



28th 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 Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43	Thursday Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Monday Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37	Friday Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Tuesday Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42	Saturday Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Wednesday Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4	

“Thousand Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call” Tuesday, October 13, 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.



2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal “Love They Neighbor”

One of the benefits of giving to our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is the knowledge that the funds stay in our own Diocese and only support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, a former pastor now living in our priests’ retirement residence, the store owner you see each day as you shop in town—perhaps even a family member. What better way to “Love They Neighbor”? *For your convenience, can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020.appeal.org.*

Lazarus Ministry

We are a group of adults who serve at the Altar for funerals, memorial services and special celebrations. If you are interested in joining us, please call the Parish Office or Barbara Fisher at 973-538-8771.



Following all Masses on November 14 & 15, we will be collecting food and frozen turkeys for the Interfaith Food Pantry Network. The IFPN expects to distribute 2,000 turkeys and all the trimmings needed to make a holiday dinner for Morris County families in need. Below is a list of the foods currently needed to prepare the Thanksgiving bags.

- Turkey, turkey breast, ham or large chicken
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing
- Turkey gravy (no glass jars please)
- Canned yams or sweet potatoes
- Canned vegetables (Corn, peas, green beans)
- Apple, cranberry, grape or other 100% fruit juice (32oz)
- Muffin or roll mix
- Brownie mix, cake mix, and icing

We also take fresh potatoes, yams, onions, apples & oranges (but please keep separated and let us know you brought them so they can be stored properly.

if you know someone who is struggling, please let them know there is a community that cares and a place they can go for help with nutritious food in a friendly and caring environment. For more information, visit www.mcifp.org

Learn about our “Seasterhood” – our own sisterhood at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, and become familiar with our well rounded, diverse high school offerings and our “Kindness” culture. Did you know about our “College Now Program” where you can earn up to 16 college credits, taking courses on our campus taught by our faculty who are adjunct professors, through our partnership with Saint Elizabeth University?

You can register for a Zoom Meeting, Virtual Live Open House October 22 from 7 – 8pm or November 6 from noon – 1pm. Or call 973-290-5200 ext. 5225.

Join our phone conference Bible Study next Tuesday, at 7 pm, to learn about the next generation of Abraham’s descendants. Isaac marries Rebekah and they have 2 sons, Jacob and Esau. One is good and one is not so good! Which one is Jesus’s ancestor??? Read Genesis, Chapter 24 and 25 and you’re ready. No need to hesitate, join us if you can. Call Phil Alcock at 973-538-6045 for the log in phone number and code if you want to join in the phone conversation.

The New Jersey Area of the Order of Malta

in coordination with
Rosary Coast to Coast
Invites you to join a

Rosary Rally For Our Nation

Led by
The Most Rev. Kevin J. Sweeney
Sunday, October 11, 2020
3:00-4:30-m
St. Paul Inside the Walls, Madison

Event specifics: http://orderofmaltaamerican.org/njrosary

Sign up on Facebook: [NJ Rosary Rally For Our Nation](https://www.facebook.com/NJRosaryRallyForOurNation)

Questions? Please contact Christine Myers, DM, at cmgorski@gmail.com
or Jan Parry, DMOB, at janp1101@gmail.com,
<https://rosarycoasttocoast.com>

The World Apostolate of Fatima USA Tuesday, October 13

“In October [1917] I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”

Join us as we celebrate the fulfilled promise of Our Lady of Fatima—the October 13, 1917 Great Miracle of the Sun and the sixth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in which she requested: “Continue always to pray the Rosary everyday...do no offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended.”

Confessions at 10:30am; Rosary Procession at 12noon; Guest Speaker Rev. Luke M. Fletcher, CFR at 12:30pm; Holy Mass Celebrated by Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio at 1:15pm followed by Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Religious Articles, Fatima Farewell, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular.

The Blue Army is following all directives per NJ state health officials. It is suggested you bring your own lawn chair/blanket. More info: 908.689.1700 x 210. Located at 674 Mountain View Rd East, Asbury, NJ 08802

Evangelization Corner

The Beatitudes



The first four beatitudes described the blessedness of those who are spiritually bankrupt (i.e., poverty-stricken in spirit), those grieving over sin and misery and accepting the hardships and accusations of the life in meekness and those hungering and thirsting for the fullness of righteousness. With this fifth Beatitude, Jesus has ‘turned a corner’ and challenged those who were listening to him, and us, to take up the attributes of God Himself.

