

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Dec. 17	5:00	Frank Suchenski
Sun., Dec. 18	7:30	John Flannery
	9:00	Msgr. James Fallon
	10:30	Maurice desEtangs
	12:00	Antonio & Angela Gabriel
	6:30	Paul Glanville-- 25 th Anniversary Angela Nucci
	12:10	Carole Litizia Anthony Acquaviva Evelyn Rizzo Alex Paganelli— 1 st Anniversary
	6:30	Theresa & Vincent Corcoran
	12:10	William Stearle— 46 th Anniversary Anne Callahan Alice Thomas
	6:30	Martha Clarke
Wed., Dec. 21	12:10	Elvira Caroselli John T. Hynes
	6:30	Bernard J. Higgins
Thurs., Dec. 22	12:10	Alex Paganelli Jerry Palumbo
	6:30	Arduino Magliocchetti
	12:10	Blair W. Morris— 7 th Anniversary Michael & Frances Marinaccio Anthony DeStefano
	4:00	Priest's Intentions
	6:00	Priest's Intentions
Sun., Dec. 25	11:00	Priest's Intentions
	7:30	Priest's Intentions
	9:00	Priest's Intentions
	10:30	Priest's Intentions
	12:00	Priest's Intentions

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns in memory of
Marita Miller & Emilia Beninati
From Marie Welby

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24
4pm, 6pm and 11pm
Christmas Day, December 25
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, and 12 noon
New Year's Eve, December 31
5pm
New Year's Day, January 1
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, and 12 noon

This week at St. Virgil's...

Sunday, December 18, 2011
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am, Church
PREP B, 10:15am, School

Wednesday, December 21, 2011
Advent Program for Tots, 10am, TC

Thursday, December 22, 2011
Bible Study, 10:30am, CMR

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **Albert Harenchar**, father of Deacon Tom Harenchar, **James Noble, & Anthony Dato**. May **Albert, James, & Anthony** rest in God's peace.

Through the waters of baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Mark Austin Sambrowski**, son of Paul and Rachel.



Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of December 11/12 was \$10,396. You also donated \$2,085 to the Religious Retirement Fund.

Please remember in your prayers:

Joe Russo, John Racik, Jr., Lucille Caporuscio, Michael Smith, Michael Schmidt, Leonard Cifrese, Eric Rotella, Frances Merlo, and Susie Bryce.

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These names will remain on the list for 3 months and them be removed unless you notify the parish office.



# St. Virgil Academy Morris Catholic



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## **SCOUTS DO OUTREACH**

The St. Virgil Academy/Morris Catholic Junior School Girls Scouts, both past and present, were reunited last week to do their annual Christmas outreach project. Scouts from kindergarten through our high school alumnae joined forces to spread Christmas cheer throughout the community. The girls baked cookies and decorated napkin rings & ornaments all to share with the residents at St. Anne's Villa in Florham Park. Along with doing

activities within their respective troops, the SVA/MCJS scouts periodically join forces to assist each other with larger scale projects. Scouting—for both boys and girls—has been a long standing extra-curricular activity at SVA/MCJS. For more information on Girl Scouting, contact Camille Leggett at [camille.leggett@gmail.com](mailto:camille.leggett@gmail.com), and for Cub Scouts contact Joanne Feeney at [jojoh89@optonline.net](mailto:jojoh89@optonline.net)

## **“FANTASTIC FRIDAYS”**



### **NOW IN SESSION!**

Stop in, at your convenience, to see our wonderful parish school

Come to the school any Friday between the hours of 9:00 – 11:00 AM or 1:00 – 2:00 PM to see the facilities, learn about the impressive academic/enrichment offerings and see the school “in action.” Parents with children ages PreK – 3 through Grade 8 are welcome. No reservations necessary...just ring the bell!

## **THANKS TO OUR SHOPPERS!**

Many thanks to those who stopped by our SVA/MCJS Christmas store last week. As always, we appreciate your support!



## **DID YOU KNOW...**

...that our St. Virgil Academy/Morris Catholic Junior School students begin every school day in Morning Prayer with Father Rick? The children lead the readings and listen to insights about the gospel messages. Beginning the day in prayerful reflection is just one of the ways our students celebrate their Catholic faith. Faith formation is woven into just about everything they do--we can't think of a better way to start the day!

## **CONGRATS SERVERS!**

Congratulations to our school and PREP children who completed their altar serving training this week. We look forward to seeing you on the altar very soon. God Bless you for your service to our parish community: **MCJS** – Daniel Clendenny, Megan Fischer, Kelly Ann Leggett, Nicole Zebick; **PREP** – Kimberly Fetherston, Abigail Gringeri, Julia Landi, Molly McDermott, Grace Scanlon and Alex Schmid.

# Faith Formation

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word December 18 9am Mass**

Children ages Pre-K 4 – Grade 5 will be called forward to process with catechists to the Church Meeting Room for age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. Children will return to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## **PREP Class Schedule**

PREP A & B: 10:15am – 11:45am

**PREP A** – Classes on January 8 and 29

**PREP B** – Classes on December 18, January 22

## **Jr. High Class Schedule**

Jr. High: 1pm – 4pm

**Jr. High** – Classes on January 8

## **Grade 5 Trinket Fundraiser**

PREP B – Dec. 18 ~ Please bring \$1 to class

As part of the Grade 5 curriculum, the children are learning about the works of mercy. As part of their service towards others, they will host their annual Advent fundraiser to raise money for those less fortunate. Students are asked to bring \$1.00 to class.

## **Grade 2 First Eucharist Parent Meeting**

A parent meeting is scheduled on **Sunday, December 18, at Noon** in the Tracy Center for parents with children preparing to receive First Eucharist in the spring.

