

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Holy Rosary



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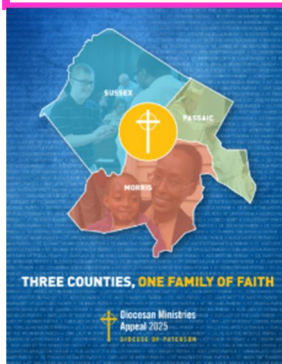
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October 5, 2025

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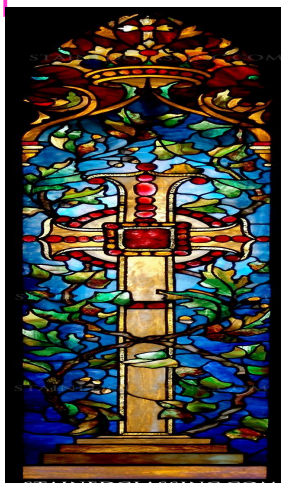


Parish Giving

Collection for Sept. 27/28: \$7,440.

Faith Direct for August: \$15,523.

Please consider supporting our Parish through eGiving. Enrolling in online giving will simplify your monthly budgeting while also providing for our Parish. If you would like to sign up, visit faithdirect.org and enter parish code NJ732 Your kindness is appreciated.



Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 4

**5:00 Edward T. Doherty, Jr.
Ann Florin
Blaise Marchese**

Sunday, October 5

7:30 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish esp. John Shivas
9:00 Kyle Fleischmann
10:30 Thomas Mulligan
**12:00 Clarence Abayakoon
Maria & Antonios Bistolaridis**

Monday, October 6

12:10 Ed & Loretta Lang

Tuesday, October 7

**12:10 Jack Shivas
Irene Perodin gives thanks to God**

Wednesday, October 8

12:10 John Joseph Carroll, Sr.

Thursday, October 9

**12:10 Edward Schrak
Richard Langan**

Friday, October 10

12:10 Sebastian & Catherine

Saturday, October 11

**5:00 Fred Sweeney
Ann Florin
Nancy Berry Boyne**

Sunday, October 12

7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish, esp Jack Shivas
9:00 John & Florence Mulligan
10:30 Anthony Ribaud, Sr.
12:00 Frances & Michael Marinaccio

Events This Week at Saint Virgil Parish

Corona Self Help Speakers this weekend

Mon 10/6: Men's Cornerstone 7:30 SVC

Tues 10/7: Living Rosary 7 pm

Weds 10/8: ACTS Class 6 pm Tracy Center

Thurs 10/9: Bible Study 10:30 TC
Divine Mercy 6:30
Bible Study 7:00 SV Classroom

Fri 10/10: Baptism Class 5:00 TC

Sat 10/11: Lector Training

Please remember in your prayers:

Our Family & Friends

Lyn Porter, Jackie Donnelley, Karen Pry, Lottie Krolik, Terry Goode, Evelyn Uehara, Ric Perez, Baby Patrick Feeney, Barbara Collins, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Gore, Lena Kleso, Fran Semiao, Barbara Trzaska, Yoselim Amai Ramirez, Baby Lena, Carol Alcock, Ron Pemimpede, Nancy Blajda, Ann and Al Florin, Carol Brautigan, Sister Laverne, Nick Martocci, Rebecca Hollis, Steve O'Neill, Rob Spawn Diane DeVenezia, Vicki Twomey, Peggy Barber, Jerry Warrick, Bill Warrick, Helena D'Estang, Shawn Black, Patti Alcock, Ed Schrak, John O'Leary, Mary Maffeo, Tony Loughlin, Robert Taylor, Doug Prinszano, Sandra Buck, Stephen Burke, Miah Tully, Michael O'Connor, Debbie Dallemolle, Emma Scannelli.

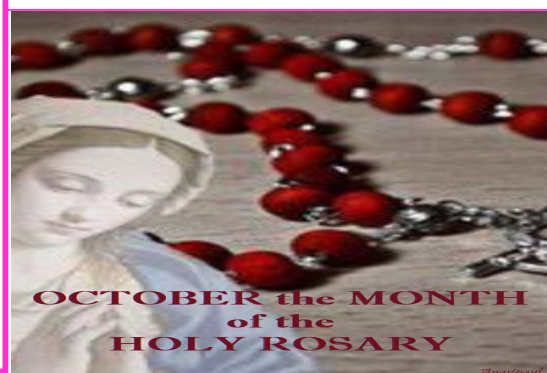
(Unless you notify the parish office, names will rotate off the list in three months.)