5. **BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY!**

We often hear or even repeat something over and over, but its meaning never sinks in. Just think how many times during your life have you prayed to God, “*forgive us our debts [trespasses], as we forgive our debtors [those who trespass against us]*” (Matthew 6:12)

Yes, we are asking God for His mercy but more importantly, we are quantifying how much of His mercy we want by balancing it with how much we are willing to give; “*as we forgive our debtors.*”

But what is mercy and why do we need or want it?

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines mercy as compassion or forbearance shown toward an offender, an enemy, or other person. But mercy is more than just a feeling of kindness and a desire to care for someone. The spiritual meaning of mercy is stronger than the words reveal. The spirit of mercy demands more than just feelings; it requires action. The spirit of mercy is reflected in the feeling we get when we are moved by the sight of another’s suffering and in the way we *share* in it. It is action that helps the helpless. Mercy is said to be compassion in action.

God’s mercy is DIVINE. His mercy is something only He himself displays. It is His loving disposition towards all those who suffer. His mercy is also INFINITE and in striving for His mercy we are made better; humanity is made better and as a result all creation is made better. Thus, mercy comes from mercy. Those who reflect God’s mercy are therefore merciful themselves. The merciful in this world are blessed in the sense that they know God’s joy and will be eternally happy because they know His mercy.

We ask God for His mercy because we know that we are sinners and when we die, we will stand before Him for final judgement. At risk is losing everything unless God, through His mercy, raises us from the dead and fills us with His own divine life. For when we meet God face to face those who will receive mercy from him will be the people who have been merciful to others.

“Mercy therefore comes from a heart that has first felt spiritual bankruptcy. The heart has come to grieve its sin, and has learned to wait meekly for the timing of the Lord, and to cry out in hunger for the work of God’s mercy to satisfy us with the righteousness we need.”

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

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Weekly Reflection

These first two readings portray groups of people who God wanted to care for. In the reading from the Book of Isaiah, it was revealed that the Lord God would provide for all peoples, and that He would “wipe away the tears from every face” and “destroy death forever,” the ultimate gift. In the New

Testament reading of Matthew, Christ told the chief priests and elders a parable of a king who invited guests to a family wedding but whom, one by one, refused to attend. One guest arrived at the wedding but was not wearing the proper attire. Since the guests were given all that was necessary to attend, including the proper clothing, it was the ultimate insult for the man not to have been wearing the proper dress. The king had him cast out. In translation, God had offered His gift and it was up to the guests (and now us) to accept it. Christ’s message was that “Many are invited, but few are chosen.” Christ is telling us that He extends His invitation to all, and it is up to us to accept it.

Christ offers us the kingdom, and yet frequently we, too, choose to reject His offer.

Lord, let us receive the gift You kindly offer us each day.

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Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-10
New Testament: Matthew 22:1-14

October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis has passed, and we regret that we did not have a blessing for our beloved pets. We felt that in the best interest of the health concerns with the pandemic that we do not schedule a gathering at this time. We offer our apologies.

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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All Souls Day Memorial Candles

November is the Month of Remembrance for all our departed loved ones. This commemoration begins with the Memorial of All Souls on November 2.

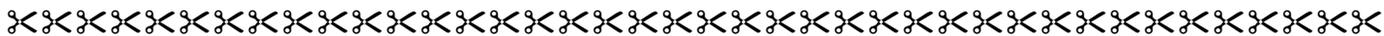
We are offering special Memorial Candles that will burn next to the altar during all weekend Masses throughout the month of November.

A label will be placed on the front of the candle with the name of your loved one. Candles have space for only 1 name.

The requested donation for these candles is \$25 each.

Please fill out the form below & place it in an envelope with the required donation and mark the envelope "Memorial Candles".

The envelope can be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.



All Souls Day Memorial Candle
\$25/candle
Please Print
One name per Candle

Name on Candle _____

Name of Person Ordering Candle _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Please drop off at the Parish Officer or in the Collection Basket in an envelope marked "Memorial Candle".

Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions—973.538.1418.