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 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Our Weekly Newsletter  
 for our Parish Family

# St. Virgil's Parish

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## Mass Intentions for this Week >>>

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family **Dominic Matthew Rubinetti**, son of Vincent & Lindsey.

Sat., Sept. 5	5pm	Edward Schrak, Jr. Anita Carroll
Sun., Sept. 6	8am	Rosemary Monroe Domenico Procopio
	10:30am	Wanda Landi Lynn Speckert Lauretta & Michael Mele
Mon., Sept. 7	9am	Tom Kleso
Tues., Sept. 8	9am	Mary DiRienzo
Wed., Sept. 9	9am	Lottie Martin
Thur., Sept. 10	9am	Esther Glanville John Keating
Fri., Sept. 11	9am	Lucy Biancola Mary Beth Stolworthy



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**

<b>SSGT Blake Reidinger</b>	<b>LT Kelsey Bergh</b>
<b>PO2 Timothy Butchko</b>	<b>MJR Gary Windt</b>
<b>LT Patrick Leahey</b>	<b>2LT Ryan Feeney</b>
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<b>LT Kian Federick Stewart</b>	<b>LT Tyler Huhn</b>
<b>DCI Alexander V. Fernandez</b>	<b>CPL Irvin Carithers</b>

Please remember in your prayers:

*Debbie Dallemolle, Harriet Lipari, Deacon Alan Lucibello, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Prinszano, Baby Akeen Butchko, Mary Beth Jensen, Colleen Dillion & Family, Mary Maffeo, Marie E. Logan, Rose Marie Warrick, Sandra Buck, Margaret Ellis, John & Elizabeth Zisa, Anne Benson, Bob Taylor, Kamasha Redhead, Miah Tully, Barbara Bock, Baby Emma Scannelli, Stephen Burke, Eileen Lagan, and Teresa Procopio.*

## Parish Office News



**We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support.**

The regular collection for the week of September 6 was \$7,994. In pew and office donations were \$4,374 and from Faith Direct, \$3,620.

We continue to accept your offerings at the Parish Office. We also 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) or you can give a one-time gift. (Ctrl+Click this link

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ732/20872>

*The Parish secretary will be away from the office this week September 14 – 19 and will return on Monday, September 21. In case of emergency and a priest is required, please call 862-242-6374. Upon her return, the Rectory will remain closed to in-person contact. However, you can reach the office Monday – Thursday from 10:30am until 1:30pm. When calling for information, Mass Cards and/or Mass registration, please call during those hours. Otherwise, please leave a message on the machine and we will return your call.*

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

#### Monday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

#### Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

#### Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

#### Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

#### Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

Did you notice in last week's first reading that God told Ezekiel (33:7) that if he didn't tell people what God told him to say and they died (went to Hell), that God would hold Ezekiel responsible? In Matt 28:20, Jesus told us to tell everyone all that Jesus told us, will we be held responsible? St. Vincent de Paul said it this way: "I am sent not only to love God but to make Him loved. It is not enough for me to love God if my neighbor does not love Him."

Did you know that a recent Pew poll showed that only 6% Americans want to talk about their religion, but only 2% of Catholics are will to consider that! Is it because no one taught us how to talk about it or why it is important! If we knew how, would we be able to talk with family members and friends who have left the Church? Could we help to save their souls? Did you know Catholics must believe all the Church teachers as Dogma, whether you understand it or not?

Would you be interested in studying any of these things? Or is there any subject that you would like to see offered? This is an open brainstorming search, and if there is enough interest in any subject, I'll put something together. We can use phone conference or perhaps even a Zoom conference.

Just email your thoughts to [sparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sparishoffice@gmail.com) or call at (973) 538-1418. Phil Alcock



## News About the Bishop's Annual Appeal...

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is getting a face lift. (Or more like a 'name lift.!) The name of the Bishop's Annual Appeal has been changed and will now be known as the *Diocesan Ministries Appeal*. So, if you get a letter from Bishop Sweeney in the next week or so asking you to support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal—please know that this is the new name of the Annual Appeal. While the name has changed, the work of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal will continue to focus on the important ministries that it always has and will continue to serve thousands of people throughout our Diocese. Thank you for your support!

