of certain heresies concerning the Eucharist and emphasis on the doctrine of “concomitance” which states that the whole Risen Lord, Body and Blood, soul and divinity, is received under the form of bread alone. The sharing of the chalice was officially forbidden in 1415.

Our study of the Hebrew Scriptures reveals the importance of blood in the Israelite community. If the presence of the blood of an irrational animal on the doorposts of the Israelites was enough to have the angel of death pass over that household, how much more powerful is the Blood of Christ on the lips of those who believe. Conscious of this fact, the Fathers of the Second Vatican took a cautionary approach to the restoration of the original custom of allowing the laity to drink from the chalice. Only gradually has the practice broadened so that today everyone is offered the Precious Blood at every Mass.

It is the option of the communicant to decide whether or not to DRINK from the chalice. However, it is not the option of the communicant to IGNORE the Precious Blood. It is the firm belief of the Catholic Church that after the consecration, the contents of the chalice is no longer wine; it is the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

NORMS FOR REVERENCING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

1. Every communicant approaches the minister of the Cup and bows his/her head reverently to acknowledge the Sacred Presence.
2. The minister offers the Cup to those who choose to receive it with the words, “The Blood of Christ,” and the communicant responds “Amen”.
3. The communicant then takes the Cup and either drinks of the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant or simply allows the Precious Blood to touch his/her lips.
4. Finally, the communicant returns the Cup to the minister and is seated.
5. Those who choose not to receive the Precious Blood simply bow and continue to walk by the minister and return to their seat.

Prayerful reflection on the Words of Institution will enable all of us to be more conscious of the sacredness of the moment as we approach the Minister to receive the Precious Body and Blood our Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE	Mar 13, 5:00PM	Mar 14, 7:30AM	Mar 14, 9:00AM	Mar 14, 10:30PM	Mar 14, 12:00PM
Extraordinary Minister	Peggy Bergh Theresa Davidson Jeannie Diamond Jane Flynn Lisa Kaminsky Helen Salerno	Shirley Fleury Dorothy Halloran Catherine Marshall Joan Sambrowski Jean Williams Lloyd Williams	C/J Brady Lori Clendenny Jane Fischer William Hoferer Stephanie Morgan Kathleen Petrozzo	Richard Kagan Vincent Lindgren Frank Miller Marita Miller James Scannelli Sue Carol Scannelli	Paul LaMonica Pearl Law Chris Letta Wendy Nunn Lynn Stevens Barbara Trimiglozzi
Lector	Peg Adams	Kelsey Cromie	D/J McKenna	Stephen Kubinec	Darci Beauchamp
Altar Server	Zak Kaminsky Elizabeth Potter John Potter	Kate Feeney Ryan Feeney Conor Williams	Jack Clendenny Nicola Giacchi Ryan Hoferer	Maxwell Drake Nicole Griffin	Jenna LoFaro Elizabeth Rado Michael Rado