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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Easter



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Our Weekly Newsletter  
for our Parish Family



# St. Virgil's Parish

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We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Deacon Victor Lupi** who was called home to the Lord this week. We pray that **Deacon Lupi** rests peacefully with our Lord.



## Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

Sun., April 26	Esther Glanville—23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Francis D'Annunzio David Cheifer Florence McNamara Sharon Olean Anna Russo
Mon. April 27	Jack Van Orden
Tues., April 28	Tom Kleso
Wed., April 29	Janet Dittrich
Thurs. Apr. 30	John Barry
Fri., May 1	Helen & Steve Weyland
Sat., May 2	Harry Lillie—4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edith Nunn

Visit our newly-designed website:  
[www.stvirgilparish.org](http://www.stvirgilparish.org)

Please remember in your prayers in a very special way, our first responders and those who are now serving on the "front line". Words cannot express how grateful we are for everything that they are doing for us. The support and strength amid these difficult and uncertain times gives us proof that the angels are working among us!

### Worship Aid for Sunday, April 26, 2020

Our worship aid is available for you to use during the live-stream of our Sunday Mass at 10:30am. When it become available, you will be receiving it through Flocknote.

Please remember in your prayers:

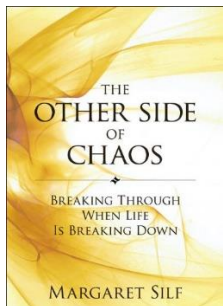
*Tom Egan, Josephine Carvagno, Colby Douglas, Timmy O'Shea, Deacon Alan Lucibello, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelly, Judy Taylo,r Mary Eileen & Douglas Prinsizano, Jacqueline Paw, Veronica Kelly, Baby Akeen Butchko, Mary Beth Jensen, Colleen Dillion & Family, 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 Procopio.*

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

<i>SSGT Blake Reidinger</i>	<i>PO2 Timothy Butchko</i>
<i>LT Patrick Leahey MJR</i>	<i>Stephanie Sittmann</i>
<i>LCDR Daniel M. Leahey</i>	<i>SSGT Thomas Sittman</i>
<i>LT Mark C. Leahey</i>	<i>SSGT Eric Wright</i>
<i>LT Kian Federick Stewart</i>	<i>2LT Ryan Feeney</i>
<i>DCI Alexander V. Fernandez</i>	<i>LT Mark Van Ordan</i>
<i>CPL Irvin Carithers</i>	<i>LTR Andrew McGuinness</i>
<i>MJR Gary Windt</i>	<i>MSGT T.J. Hopkins</i>
<i>LT Kelsey Bergh</i>	<i>LT Tyler Huhn</i>





### Virtual Faith Sharing

We are planning a 4-week virtual book club/faith sharing group to begin mid-May, using best-selling author Margaret Silf's book, "The Other Side of Chaos", a book about the subject of chaos and in the intrinsic transition it brings through the lens of Christian spirituality. It is available as a Kindle or print version, however, the print version takes about 1-2 weeks to arrive. If you are interested, please let Carole White-Connor know, no later than **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. She can be reached at 201-213-0038 or [carolewc44@verizon.net](mailto:carolewc44@verizon.net).



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Live Streamed on our website at

[www.stvirgilparish.org](http://www.stvirgilparish.org)

Sunday at 10:30am

Weekdays at 9am

### Readings for the Week

#### Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

#### Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

#### Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

#### First Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or for the Memorial,

Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Mt 13:54-58

#### First Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



### Loyola Virtual Retreat – This Weekend – May 1 – 3, 2020; Daily Rosary and Stations of the Cross

Loyola Jesuit Center is offering a virtual retreat for both men and women this coming weekend, May 1 through 3. The theme is "Discerning your life through the Spiritual Exercises" led by Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter. For details on how this will work or to register, please click here:

<https://www.loyola.org/event/may-1-3-2020-mens-weekend-retreat-embracing-who-you-are/>

The cost of this online retreat is simply a free will offering, anything you can afford to give will greatly help offset our expenses since the closing of our doors in March.

If you would like to join us in prayer for the Rosary at noon, or for the interactive Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm, please call (646) 769-9900 (Conference ID: 07960#).



We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support. Along with small businesses throughout the country, we applied for a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program, but received word early this week that the PPP had run out of funding and we would not be receiving any help. This leaves us in a challenging position.

Our average weekly receipts for the period March 16 through April 23 was \$7,868 (this number includes office receipts and Faith Direct online contributions). Our Easter collection was \$12,700. To add to our dilemma, we've have had to cancel the carnival—the major source of income for the parish.

