

## *This Week at St. Virgil Parish*

### *Events Schedule*

#### Sunday, March 6

Girl Scout Sunday, 9am Mass  
 PREP B, 10:15am, School  
 Appalachia Outreach Team Mtg., 1:15pm, TC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation, 6:30pm, School

#### Tuesday, March 8

HSA Meeting, 7pm, SMC  
 KofC Meeting, 8pm, TC

#### Ash Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday, See Schedule on facing page

#### Thursday, March 10

Bible Study, 10:30am, CR  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 12:45pm, CMR

#### Friday, March 11

SVA/MCJS Annual Gift Auction at The Villa in  
 Mountain Lakes, NJ

#### Sunday, March 13

PREP A, 10:15am, School  
 Jr. High PREP, 1pm, School  
 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation, 6:30pm, School

*Please remember in your prayers:*

Catherine Walsh, Rita Bermingham, Leonard Cifrese, Charles J. Smith, Jr., Michael Walsh, Lou & Gert Andrearario, Eric Rotella, Dorothy Romano, Dorothy O'Neill, Nicholas J. Alexander, Janet Lake, Alan Rhea, Tina Witowsky, Gregory Kerian, David Helmkin, Tara DeMarzo, Ted & Ann Carbin, Frances Merlo, Kay Pezeshki, Nancy Rosnell, Mabelle Uehara, Zoe Budwick, Mary Ann Colasurdo, Andrea Muli, Albert M. Harenchar, Susie Bryce, Daniel Guadreau, Valerie Lano, Joan Green, Tommy Barnes, Charles Petrock, Jr., Sue Ann Cattano, Ellen Selert, Jimmy Graham, Baby Kayla Davidson, Marcella Butchko, and Margaret McGuirk.



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family and friends of **James Mabin**. May James rest in God's peace.

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to the parish family, **Sierra Nicole Mariconda**, daughter of Pellegrino & Kelly-Anne, and **Emma Reese Watts**, daughter of Michael & Jacquilin.



### *Welcome New Parishioners*

Please join us in welcoming to the parish family, our new parishioners for the month of February:

- Brad & Jenn **Boothe** & their daughter Sara
- Ray & Shannon **Cervone** & their son Rafe
- Sarah **Walsh** & Brian **O'Toole**
- John & Tara **Kaiser**



Through your generous donations, the collection for the weekend of February 26 & 27 was \$11,445. Thank you for your generosity.

### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

Sat., Mar. 5	5:00	<b>Angela Nucci</b>
Sun., Mar. 6	7:30	<b>Charles Smith</b>
	9:00	<b>For the People</b>
	10:30	<b>Angela Nucci</b>
	12:00	<b>Angela Nucci</b>
Mon., Mar. 7	6:30	<b>John &amp; Elizabeth Connors Angela Nucci</b>
	12:10	<b>Hayward Frazier Maria Barbara Lopez Rita Bermingham—Special Intentions</b>
Tues., Mar. 8	6:30	<b>Barbara Barnes</b>
	12:10	<b>Mary Polise—14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barbara Barnes</b>
Wed., Mar. 9	6:30	<b>Beth Burdette—7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
	9:00	<b>Guy Adami, Sr.</b>
	12:10	<b>Jerry Palumbo</b>
	7:30	<b>Vicky Tagliente</b>
Thurs., Mar. 10	6:30	<b>Sarah Ayash</b>
	12:10	<b>Pamela Costens Bauman</b>
Fri., Mar. 11	6:30	<b>Betty Gaynor</b>
	12:10	<b>Brian Koller Barbara Barnes</b>
Sat., Mar. 12	8:00	<b>Donald Giffhorn John Simoldoni</b>
	5:00	<b>Eugene Delmonico</b>
Sun., Mar. 13	7:30	<b>For the People</b>
	9:00	<b>Frank Grasso</b>
	10:30	<b>Frances Lombardi</b>
	12:00	<b>Antonio Gabriel</b>

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns in memory of  
**Pamela Costens Bauman**  
 From the Costens Family



## *Lent 2011*

*Ash Wednesday, March 9*

**Masses:** 6:30am, 9am, 12:10pm, 7:30pm

**Prayer Service:** 4pm

**Daily Mass:** 6:30am & 12:10pm

### *Catholic Relief Services: Operation Rice Bowl*

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn, and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for additional resources to use at home.

