Mass Intentions for this Week

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We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of Ann McCarty who was called home to the Lord. We pray that Ann rests peacefully with the Lord.

Parish Office News

The Church is open for private prayer and reflection Monday through Friday from 9:30am – 11:30am. You can access the church from the Parking Lot doors and are restricted to the area near the Blessed Mother’s statue. Confessions will continue to be offered by appointment only.

The Parish Office is open for visitors Monday thru Friday from 11am to 1pm. You can reach the office by phone Monday thru Friday 9am – 4pm or anytime by email svparishoffice@gmail.com

We are extremely grateful for your continuing financial support.

The collection for the week of October 24/25 was $11,500. (In pew and office receipts: $7,176; Faith Direct: $4,324.) 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

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Pray always...
Live Streamed on our website at www.stvirgilparish.org
Sunday at 10:30am ~ Weekdays at 9am

Readings for the Week

**Sunday**
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday**
Any readings from no. 668 or from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

**Tuesday**
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday**
Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday**
Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

**First Friday**
Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8

**First Saturday**
Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

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**Holy Hour for the Election**

Please join us for **Holy Hour** on Tuesday, November 3, at 3pm in Church to pray for our country on this election day. The hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena.

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**Monday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls.** Along with the regular 9am Mass, we will have a Mass of Remembrance at 60pm. During this Mass, we will remember our loved ones with the Blessing of the Memorial Candles.

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**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.

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**Food Drive for Hunger**

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](http://www.mcifp.org)

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**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 drive to deliver over 15,000 bottles of water, 500 new tee shirts, 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](http://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 soup 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.

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**Lynch Creek Farm** – Need the perfect gift or decorations for the holidays? Fresh Centerpieces, Christmas Wreaths, Garland and Tabletop Trees. Shop Lynch Creek Farms and support St. Virgil’s Parish. Free shipping to any location! St. Virgil’s receives 15% of the profit on every order. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter with details.

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2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal: “Love Thy Neighbor”

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests’ residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with a total of almost $713,000 returned to parishes last year. Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org).

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**JBWS (aka Jersey Battered Women’s Service) Holiday Boutique**

Every December, the Rosary Society sponsors a gift collection for the holiday boutique conducted by JBWS for its clients. Last year over 700 women and children received holiday gifts. Due to the increase in domestic abuse because of COVID-19, there are many more families this year. The shelter and transitional facilities are full. Support groups continue to see increases. All counseling, prevention, and supporting services are assisting clients remotely.

You can imagine a parent’s relief in knowing that during very trying times they will be able to give their children some of the joy of the holiday season. With our help, mothers can select a few special gifts for each child from **new toys and clothing** donated by the local community. Handmade gifts are especially appreciated.

JBWS has requested that we consider gifts for teens and pre-teens although items for all ages are welcome. Suggested items are listed below:

- Clothing for all ages
- Jewelry/wallets/purses/watches
- Makeup/nail polish/curling iron/straightener
- Puzzles/dolls (no board games, please)
- Crafts/building sets
- Models (Lego, Minecraft, Matchbox, etc.)
- Sports equipment/yoga mats

Please drop off your gifts (new and unwrapped) at the Tracy Center, Monday - Friday, from 9:00am – 12:00 noon no later than Tuesday, December 1. Please, do not leave anything in the church or at the parish office. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jane Flynn at jflynnmpi@aol.com or at 973-539-2581. JBWS receives many thank-you letters from mothers expressing their gratitude for the gifts.

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**Weekly Bulletin**

- **Feast of All Saints**
- **First Friday**
- **First Saturday**
- **Phil 1:21; 1 Jn 3:18; 1 Jn 3:19**
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In today’s Gospel according to Matthew, we will hear of the beatitudes from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. Over the last few weeks this column has been dedicated to discussing each of these beatitudes.

This week, we reflect on his seventh beatitude where Jesus’ focus is on peacemakers.

7. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

The dictionary defines a peacemaker as a person who helps others solve a conflict and reach a peaceful solution; someone who tries to bring peace through reconciliation of differences. It should come as no surprise, then, that a peacemaker is someone who follows the example of Jesus; someone who works to reconcile people with God and with each other.

Jesus’ seventh beatitude, “Blessed are the peacemakers” is not simply just an encouraging phrase, but it is, in fact, a call to live in the light of eternity during every hour of every day of our lives.

We all desire peace, to live peaceful lives, and to avoid conflict. But we are human and while we might desire peace, conflicts arise, and we often find ourselves in trouble. Jesus was no exception.

Long before Jesus’ birth, the Jewish prophet Isaiah foretold of the coming of the Messiah whose mission it would be to bring peace to the world and reconcile us to the Father (Isaiah 53). For it is only through a restored relationship with God that we can find “true peace”. Even Christ, who is often called the “Prince of Peace”, realized that to have true peace, there must at times be conflict. As we all know his mission to restore our relationship with God his Father was not a simple or easy task free from conflict. To fulfill the prophecy and his mission Jesus had to lay down His life. Because of his selfless act that we are reconciled with God and have been given the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Matthew’s Gospel, we find the mission to “Go forth and make disciples of all nations…” (Matthew 28:19-20). However, only those who have a real relationship with God can help someone else know God. It is those who bring the message of God’s peace to the world, who witness for Christ sharing their faith, and serving others in his name. They are the “peacemakers” that Jesus is referring to; those he calls the “children of God.”

We are all children of God, but we currently find ourselves in a country that is fragmented and polarized. As Catholics we need to be people who are willing to be active in creating peace, whether it is within our own hearts and/or with our families, with our friends, within our culture or even the world—with anyone.

It is a time when we, as Catholics, need to be the peacemakers, to give of ourselves as Jesus did in order that others may know the peace and love of God. For those who do so will be called “blessed.”

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

Evangelization Ministry

Feast of All Saints
Old Testament: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

All Saints is a remarkable Feast. It is a gift that keeps on giving. We can meditate and lean in upon all those who are, have been, and will be. The strength of their faith is available to us, whether they are our grandmothers, friends, or famous “big name” saints. As we sit in church, we can meditate on those who sat in those seats years ago and ponder how they, and their faith, truly made it possible for us to be there today, both spiritually and physically. They can inspire us; strengthen us; help bring our faith down to earth; and help us see our faith lived out by people we know and love!

One of the elders of Christ’s time asked, “Who are these wearing entire white robes, and where did they come from?” He replied, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress, they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

“They” are there for us, to help us live our everyday lives by sharing their everyday life

Lord, thank You for this gift. Help us use it!

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

Donate at Faith Direct: https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ732/20872
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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Visit:

www.LynchCreekFundraising.com/c/248026

or call

1-888-426-0781 and mention GROUP #248026

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