

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41



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St. Virgil's Parish

New Contact Info >>>

Our Weekly Newsletter for our Parish Family



During the COVID-019 Virus Furlough, you can reach us at:

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A Letter from Fr. Michal

I hope that everyone is doing well during this challenging and difficult time. Here at St. Virgil's, we are following all the guidelines of the Diocese of Paterson regarding the current situation facing our world. As per Bishop Serratelli's Mandate: Health and Safety Measures for Pastoral Life in the Diocese of Paterson, all of the Masses are celebrated in private without congregants.

Although the Parish Office will be closed until further notice, Gloria, our parish secretary, will be working remotely. You can reach at 973-538-1418 / 862-242-6961 or svparishoffice@gmail.com during regular business hours.

If there will be an emergency, please contact me directly at 862-242-6374. I can also be reached by e-mail: fr.falgowski@gmail.com.

The celebration of Confirmation and the First Eucharist are postponed.

I am fully aware, how difficult it is not to participate in the Eucharist right now. On our website, you can find a link to the daily Masses celebrated by Bishop Barren. We will be live streaming weekend Masses from St. Virgil's on Facebook. You don't need an account to see our page and to participate in them. Here is the link to our profile: www.facebook.com/StVirgilParish.

I'm working on exploring other options to live stream anything happening at St. Virgil's.

I invite you to participate in our Virtual Prayer Opportunities. We will have live-streamed devotions on Facebook, so please stay tuned and follow us on Facebook. Currently, it's the best and easiest platform of communication.

Please reach out to us if there is anyone who needs food dropped off or need help with groceries. We have parishioners willing to help. I strongly encourage you to be a good and loving neighbor to those who live next to you. Please check on them if they need anything.

If there is anything I could do for you, please let me know. I am here for you!

Finally, below please find the updated liturgical schedule for St. Virgil's.

May God bless us and protect us!

Fr. Michal



Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

Sat., Mar. 21	Peggy Schrak Dolores Macguffin
Sun., Mar. 22	Catherine O'Hara Joseph Santofiore—29 th Anniversary Vincent Verga Josephine Ingara Anthony Pagliaco
Mon., Mar. 23	Helen Bowee Purificacion Diokno John Mele
Tues., Mar. 24	Frank Landi John Mele
Wed., Mar. 25	Rosemary Paulison—Special Intentions Janet Ditrlich Nancy LaMonica Bernice Sisler—28 th Anniversary
Thurs., Mar. 26	Frank Landi Tony Loughlin—Special Intentions
Fri., Mar. 27	Robert, Helen, Kevin & Thomas Underhill Eileen Holden & family
Sat., Mar. 28	In Thanksgiving from the Bernardo Family Fannie & Cozzie Gallo Sue Ann Cattano James Konyak Helen Rykowski



Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Priszano, Jacqueline Paw, Veronica Kelly, Baby Akeen Butchko, Mary Beth Jensen, Colleen Dillion & Family, Mary Maffeo, Marie E. Logan, Mallory Miller, Rose Marie Warrick, Sandra Buck, Margaret Ellis, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Daniella, Anne Benson, Bob Taylor, Kamasha Redhead, Miah Tully, Barabara Bock, Baby Emma Scannelli, Stephen Burke, Eileen Lagan, and Teresa Proconio.



Please pray for all those who serve in defense of our Country, both at home and abroad, especially:

The deployed airmen of the 914 Air Refueling Wing

SSGT Blake Reidinger

LT Patrick Leahey

LCDR Daniel M. Leahey

LT Mark C. Leahey

LT Kian Federick Stewart

DCI Alexander V. Fernandez

CPL Irvin Carithers

MJR Gary Windt

MJR Stephanie Sittmann

SSGT Thomas Sittman

PO2 Timothy Butchko

SSGT Eric Wright

2LT Ryan Feeney

LT Mark Van Orden

LTR Andrew McGuinness

MSGT T.J. Hopkins

LT Kelsey Bergh

LT Tyler Huhn



Church Regulations Regarding Fast & Abstinence

Abstinence from meat (beast & fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent. The obligations prohibit eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days are not permitted.