### *Welcome Home!*

Welcome Home is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be held on Mondays during Lent, March 14 through April 11 from 7-8:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to come to Confession as a family or to invite a friend who you know has not had the opportunity to go to Confession in some time. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided on the side table by the Confessionals or ask a priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God! For more information go to [www.welcometohomehealing.org](http://www.welcometohomehealing.org).

### *Lenten Faith Sharing Groups*

To register for one of the Lenten Faith Sharing Groups, please record your name and contact information (either email address or telephone number). Also, please indicate your preferences for day and time from the list below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule:

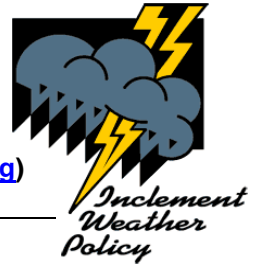
\_\_\_\_\_ Monday at 2pm                      \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday at 10:30 am (J & L Kowalski)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday at 1pm                      \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday at 1pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday at 7:30 pm                      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday at 10am



# PREP



In the event that PREP classes need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, a message will be posted on the Parish website ([www.stvirgil.org](http://www.stvirgil.org)) at least one hour prior to the start of class.

## PREP Class Schedule

PREP A – March 13 and 27

PREP B – March 6 (Grades 1 – 5 Prayer Test) and 20

Jr. High – March 13

Toddlers & Twos – March 15

**Toddlers, Twos, and a Caregiver** are invited to explore the theme, **God's Creation**, through prayer, play, song, and craft at **10am, on Tuesday, March 15**, in the Tracy Center. Pre-registration is required. Registration Forms are available at the doors of the church and the Parish Office if you did not register previously. For more information, please contact Marisa Day in the PREP office at [svreled@yahoo.com](mailto:svreled@yahoo.com). A caregiver must accompany each child. In the event of snow, please consult the parish website [www.stvirgil.org](http://www.stvirgil.org) for cancellation information.

### **First Eucharist Preparation**

- Pew Banner kits are available in the Parish office
- Altar Cloth Squares (mailed to those who were unable to attend the retreat on Jan 16) are due to the PREP office by March 6
- Readiness Projects are due to the PREP Office by April 1

**Holy Childhood Association Lenten Collection** ~ PREP will once again collect donations to support the Holy Childhood Association's mission work throughout the world. Through HCA, children have the opportunity to help other children who are less fortunate. **PREP students are asked to bring \$1 to class on the following day:**

PREP A..... March 13

PREP B ..... March 20

Thank you for your generosity.



**F. I. S. H.**

### *Youth Ministry*

**1<sup>st</sup> Year:** March 13

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year:** March 6

**Youth Mass:** March 13

**Appalachia Team Meeting**

March 6 at 1:15pm

Tracy Center





The Prayer Shawl Ministry members will gather on Thursday, March 10, (**please note day change due to Ash Wednesday**) in the Church Meeting Room at 12:45pm. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided. If you need a ride, please call Barbara Trimiglozzi at 973-538-1418. New members are always welcome!

### *Fresh Fruit Sunday*



On Sunday, March 13, we will be collecting **fresh fruit** for our shut-in friends. The residents look forward to "*Fruit Sunday*" each month and thank us many times for your thoughtfulness and generosity. If you can contribute, please leave your fruit in the cartons provided at each entrance of the church on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for your generosity. If you have any questions, please call Ann at (973) 538-8609.

There will **not** be a collection of baked goods on Wednesday, March 9, in observance of Ash Wednesday.