To help our parish continue the necessary upkeep and pay recurring expenses, we ask that you continue to donate to St. Virgil's during this unprecedented and uncertain time. This is not a request to give more; rather it is to simply continue your usual giving habits or to change *how* you give to ensure St. Virgil Parish continues to receive the weekly income on which we rely. Since you cannot physically put envelopes in the collection baskets, you can drop off your donations through the mail slot on the front door or mail them to the parish office.

We ask you to please consider using Faith Direct. Faith Direct is an online giving service where you can donate the amount you currently give each Sunday through an online medium. (Our parish number is NJ732).

Regardless of the method you choose, we would very much appreciate your continued generous support. There is a link on the newly designed parish website if you would like to set up a one-time donation through Faith Direct or to sign up for online giving. If you have any questions regarding the Faith Direct process, please feel free to call the parish office to discuss your options.



We will be starting our new Bible Study in 3 weeks. We will be looking at the **Book of Daniel**, meeting by phone conference. We are using a workbook study, which doesn't have any videos. Daniel is a prophet whose visions give the details and timeline of the Jewish covenant up till the beginning of Jesus initiation of God's Kingdom in this world. The prophecies have already been proven in our history. His timeline is 'fleshed out' in our current study of Revelation. Anyone interested in joining can call the Parish or contact Philip Alcock at 973-538-6045 or email at [Philpalcock1@Verizon.net](mailto:Philpalcock1@Verizon.net)

New Publication from the Vatican:



### Strong in the Face of Tribulation

Ctrl+ Click to access the 192-book on spiritual support in times of trial

<https://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/fortinella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf>

# Evangelization Corner

In 1972, the Vatican promulgated the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for the purpose of allowing *Catechumens*, those above the age of infant baptism that were wishing to enter the Church, a process for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The RCIA process also allows for *Candidates*, baptized Catholics who have received first communion and who want to complete their initiation into the Church, an opportunity to receive Confirmation.

For the Catechumens, the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist, each take place at the Easter Vigil. For Candidates, Confirmation takes place at a regular Sunday Mass other than Easter.

The Easter Vigil service begins with the church in complete darkness as we joyfully anticipate Christ's Resurrection. As the ancient church hymn *Exsultet* proclaims, this is the night that "shall be as bright as day". The Vigil starts with the Service

of Light. The celebrant lights a fire, recites a blessing over the fire and lights the Paschal candle which symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World. He then carries the candle into the church and the light from the new fire is used to light candles in the congregation.

Following their Baptism, the *Catechumens* are dressed in white garments to symbolize that they have been washed clean of sin and that they are called to continue to walk in this newness of life.

They are presented with a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle as a reminder to always walk as children of the Light and to be the light of Christ in the world.

They are then Confirmed by the priest or bishop who lays hands on their heads, and invokes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He then anoints them with the oil called Sacred Chrism as a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit



being given to them and as a sign of the close link between the mission of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who came to them with the Father in Baptism.

This ancient rite was restored in the Church to highlight the fact that they are received into a community of faith, which is challenged to realize that they too have become different because of this new life in the community.

The Mass continues with the newly baptized participating in the general intercessions and in bringing gifts to the altar. At Communion, the newly baptized receive First Eucharist.

*May the Lord's peace be with you always!*

*Evangelization Ministry*

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Acts 2: 14,22-33

Psalm:16

New Testament: Luke 24:13-35

## Weekly Reflection

The first readings on the Sundays following Easter are not from the Old Testament as we usually see. These weeks bring us the readings from Acts of the Apostles. This is where we learn about the weeks, and even years, following Christ's resurrection. This week the reading highlights the Trinity. We see that from the very earliest days of the Church the Apostles teach of the Trinity. "Exalted at the right hand of God, [H]e received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured Him forth, as you see and hear."

The New Testament brings us Luke's account of one of Christ's most well known Resurrection stories. Christ meets two depressed men who were just returning from Jerusalem. Christ does not reveal Himself to them but takes time to walk and talk with them on their journey. It is only when they break bread together that they recognize their fellow traveler as Christ. In explaining the scriptures and breaking bread with them, as we share in our "Mass," Christ revealed Himself to His believers as the Christ they had expected to follow. The hope is that in each Mass we too shall recognize Christ in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread, and then share our faith experience with those we meet.

*Lord, since we have been unable to receive You in the breaking of the bread these last weeks, we ask you to come to us in some other event that will give us the blessing of having You present in us.*

## 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](mailto:svparishoffice@gmail.com)

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