The Tuesday Bible Study Group is always open for people to join. You can jump in anytime and learn more about God's Salvation plan. We are currently studying the Book of Genesis. Call Phil Alcock for phone conference access info: 973-222-6453



#### Clothing Drive

It's time to do some summer cleaning!  
**St. Virgil Appalachia Outreach Team**  
will be conducting a clothing drive from September 21 through September 26. We will be accepting clothes, bedding, stuffed animals, purses, belts, & shoes. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT FURNITURE DONATIONS.** Please place ALL items in black plastic garbage bags. The garage will be open from 9am – 4pm on September 21 through September 25 from 9am – 4pm and on September 26 from 9am – 11am. There will not be an attendant at the garages during those times, so please pile the bags as far back in the garage as you can. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Drake at [wendyd8104@gmail.com](mailto:wendyd8104@gmail.com) or 201-513-7667.

### SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be held at the Cathedral of



St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held

**Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 3:30pm**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office. The deadline to register is Thursday, October 1. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

**Congratulations on this joyous occasion!**

**A MILLION FAMILIES**  
**A MILLION ROSARIES**

During Portugal's 1974 Carnation Revolution  
Our Lady said to Sister Lucia,  
"When a million families pray the rosary,  
the revolution will end."

What if a million families joined hands  
NOW to pray the rosary  
for a cure to the coronavirus?

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY  
EVERYDAY FOR AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC!**

Sign up NOW at [www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org](http://www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org) to join us and  
commit yourself and/or your family to imploring Our Lady to  
intercede on behalf of all humanity at this moment of crisis.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**  
[www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org](http://www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org)

# Evangelization Corner

## The Beatitudes



There are many interpretations of the meanings of the Beatitudes conveyed by Jesus. Most scholars agree that, although they are simple sayings, they are profound guidelines that paint a picture of what the true God, true disciples, should look like. The Beatitudes are the blueprint for sainthood. They paint a portrait of the ways in which it is possible to be a good person, the best Catholic you can be, with respect to others. Not physically, but morally and spiritually. They must be interpreted according to Jesus' original intention of establishing the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that The Beatitudes "are the paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulation." In the secular or materialistic world, in which we live in today, the Beatitudes are a contradiction and difficult for us to understand. In today's world we are led to believe that happiness consists in having, money, owning a huge home, being physically attractive, having an extensive wardrobe, etc.

What the beatitudes promise confronts us with decisive moral choices. They invite us to seek the love of God above all else and to purify our hearts and rid our minds of negative motives such as pride, anger, revenge, a sense of entitlement, or the desire for approval or selfishness.

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes that God is interested in our motives (why we do something) even more than our actions and that when Jesus comes again, "he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God." (1 Corinthians 4:5)

The Beatitudes are not meant to be burdensome ethical demands that need to be met for us to enter heaven. They are statements of grace that teach us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, but in God alone. So, what is the right motivation? St. Paul writes, "Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts." (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

### 1. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

While some may think that Jesus is speaking of financial poverty, that does not seem to be Jesus' point here. Jesus is not talking about the poverty of earthly possessions but with spiritual realities; he is talking about spiritual poverty. He is referring to those who are spiritually and emotionally oppressed, and disillusioned—those who are spiritually bankrupt.

What Jesus is pointing out is that, regardless of our status in life, we must first acknowledge our spiritual poverty, that we all are dependent upon divine will and need to come to God in humble and

cheerful submission to receive the salvation He offers; to recognize that as a result of our sins we have absolutely nothing of worth offer God and that we humbly admit our need for Him to deliver us.

Jesus is assuring us that in recognizing this need He will give us something better than earth, He will give us heaven— "for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

*May His grace be with each of us as we continue our journey with Jesus.!*

### Evangelization Ministry

## Weekly Reflection

Sirach starts us out in these readings with the Old Testament quote: "...remember the Most High's Covenant and overlook faults." Sirach succinctly states the very basic concepts that Christ will teach. In the New Testament, Matthew expands the teaching. Peter, the Apostle, wanted to know from Christ exactly how often he had to forgive and used the number seven (7) in his effort to get a full answer. Numbers had specific meanings during this time in history and seven, or its derivatives, stood for perfection. Peter thought he was impressing Christ in his willingness to forgive 7 times. But Christ shocked him by rejecting it and saying no, not seven (7) time, but seventy-seven times.

