

April 25, 2021

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

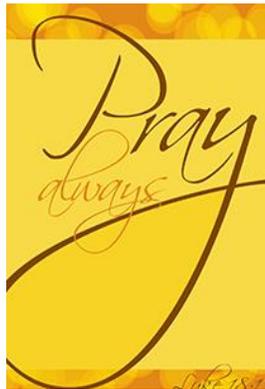
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

First Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

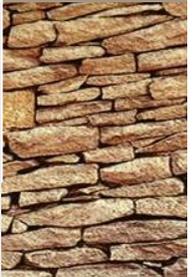


Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. Apr. 24	5pm	John & Rosemarie Trombetta—Special Intentions
Sun., Apr. 25	8am	Esther Glanville-24 th Anniversary Bernadette Pavkovic
	10:30pm	Anna Russo Rose Palumbo
	12:15pm	Josephine & John Underhill
Mon., Apr. 26	9am	Francis D'Annunzio
Tues., Apr. 27	9am	Josephine Carvagno
Wed., Apr. 28	9am	Patrick Moccia
Thurs., Apr. 29	9am	Gregory Floyd Rose Prisco, Richard Esposito, Lester Resh & Phylis Ressh
		Robert Dubea John F. Barry
Fri., Apr. 30	9am	

Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Virgil's Church



Rosary Hour

On Thursday mornings at 10:30am (provided there is no funeral) the ladies of the parish gather at the church to pray the Holy Rosary. All are invited to attend.

Please remember in your prayers. . .

Our Family & Friends

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| Audrey Bezerra | Ed Schrak | Christie Farias |
| Mary Sullivan | Marie Loughlin | Steve Hogan |
| Doris Biache | Tony Loughlin | Robert Taylor |
| Mike Manley | Judy Taylor | Eileen Lagan |
| Mary Maffeo | Marie E. Logan | Bill Warrick |
| Sandra Buck | Margaret Ellis | Anne Benson |
| Bob Taylor | Miah Tully | Barbara Bock |
| Stephen Burke | Baby Emma Scannelli | |
| Barbara Trzaska | Debbie Dallemolle | |
| Florence & John Luckey | Rosemary Paulison | |
| Jackie Donnelley | Colleen Dillion & Family | |
| Rose Marie Warrick | John & Elizabeth Zisa | |
| Kamasha Redhead | Teresa Procopio | |
| Edward Schwartz | Jeffrey Taszko | |
| Mary Eileen & Douglas Priszano | | |

Novena to St. Joseph

On Tuesday mornings following the 9am Mass, we invite you to join in our Novena to St. Joseph.



New Email Contacts

We are migrating to new emails. To contact. . .

- Fr. Michal pastor@stvirgilparish.org
- Fr. Marcia parochialvicar@stvirgilparish.org
- Gloria office@stvirgilparish.org
- Debbie parishcoordinator@stvirgilparish.org
- Deacon Merle deaconmerle@yahoo.com
- Deacon Joe joeq8562@gmail.com
- Music music@stvirgilparish.org

PREP & Youth Ministry will not be changing emails until the end of the school year.

All those who service in defense of our Country, both at home and abroad

- The deployed airmen of the 914 Air Refueling Wing,
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| SSGT Blake Reidinger | LT Kelsey Bergh |
| PO1 Timothy Butchko | MJR Gary Windt |
| LT Patrick Leahey | 2LT Ryan Feeny |
| MJR Stephanie Sittman | SSGT Thomas Sittmann |
| LTR Andrew McGuinness | SSGT Eric Wright |
| LCDR Daniel M. Leahey | LT Mark Van Ordan |
| LT Mark C. Leahey | MSGT T.J. Hopkins |
| LT Kian Federick Stewart | LT Tyler Hugn |
| CPL Irvin Carithers | DC1 Alexander V. Fernandez |



Thank you for your continued generosity. The regular collection for the weekend of April 17/18 was \$7,690. (In pew - \$4,810; Faith Direct - \$2,880). Although we reported a preliminary Easter amount, we are still receiving donations will update at the end of the month.

Please consider using Faith Direct, an online giving service where you can donate the amount you currently give each Sunday through an online medium. Our parish number is NJ732. You can also use your cell phone and "text to give" at 973-221-9551 and follow the instructions for a one-time gift.

Youth Ministry Clothing Drive >>>



It's time to do some spring cleaning!

St. Virgil Youth Ministry

will be conducting a clothing drive from April 25 through May 1. We will be accepting clothes, bedding, stuffed animals, purses, belts, & shoes. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT FURNITURE DONATIONS OR CHILDREN'S TOYS** Please place ALL items in black plastic garbage bags. The garage will be open from 8am – 4pm on April 25 through April 30 and on May 1 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 or 201-513-7667.



Congratulations to Rene & Mary

They will be joining with Bishop Sweeney and other happy couples in the Paterson Diocese as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a special Mass at St. John's Cathedral in Paterson this afternoon.

Morris Plains Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 8 ~ 8am – 2pm

Morris Plains Firehouse
531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains
Beautiful hanging baskets and pots



Please don't go it alone...rather let's be there for one another!

7-Week Bereavement Support Group

April 15 – May 27, 2021
Each Thursday at 2:00 pm.
Fellowship Senior Living
8000 Fellowship Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

SCC Virtual Run for a Nun!