Interfaith Food Pantry

During this world-wide pandemic, we have had many new experiences. One of those has been entering our local supermarket and finding the shelves empty. Our friends at the Interfaith Food Pantry have increased need during these weeks ahead.

Please think about our neighbors in need while you are shopping. The current needs for the pantry include: 100% fruit juice, spaghetti/pasta sauce, tomato products, canned vegetables, cereal—low sugar, high fiber, dry milk (1 qt. pkg.), evaporated milk, calcium-fortified milk alternatives such as soy, rice, or almond milk, canned beans, (NOT green beans), tuna fish, peanut butter (18 oz.) canned meats and meals, hash, stew, canned chicken, chili, Rice-A-Roni, Pasta-Roni, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, soups, condensed and hearty, infant formula (Enfamil preferred—yellow, purple, blue) baby food (fruits, vegetables), Stage 2 (Meats & Meals, vegetables, fruits), Stage 3 (Meats & Meals, vegetables, fruits), baby cereal—oatmeal, Diapers Size 6, baby wipes, reusable grocery bags, Boost or Ensure, regular, Boost Glucose, Control, or Glucerna and resealable (i.e. Ziploc) sandwich bags and quart-sized plastic resealable.

You can place your offerings on the pews behind the Altar in the Sanctuary. Thank you from our friends at IFP.

Ministries & Outreaches >>>



Clothe the Naked

As a Lenten Corporal Work of Mercy, the Rosary Society is again sponsoring a collection of new clothing from the Market Street Mission in Morristown. Clothing (new only) requested by the Mission (please give only the items and sizes requested):

- ~ Boxer shorts (sizes S – 4SL)
- ~ T-shirts (M, L, 2XL – 4XL)
- ~ Dress Socks
- ~ Pajamas (Sizes S – 4XL)
- ~ Sweatpants (Sizes S – XL)

Please leave your donation in the carton near the altar. Your generosity to those men who are dedicated to turning their lives around will be most appreciated. In the thank you not received from last year's donations, a Mission representative wrote: *"For the men in the program it means so much. It helps them to feel cared for and loved as they are working on their recovery and new life."*

Health & Beauty Aids For the Interfaith Food Pantry

Jr. High PREP needs you help! On April 19 students in PREP Grades 5 – 8 are putting together Dental/Hygiene Kits for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Here's a list of what's needed: Travel-sized or Small or Medium items such as: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash, Floss, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash/Soap, Body Lotion, Lunch Bags and Large Ziploc Bags (Gallon Size). Receptacles for your donations are in the Sanctuary behind the Altar.

This Week's Schedule

SCHEDULE IS BASED ON DIOCESAN GUIDELINES.
SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS CURRENT CONDITONS CHANGE.

SUNDAY

Mass will be celebrated and livestreamed on Facebook at **10:30am**. During the liturgy, the church will be closed and there will be no congregants permitted.

The Church will be open for **private prayer** from **11:30am – 3:30pm**

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Our Church will be open for your **private prayer** from **6:30am** until **3:30PM**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **11am – 2pm**

SATURDAY

Our Church will be open for **private prayer** from **6:30am** until **3:30pm**

Mass will be celebrated and livestreamed on Facebook at **5pm**. The church will be closed during the liturgy and there will be no congregants permitted.

Evangelization Corner

As noted last week, there are some differences between the baptismal rite for infants and adults going through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). This week we will focus on baptism of infants.

The Reception - The infant, the family and the godparents are greeted and welcomed by the celebrant. The celebrant then asks the parents and godparents two questions: 'What do you ask of the Church today?' and 'What name you give this child?'. The celebrant then asks the parents and godparents are they ready to support this child in raising them in the faith. The celebrant, parents and godparents then trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child. This is the welcoming of the child to the Church and marks the child as one who is going to belong to Christ.