**Grade 2 Eucharist Date Selection forms** will be mailed December 22. Forms may be returned beginning on January 3.

## **Early Childhood Faith Experience**

Wednesdays ~ 10-10:45am  
December 21

## **Youth Mass**

January 8  
12 noon

## **Confirmation Classes**

Second Year ~ January 8 ~ 6:30-8pm

First Year ~ January 22 ~ 6:30 – 8pm

## **From the Youth Minister...**

Dear Appalachia North:

Morris Habitat Humanity has requested our help during Christmas week (12/26-12/30) for their Denville site. Their mission is to provide safe, decent affordable homes for low income families. So this is right up our alley. The one date we are definitely trying to fill is Thursday, December 29. Can you let us (email to [carolewc44@verizon.net](mailto:carolewc44@verizon.net)) know if Thursday is good and if any other days that week are good for you? We may be able to do multiple dates that week depending on the level of participation. All participants must be at least 16. We will need one adult chaperone for every 5 youth. Please consider helping to give a tremendous gift to a needy family this Christmas – a new home.

Love, Fitz, Penny and AJ

Appalachia North Dates to remember:

**December 26-30 - Habitat for Humanity  
January 2012-Hope House**

We will continue to work with Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Paterson to minister to those in need with strong hands and gentle hearts. If you would like to be involved in "App North", please contact Penny Manser at [mansersvym@gmail.com](mailto:mansersvym@gmail.com) or A.J. Capuzzi at [capuzziaj@verizon.net](mailto:capuzziaj@verizon.net) with any questions, comments or suggestions.

## Ministries & Outreaches

### HELP! HELP! HELP!

We are in need of Volunteers for Morris View Health Care Center to wheel residents to the Chapel for Mass on Tuesday mornings from 9am – 11:30am.



This is an extremely rewarding ministry working with these special seniors and your fellow parish members. If you're interested, please call Maureen Kelly at 973-267-0022.



Thank you for your continued support of our fund raising efforts. This is the last weekend that "Holy Family" ornament will be sold in the church after Mass. We still have stock available. Please place your orders for this piece or previous keepsakes through the church office. Orders can also be placed by contacting Mary Jo Hashagen at [mjhashagen@aol.com](mailto:mjhashagen@aol.com). (Please write "ornament order" in the subject line of your email.) Thank you.



### Christmas Trees

St. Paul's Abbey, on Route 206 one mile south of Newton, has thousands of Christmas Trees in the fields ready for you to choose 'n' cut from November 25 to December 20, 9am – 4pm.



### Pre Cana

Pre Cana provides guidance to couples preparing for marriage. St. Virgil will hold our Pre-Cana on January 23, 25 & 27, 2012, at 7pm. This is an opportunity for married couples to share their insights into marriage by speaking from their experiences. The Pre-Cana team is looking for couples to join the team. Whether you're newly married or are celebrating a silver or golden anniversary, you are welcome to join the team. There will be plenty of guidance from the team leaders. If you're interested, please call Deacon Merle at 973 538-1379 or the Parish Office at 973 538-1418.



If you have free time once a month and would be interested in helping to launder and iron the Altar Linens used at Mass daily and on weekends, we are looking for volunteers to add to our rotating schedule. Please contact Deacon Frank Para at [deacon.frank@att.net](mailto:deacon.frank@att.net) or call the Parish Office if you'd like to help.



We wish to express our appreciation first of all to your Pastor, Fr. Francis, for the opportunity to sell raffle tickets at your parish. A special thanks to all who were able to participate in it. Your caring and generous support helped to make it a real success. As you may know, it went for the support of Vocationist seminarians worldwide, many of whom are in Third World countries and are in dire need. This annual 50/50 raffle and dinner dance are our only major fund raiser.

We enjoyed the weekend visit to your parish. It was equally heartening, in listening to the recipients, to realize what a timely and critical blessing your contribution was to them.

Please know that the entire Vocationist Congregation is sincerely grateful and wish you God's abundant blessing.

The winners were: First prize to Ella Metta of Union, NJ (\$9,915.50); second prize to Carol Hart of Brooklyn, NY, (2,833); and third prize to Barbara Oliviera of East Rutherford, NJ, (\$1,416.50)

***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
To Be Honored in Convent Station***

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth cordially invite you to join them for the Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ, at 11am. There will be a light lunch following in the study hall at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth. The Heritage room at the Motherhouse will be open for a display of Mother Seton memorabilia.

***EVA'S VILLAGE  
UPCOMING COMMUNITY TOUR!***

Join us for an up close and personal Community Tour of Eva's Village on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 beginning at 10:30am. Community tours are a great way to learn how Eva's advances its mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, treat the addicted, and provide primary medical and dental care to the poor. To reserve your space, call Cyndi Roberson at (973) 523-6220 ext. 226.



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## Welcome to our new parishioners

Shawn & Anthony **Longo**

Jon & Melissa **Casafranca** & their daughter, Brielle

Louis **Gasper**

James & Susan **Boguszewski** & their children Stephanie, Suzette, & Leah

Alfred & Margaret **Morusiewicz** & Anna and Thomas

Joseph & Anna Marie **Loiacono**

Kieran & Shashi **Joyce** and their children Emma and Kayla

Cynthia & Keith **Carricarte**

Lori **Stefko** & her children Gianni, Justin & Brayden **Rivera**

Michael & Gina **Reynolds** & their daughter Ellianna

Linda **DeLillo**

Phyllis & Terry **DeLillo**

Matt & Maria **Johnson** & their son Matteo

Carl & Joy **Logan** & their daughter Tierney

Jason **Cloyd** & Judy **Sainave**

Gregory **Spadavecchia**

Sean & Lynn **DelBene** & their sons Justin & Nicholas

Luca & Sapia **Campanelli**