Join the Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ for a **Virtual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run** this spring. You can participate anywhere and anytime by June 1, 2021. All proceeds benefit the education of the young women in Initial Formation. Sponsorship opportunities are available! Visit the SCC website at www.sceast.org/runforanun to register or for more information. You can also contact the Office of Mission Advancement at dev.director@sceast.org or 973-230-5355.



Quo Vadis Retreat:

"Where are You Going?" A one-day Retreat for young men, high school age (including those entering high school this fall), to help them in discerning their Vocation in Life. The day will include several talks and fun activities: zip-line, indoor rope climb, and archery. Barbeque by the Knights of Columbus, outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Sweeney. Music by Dan Ferrari. Please consider joining us for this one-day Retreat at Camp Shiloh in Hewitt on **Friday, June 25, 2021**. See the Website below for more information such as flyers and registration forms.

First Saturday: Day of Discernment:

The young men of the parish, college age and above, are invited to join us on the First Saturday of the Month, **Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 10:00 am** at the House of Discernment, 913 Birch Street, Boonton. The day will include Holy Mass, Holy Hour with Praying the Rosary, lunch, and social time.

Website: <https://PatersonVocations.org> (Parish Resources) to Download Bulletin Ads & Flyers

Contact: Father Ed Rama, Vocation Director (cell) 973-997-2527 or Erma@Patersondiocese.org

See us in person! SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Mary Help of Christians Academy
North Haledon, NJ

Tuesday, April 27, 6pm, 6:30pm, or 7pm
Choose you slot today!
Must Pre-Register at:
www.maryhelp.org/OHREG/

Evangelization Corner



David, Israel's greatest king and God's beloved!

God had strict rules about His priests and animal sacrifices. Samuel, a godly priest, was to offer a sacrifice to God but, not wanting to wait, Israel's king, Saul, decided to offer the sacrifice himself. By not listening to and obeying Him, God rejected him as the King of Israel. God then told Samuel to anoint David, son of Jesses and a "man after His own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14) to replace Saul as king. God did not make David the King of Israel at that point but his anointing by Samuel with oil was God's promise that David, one day, would replace Saul as Israel's king. At that time, however, God set in motion the events that would help make David the King of Israel when the time was right.

After He had removed Saul as king, God raised up David as Israel's new king testifying of him, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, he will carry out my every wish". (Acts 12:22)

Under David's reign, the kingdom of Israel was blessed and was prospering. David realized that while he was dwelling in a house of cedar, the Arc of God was still dwelling in a tent. He shared his thoughts to build a house for the Arc with the prophet Nathan. Later that night, God spoke to Nathan telling him to tell David not to build a

house for the Arc. He should instead tell him, "I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed." (2 Samuel 7:10) Thereby confirming the first two covenants with Israel (the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants). God also promised that David's son will succeed him as king of Israel and that this son (Solomon) would build the temple: "I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name." (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

The important promise was that, David's throne would be "established forever". We see as the promise that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, would come from the lineage of David and the tribe of Judah and would establish a kingdom that would endure forever. (Psalm 45:6-7; Psalm 89: -34; Revelation 1:5-6)

This is known as the Davidic Covenant.

Solomon, David's son, although the wisest king, defected from pure worship and, under the reign of Solomon's sons, civil war broke out leading

the kingdom being divided with Israel in the North and Judah in the South. Many kings ruled over the ten tribes of Israel leading the people away from God. Around 722 BC, the nation of Israel disappears with the destruction of the Kingdom of Assyria.

The nation of Judah was conquered by the Babylonian empire and its people deported into Babylon where they remained in captivity until its' fall to the Persian Empire. Due to the loyalty of Judah, especially its kings and to Yahweh, the Lord eventually released them to return to Judah.

This brings us to the 3rd theme of the Bible: **redemption.**

May His grace be with each of us as we continue to our journey with Christ.

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry

Weekly Reflection

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2
John 11-18*

The readings following Easter continue to tell us of the messages the Apostles were taught by Christ and how this fledgling religious group managed to form a faith that grew to an organization that changed history. The first and second readings again tell of what were to be the guiding principles of that faith. The first and second readings reiterated three guiding lights. First, for us to serve others, as demonstrated by Christ's healing the crippled man. The second is how the new followers were referred to as "the Children of God," demonstrating

how our father in heaven sees His new followers—not as fellow workers in some large job producing group, but as part of a family of man to which all are invited. Thirdly, we again are told that we cannot really envision what the Kingdom of God will look like, but that "when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see him as he is." The "seeing" which was referred to last week is an important message that we must strive to truly see who the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, really are and should see, as well, all who are the children of God, and see into the hearts of, and love, all whom we meet.

The Gospel for today is one that is known world-wide for its simpleness and its depth. It is Christ revealing that He in fact is the Good Shepherd. Christ tells us that He is the Good Shepherd. "A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." He is telling us that in fact as Shepherd He would care for us so much He would give His life for us. In fact, He did. For us to be told on such a personal level that we would and will be so cared for, touches us to our core.

Lord, let me be a sheep in Your flock, cared for by You.



Final

thoughts...

Our Children's Bulletins (one for children 3+ and one for Children 7+) is available through Flocknotes or on the Parish Webiste.

Donate at Faith Direct: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NJ732/20872> or "Text to Give" at 973-221-9551