Proclamation of the Word of God - The celebrant offers readings and prayers for the infant, the family and the assembly gathered and explains the meaning of the readings so as to enlighten those gathered with the revealed truth. Since Baptism signifies deliverance from sin and liberation from its instigator the devil, one or more exorcisms are pronounced over the child. Using the Apostles Creed, the celebrant asks the parents, godparents and the community if they renounce sin, reject Satan and profess their faith, etc. The celebrant then anoints the infant with the oil of catechumens. Thus prepared, the infant's parents and godparents are able to confess their faith of the Church to which the infant will be "entrusted" by Baptism.



Next week we will discuss the baptismal rite for adults (RCIA).

May the Lord's peace be with you always!

Evangelization Ministry

Celebration of the Sacrament - The celebrant consecrates the baptismal water by blessing it or he may use the baptismal water consecrated at the Easter Vigil. By again asking the parents if it's their will that the infant be baptized in the faith, the celebrant is emphasizing to them the significance of what is happening. He then pours the blessed water over the infant's head in the presence of the parents, godparents and the community. He proclaims the infant's name declaring that the child is being baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He then immediately consecrates

the infant as Priest, Prophet and King. Just as Jesus was baptized by John, the infant is baptized into the sacred mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection and the child's responsibility to be a minister of the church. The infant is dressed in a white garment to symbolize his/her purity and a family member or a godparent is given a candle which is lighted from the Easter Candle to symbolize the enlightenment of the child by Christ. For though him 'the baptized are the light of the world.'

Conclusion of the Rite - The celebrant and the community recite the Lord's Prayer and the celebrant blesses the baptized child, the mother and father, separately, and then the community.

Readings for the 4th Week of Lent

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;
Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Weekly Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 1b,6-7,10-13,31

New Testament: John 9:1-41



In today's readings, we see clearly that God is in charge. The Book of Samuel reveals that God sees with His own eyes, not with the eyes of man. Samuel was sent to Jesse of Bethlehem because the Lord had chosen one of Jesse's eight sons.

Seven of the eight were presented and Samuel assumed it was to be Eliad, the son with the greatest stature. But of all of Jesse's son's God knew whom He wanted - David, the youngest son who was not present and who was out in the field tending to the sheep, and not the one whom others thought was the right one. In the New Testament, Christ healed a man who had been blind from birth. He did this on the Sabbath which the Pharisees found offensive, and caused them to suspect that the man wasn't really blind. And the man's parents wouldn't acknowledge that Christ had performed a miracle for their son. Yet the man himself did come to believe. When questioned by Christ, he responded "I do believe, Lord." Christ knew to whom to turn and who would turn to Him, the Shepherd, with faith. Christ said "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

This Lent each of us can be a "chosen" one with the ability to come to faith in Christ. It is not always the ones we think Christ will choose; only God knows those who are to be the foundation of His Church.

The Responsorial Psalm for this Mass is #23, probably the best known of all the psalms. "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." The terms "shepherd" and "lamb" are often repeated references in the rural towns where Christ lived. The shepherd lived protecting his sheep, being willing to go to great extremes to protect them. Each time Christ referenced the shepherd He was reminding the people of His time and community that He is there protecting all His sheep, including us today.

Lord, seek us out so we can see you!

final thoughts...

Regular updates will be posted to our website and to Facebook. We will also send out regular alerts on Flocknote.

If you know of a parishioner who is not yet signed up for Flocknote but would like to receive them, email the parish office at svparishoffice@gmail.com

Penny Manser, our Youth Minister, is busy organizing the Youth to assist any of our senior parishioners with food shopping or errands that might need to get done. You may have already received a call from Penny. If you have not and require help with shopping and errands, please call the Parish Office at (973) 538-1418 or (862) 242-6961.

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