Christ then explained Peter's question, likening the kingdom of heaven to a parable about a king who had been moved with compassion and forgave a great debt of one of his servants. Shortly thereafter that servant, who had been owed a smaller debt, had no such compassion and had his debtor imprisoned and tortured until he paid the debt. Learning of this, the king summoned the forgiven servant and had him imprisoned for not showing compassion and pity on this debtors: "so will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.

This story leaves a great impression on anyone who hears it, whether two thousand years ago, or today. The importance of forgiveness should however not surprise us, since a major petition in Our Lord's Prayer is: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." [emphasis supplies.]

*Lord, open our eyes to anyone on who we need to give mercy, be they our friend or foe; forgive us and help us to forgive others.*

## final thoughts...

## St. Virgil's Parish



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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# Emergency Resources in Morristown NJ

During the Covid-19 Pandemic - As of April 24, 2020

## Hot Meals and Groceries

### Table of Hope

At Bethel Church - 59 Spring St.

Carry out free Dinners

Monday through Friday from 5:30-7 pm

**Thursday Food Pantry**

Every Thursday from 2 to 4:45pm

Nourish. NJ (formerly the Community Soup Kitchen) at the Church of the Redeemer  
36 South Street

Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1 pm

Saturday's at St. Peter's Episcopal Church;

70 Maple Ave between 11:30 am to 1 pm

### Free Food Fridays

Cornerstone Family Programs in Partnership with  
Calvary Baptist Church

10 Martin Luther King Ave.

Use Willow Street Entrance

Every Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

### Interfaith Food Pantry

Call 973.538.8049 ext 210 or ext 213 and leave a message with your name and phone number. You will receive a call to give you an appointment for a phone interview. After the interview you will receive food periodically.

**Emergency food** on 190 Speedwell Ave on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 11:45 am and on 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains. Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

### I am Morristown

At St. Margaret Church.

Call Patricia Clavijo (973)452-8270 to register

## Health

### Zulfall Health Center

Call (973) 267-0002 for telemedicine (video or phone visit). Fees are being waived.

### Atlantic Health Center

Call 1-800-247-9580 to find a doctor for a telehealth visit

## For more resources, visit:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/get-assistance/what-types-of-benefits-or-assistance-are-available-to-me-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak> or  
<https://wotsnj.org/wind-of-the-spirit-dover-morristown-area-covid-19-resource-guide/>

## For students in the School District that are eligible for free or reduce lunch

### **Pick-Up Location:**

Morristown High School, 50 Early Street

Monday - Thursday 11am - 12:30pm

Meals for Friday will be distributed on Thursday

### **Bus Stop Locations:**

#### BUS #1

Stop 1 - 11:00am - 11:30am - Coal Ave Lot @ Corner of Martin Luther King Ave. and Coal Ave.

Stop 2 - 11:40am - 12:10pm - Collinsville Playground, Monroe Street

Stop 3 - 12:20am - 12:45pm - Alfred Vail School, 125 Speedwell Ave.

#### BUS #2

Stop 4 - 11:00am - 11:30am - Latino American Supermarket @ Speedwell and Henry St.

Stop 5 - 11:40am - 12:00pm - Assumption Church Lot @ McCulloch St. and Madison St.

Stop 6 - 12:10am - 12:30pm - Corner of Franklin Street and Todd Place

**Both Buses Will Operate Monday - Thursday Only**

Meals for Friday will be distributed on Thursday

## Housing

### Housing partnership NJ

HUD-approved Foreclosure Prevention Counseling

Call (973) 659-9222 – 2 E Blackwell St #12, Dover

## Utilities and rental assistance

### Salvation Army –Utilities and rent

Call (973) 539-2700 – 95 Spring St.

### Hispanic Affairs - Utilities

Call (973) 644-4884 or visit <https://hispanicaffairs.net/>

## Preventing evictions and foreclosures

NJ Executive Order: 106

### Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center

Website: [wotsnj.org](http://wotsnj.org)

Call (973) 538-2035 or visit 40Sussex Ave.

## Unemployment

Call 908-820-3969 / 973-328-6490 / 609-292-6800

or visit: <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/>

## Student Loan Aid

<https://www.studentaidpandemic.org/>

<http://freestudentloanadvice.org/>