**St. Virgil**



**Prime Time**

### *Prime Time*

What a great meeting we had on Friday, February 18. Attendance was 70 and everyone seemed happy to be with friends. Our guest speakers were Don and

Jeanne McKenna who presented a very poignant program called ***File of Life***, which was well received. The McKennas do a fine job for our community.

Sign ups for the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon continues. A \$14 check, if received by February 28, (\$15 after that date) can be sent to Jeanne McGuinness at 18 Central Avenue, Morris Plains, 07950. Cut off date is March 11. Think **SPRING**—it can't be too far off!

Anne Benson, Coordinator



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We, Kathy and I, are simply overwhelmed and humbled by the hundreds of Mass cards, notes, letters, visits, phone calls, dinners, flowers, etc. that have poured in over the past couple of weeks. Thank you for this outpouring of love and kindness. You truly are a church of giving and outreach to others. On behalf of all my family, let me again say, "Thank You!"

On Thursday, Feb. 3, at breakfast, my heart attack began and by dinnertime, I had received surgery for a triple by-pass. While very painful, I am alive and beginning to heal. In another month, I should enter a rehab program and the month after that I should be back to light duty and ministry. Please know that I believe deep in my heart that I am blessed to be your Deacon, and service to you has always been my joy. I pray for you each day that our Brother Jesus will pour His graces out on you all.

In His love, Deacon Merle

*SVA/MCJS*

### *Grand 50/50 Raffle*

This is the last weekend to purchase tickets for the **St. Virgil School Grand 50/50 Raffle Drawing**. Tickets cost \$5 each. Drawing will take place at our **Annual Gift Auction on March 11, 2011**. Winners need not be present. Last year's first prize was over \$3,000! Please support our parish school by purchasing a ticket or two. You could be one of the lucky winners! Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parish Office or from any school family.

**Good luck!**

- 1st Prize will be 50% of 1/2 of the Total**
- 2nd Prize will be 35% of 1/2 of the Total**
- 3rd Prize will be 15% of 1/2 of the Total**

## *Knights of Columbus*



**50/50 Raffle:** The 50/50 raffle in March will be for the benefit of Homeless Solutions, Inc. The Knights will be at the doors of the church on the weekend of March 19 & 20 to

sell raffles tickets. Last month's raffle winners were paid \$575 and a portion was donated to replace the door of the parish office.

Please contact Jim Cannestro at (973) 998-9446 if you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

## *KofC Fish and Chips Dinner*



Our first "Fish and Chips Lenten Dinner will be on April 1 from 5-7pm in the SVA cafeteria. Take out will available, but no meal will be served after 6:30pm.

**All Are Welcome!**

Cost \$20/adult (16+) \$15/child and under 5 are free. Menu includes: Salad, Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Soda, and Coffee. Tickets will go on sale shortly and will not be sold after March 30.

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR**

## *Interfaith Food Pantry Most Urgent Needs*



When shopping, please consider low sodium, low salt items:

- Ensure
- Meats & Meals in Cans
- Canned Tuna
- Rice

- Hearty Soups (low salt)
- Parmalate (32 oz.) and dry milk in individual packets

Our collection last week: 18 bags of groceries.

While you are saving your coins for Operation Rice Bowl, you might also consider putting away a few coins (or dollars!) for the Interfaith Food Pantry who work so hard to serve the working poor of Morris County. Monetary donations as well as food items are accepted. **Anything you give is always appreciated.**

**WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH !!**

## *Interfaith Council for Homeless Families*

If anybody would like to volunteer for our next evening, which is Thursday, May 5, 2011, either by providing a dish or spending time with the homeless, then you can contact the following people: Margaret Flory at 973 267-7165 (information on volunteering) or Stephanie Crowley at 201 326-6706 (to donate food.)



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**Morristown High School Theater Program**  
Cordially invites all senior citizens to the complimentary performance of

## **Good News A Musical Comedy set in the Roaring 20's**

Thursday, March 24, 2011  
3pm  
Morristown High School Theater  
Refreshments will be served.