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26th 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 >>>

Sat., Sept. 26	5pm	Tim Wolfe
Sun., Sept. 27	8am	Jack Van Orden Domenico Procopio
	10:30am	Timothy O'Shea Ed Lang Ramona Balderas
Mon., Sept. 28	9am	Emelina D. Bernardo Sue Ann Cattano
Tues., Sept. 29	9am	Helen Hunter
Wed., Sept. 30	9am	Elwin R. Orr
Thur., Oct. 1	9am	Timmy O'Shea
Fri., Oct. 2	9am	Joseph & Mary Martin Robert Campbell

The *Sanctuary Candle* honors the memory of
Robert Campbell
from Joseph & Florence Costens

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family
Dylan James Assmann, son of James & Kimberly.

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **John Barry, Dennis Paulison and Liz Anroman** who were called home to the Lord. We pray that **John, Dennis and Liz** rest peacefully with the Lord.



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

Please remember in your prayers:

Mike Manley, Debbie Dallemolle, Harriet Lipari, Deacon Alan Lucibello, Bill Warrick, Tony Loughlin, Florence Luckey, Rosemary Paulison, Jackie Donnelley, Judy Taylor, Mary Eileen & Douglas Prisinzano, 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

The Rectory will remain closed to in-person contact. However, you can reach the office by phone at 973.538.1418 Monday – Thursday from 10am – 3pm. or email at svparishoffice@gmail.com.



We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support.

The collection for the week of September 19/20 was \$6,925 (In pew: \$3,226; Faith Direct: \$3,699). 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>



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Live Streamed on our website at
www.stvirgilparish.org

Sunday at 10:30am ~ Weekdays at 9am

Readings for the Week

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

First Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10

First Saturday

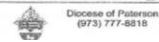
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Protecting God's Children

“If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor’s Office and the Diocese’s Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C. Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 Ext. 248

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

1. Screening of staff / volunteers.
2. Adults trained in safe environment strategies and signs of abuse.
3. Code of conduct enforced.
4. Open Communication between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.
5. Parents always Welcome.
6. Children educated in right relationships & what to do if a relationship isn't right.
7. All children treated with Dignity and Respect.
8. Clear Rules and Expectations, consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. Adequate supervision of youth. team approach—accountability—no 1:1 isolation
10. All abuse is reported.



Representatives of New Jersey Right to Life will be near the Parking Lot Doors after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 & 4 selling raffles tickets for their annual car raffle. This year's 1st prize winner will receive at 2021 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,045. Second, third and fourth prizes are ShopRite gift cards valued at \$1,000, \$750, \$500 respectively.

Take a chance!

“Thousand Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call” Tues. Oct. 13th at 7:00 PM

LIFENET is organizing a “Thousand Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call” on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 PM. Our goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13 is the 103rd anniversary of the ‘Miracle of the Sun’ at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please call John Trombetta at 973.540.9231 or sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong.

Prayer Station Renewed

Our prayer station has been renewed! Parishioner **Bill Duffy** painstakingly disassembled and repaired the station. He replaced rotted wood and restored it to its original beauty.

We also have Bill to thank for the landscaping of the property. He and his sons, **Eddie, Nick & Billy**, have done an outstanding job of maintaining the grounds this season.

Thanks to the Duffy Family for their generosity.



2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “Love They Neighbor”



NEW FOR 2020! In addition to its new name, the Diocesan Ministries Appeal (formerly the *Bishop's Annual Appeal*) also is offering a new giving option for 2020 Appeal. In addition to considering a one-time gift or a pledge payable over five months, parishioners now have the option of making a continuous monthly gift where your gift would repeat each month and continue from year-to-year. This is a wonderful way to continue your support year-round. You are also able to easily adjust or discontinue your continuous monthly gift at any time you choose. For more information, please call the diocesan Development Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218. However, you choose to make your gift to the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, know that your generosity is a blessing to the people we serve. May God bless you for your support!

For your convenience, you can support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2020appeal.org and follow the user-friendly instructions.

Evangelization Corner

The Beatitudes



The third Beatitude, like the first two we previously covered, is also a paradox and difficult to understand in today's culture. In today's culture it is the strong who get all the good stuff, not the weak.

3. **BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH**

Part of this difficulty lies in a lack of understanding of who Jesus is referring to as 'the meek'. Meek is often misinterpreted as meaning weak or deficient in courage. The Cambridge Dictionary defines meek not as someone who is weak, but as someone who is not arrogant, conceited, egotistical, pretentious, or proud.

One of the strongest messages found in both the Old and New Testaments is that, God rebuffs the proud and gives grace to the humble; "God opposes the proud but bestows favor on the humble" (Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6-1, 1 Peter 5:5). It is more likely, therefore, that the 'meek' Jesus is referring to is not a weak person, but one who is quiet, gentle, and obedient – a humble person. Someone who more likely refuses to inflate their own self-estimation or to assert themselves for their own benefit. Someone with a quiet strength who puts others before themselves and who responds to being provoked with love and

forgiveness; someone like himself, "gentle and humble of heart."

Meek or meekness is also frequently used to describe a person who is blindly submissive and who just follows a set of rules they do not really understand and who consistently maintains a monotonous disposition.

But again, that is not what this Beatitude means by meekness. In a recorded 2018 sermon on the Beatitudes, Fr. John Riccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, Michigan, stated that in the biblical sense meek or meekness has a much different meaning. For the early biblical writers 'meek' was a term that described strength that was controlled—a strength that can be passive, not acting out of emotion, yet assertive, effectively defending itself and what it values. It is humbly submitting this control of this strength to God. The meek willingly submit to letting God be in control and to live ultimately under His authority yet, they live in contentment. "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way" (Psalm 76:9). Therefore, meekness does not come from fear, but a firm foundation of trust and faith in God. The meek person is one who keeps his eyes fixed on God and who is thereby able to withstand unfair treatment and injustices with grace.

Jesus said that if we wanted to be great in His kingdom, then we would be servant leaders. Servant leadership is the ultimate definition of meekness. "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility..." (Zeph. 2:3).

The second half of this Beatitude refers to the meek inheriting the earth. But when?

The result of living with true meekness of spirit is to enjoy more of life on earth today because of their ability to be content. But there is the promise that they will also possess and enjoy the earth after Jesus' return and triumphal entry.

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

Evangelization Ministry

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Old Testament: Ezekiel: 18:24-28
New Testament: Matthew 21: 29-32

Weekly Reflection

The Old Testament Book of the Prophet Ezekiel rebukes those saying: "The Lord's way is not fair." Have we ever felt this way? Have we watched a woman standing looking at her home which had been destroyed by a storm, or a whole neighborhood burnt to the ground by a forest fire, or children taken from their parents for no reason, and wondered: "Where are you, Lord?" You don't seem to be watching us."

In Matthew's Gospel we hear of Christ challenging the chief priests and elders with the story of two brothers who were told by their father to go work in the vineyard. One said he would not go, but did, whereas the other said he would go, but did not. Christ asked which one did the father's will? They answered the first. Christ affirmed to them that even prostitutes and tax collectors will enter the kingdom of God before the righteous who don't believe—because of their faith in Him.

Does this seem "fair" to us? Each of these examples show us that we are not very good at discerning fairness in our world. Christ challenges us to look more deeply into fairness all around us. Christ never portrayed that His death was "unfair." How do we see His death? Do our actions reflect Christ's concept of fairness?

Lord, teach us to see how we can live fairness in our life.

final thoughts...

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

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