



30th 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

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday

Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday

Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11



Morris Minute Men
Emergency Medical Services

Do you want to help your neighbors, serve your community, learn vital first aid and lifesaving skills and fulfill scripture's call to care for others?

Morris Minute Men EMS is looking for volunteers to staff their ambulance crews and respond to 9-1-1 calls. **This is a great opportunity to become that good Samaritan and answer Christ's call when he says "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do also unto me."**

Minute Men Squad volunteers receive training to become state certified emergency medical technicians. They serve 12 hours per week plus some weekends. Day team hours are flexible and can be scheduled around individual availability. You parents, for example, can work multiple days while their children are at school, and local business owners and telecommuters can arrange their duty shifts around their work schedules. Night shifts are one night a week.

More information is available at our website www.morrisminutemen.org or email join@morrisminutemen.org.

Curious about how your child can #BeTheFuture? Virtually visit *St. Patrick School* to see for yourself! Visit with the Admissions Office and take a virtual tour of the school during Virtual Walk-In Wednesdays from 9 – 11am weekly. To register, contact us at admissions@-pats.org or at 973-635-4623, ext 3.

Pope John XXIII Regional High School will host a Virtual Open House on Thursday, October 29, at 7:30pm. Ranked the #1 Best Catholic Co-Ed High School in New Jersey for 2021 by Niche.com, come find out why our students are so happy to be back in school. Prospective families must RSVP at www.popejohn.org/visit. For further information, call Anne Kaiser, Director. Of Admissions at 973-729-6126.



Wreaths Across America

On December 19, Wreaths Across America will honor our deceased veterans on WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY. This ceremony will coincide with over 1,600 sites across America where approximately 1.7 million wreaths will be laid on the graves of veterans.

Holy Rood will have our ceremony at 12 noon on Saturday, December 19, at 61 Whippany Road, Morristown. All 1,600 sites will simultaneously celebrate this event at 12 noon eastern standard time.

If you are interested in sponsoring a wreath, please visit the website www.wreathscrossamerica.org/nj0172. Our code is NJHRCM.

Please join us at Holy Rood on the 19th (arrive by 11:30am). Questions? Call John F. Haren at 973.538.5658 or at jfharen@aol.com.

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

Operation Chillout
Homeless Veteran Outreach
Winter Backpack &
Emergency Response Fund Drive



Operation Chillout thanks our donors for supporting the virtual Summer Supply Drive! The pandemic has greatly impacted the homeless community and our usual method of reaching out to them. With your help, donations received through the online gift registry enables us to deliver over 15,000 bottles of water, 500 new tee shirts and several hundred baseball caps for homeless veterans, both men and women.

Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, we will also conduct our annual winter drive using a gift registry at www.operationchillout.org. For \$25 you can "purchase" a backpack filled with warm winter gear. Since many of our fundraisers were canceled, funds are low for our year-round rapid response program and emergency supplies. Other suggested donations are \$10 for the OCO Rapid Response Team or \$10 for the Emergency Supplies Fund.

All donations for the gear packs will be used to purchase these items as we are an organization of volunteers, and we will make the purchases and deliveries – no middleman involved. You will receive an online receipt for your donation. All items will be distributed at locations where the homeless congregate, primarily sop kitchens and train stations.

Please be as generous as you can to make the winter months a little more comfortable for those who have so little and have many challenges to face.

Evangelization Corner

The Beatitudes



As noted last week, the sixth Beatitude promises that those who are the clean of heart will see God.

6. BLESSED ARE THE CLEAN OF HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD

How do we become pure of heart?

In verse 6 of Psalm 24, David writes, *“such is the race that seeks for Him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.”* Thus, to become “pure in heart” we must be willing to pursue God with utter single-mindedness; to seek God’s truth and God’s value in everything we do; to align ourselves with the truth of God.

Theologians have written that *“purity of heart,”* as reflected in this beatitude, refers to both a purification of the mind and a purification of the will. This presupposes that God is present in our mind as the object of our *“faith,”* and present in the will as the object of *“hope”* and *“charity.”* Therefore, to be *“pure in heart”* we must always live our faith; that is to be always in a state of grace.

In both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, we read that to draw near to the Lord we must first confess our sins. Saint John teaches that, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9).

What does it mean to see God?

There is no way to adequately describe what our end will be (seeing God). St. Matthew teaches that if we are pure in heart, cleansed and forgiven from sin and drawing near to Him, we *“shall see God”* (Matthew 5:8). And, in Corinthians we read, *“For not we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face”* (1 Cor. 13:12).

But it is also written in other places in the Bible that this does not mean we will physically see God. In Exodus the Lord told Moses, *“man shall not see me and live”* (Ex. 33:20) and in John we read, *“No one has ever seen God”* (Jn 1:18).

If we confess our sins, are truly sorrowful and live pure lives, we will be drawn closer to God, and if we come to God by faith, he will draw near to us. It is through our faith that God exists, and that we who seek Him will be rewarded. (Hebrews 11:6). *“Seeing God”* is a metaphor to describe fellowship with God; an eternal fellowship that goes beyond ordinary sight. A fellowship and that takes place in the hereafter and at the very end of human life.

Who is Blessed?

Jesus also notes that those who are pure in heart are *“blessed”* or *“happy.”* Psalm 73:1 reads, *“How good God is to the upright, to those who are pure of heart?”*

We will certainly experience a greater joy in our lives when we have confessed our sins, drawn near to God, and sought to live His way rather than ours. We will “see God” in the sense that we can more clearly understand His plans for our lives and walk in a way that pleases Him and helps others.

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

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Old Testament: Exodus 22:20-26
New Testament: Matthew 22:34-40

Weekly Reflection

Today’s Old Testament reading from the Book of Exodus gives us a clear and relevant statement on one of today’s modern-day problems. Its connection bears no interpretation; it is clear: *“You shall not molest or oppress an alien for you were once alien yourselves...you shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry.”* We have seen such references and connections to our lives throughout this liturgical year in both the Old and New Testaments.

Today’s well-known New Testament’s reading from Matthew has Christ being asked which is the greatest of the Commandment. Christ told them, and is telling us, that we are to *“...love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”* And Christ said that the second is like it: *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* As usual Christ is clear and to the point.

It is not hard for us to interpret and apply His words. We are coming to the end of our liturgical year. Christ is summarizing His theology. He’s laying out the truth of His mission for those of His time and for all generations to come so that we shall be able to know His teachings and live them. We obey these two commandments of loving our God and by such things as caring for the alien, loving our neighbor, and caring for any widow.

Lord, help us to love You and our neighbor, today and always.

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.

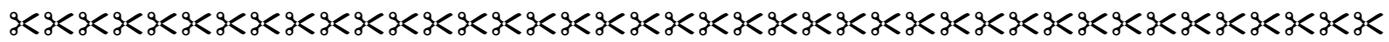
We are offering special Memorial Candles that will burn next to the altar during all weekend Masses throughout the month of November.

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.

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