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

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Our Home-bound Parishioners and friends at

Morris View Health Care,
Sunrise Assisted Living,
Arbor Terrace





October Events to Anticipate

October 7: Living Rosary 7 pm (Tuesday)

October 11: Lector Training

October 12: OCIA Begins at 10:00 in the Tracy Center

October 14: Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Ceremony 7 pm in Church



Registration—Registration is available on our Parish Website or by calling or emailing the Parish Office.

Baptisms—The sacrament is celebrated on each Sunday at 1:00 PM. Please call or email the parish office for information and scheduling.

Wedding Preparations - Call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the pastor to begin marriage preparation, preferably one year in advance. A Pre-Cana Class will be required.

Visitation of the Sick or Elderly - Call the Parish Office to arrange for visits to the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound. HIPPA Regulations require that we receive permission from the immediate family, prior to the visit.



On Sunday, September 28th,
by the waters of Baptism,
Guiliana Fay Graziani, daughter
of Theodore and Shannon Graziani, was
received into our Catholic
Parish Family.



*Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

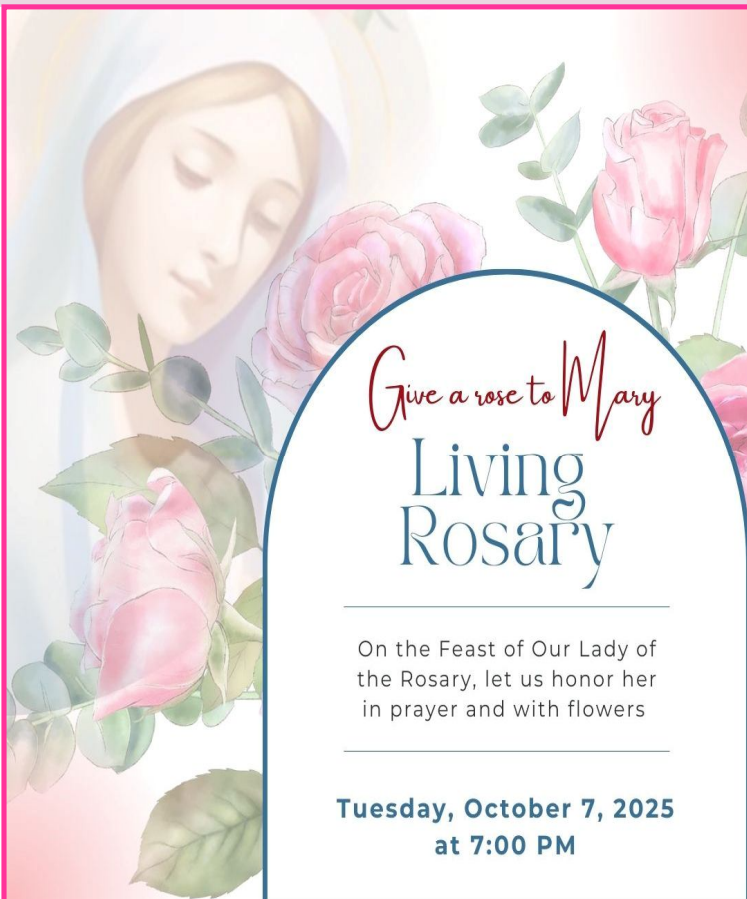
Rosalita Gordon

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Communion to the Homebound

If you know anyone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office (973-538-1418) and we will see to it that their need is met.

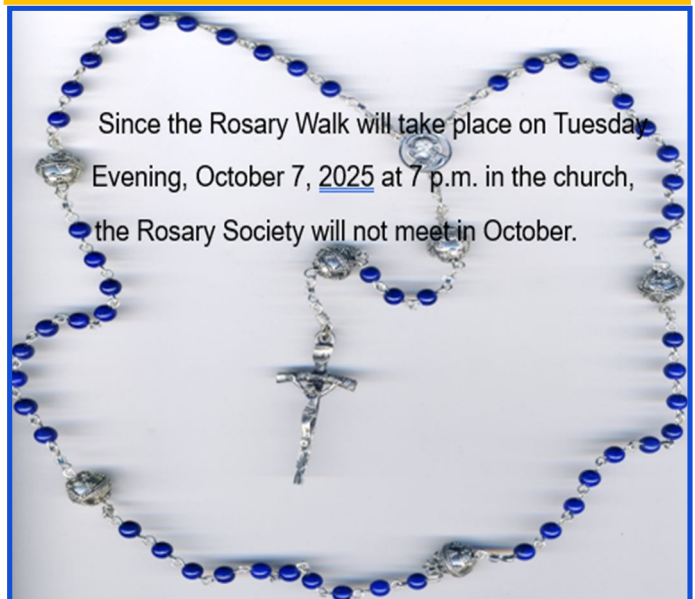



Give a rose to Mary

Living Rosary

On the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, let us honor her in prayer and with flowers

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025
at 7:00 PM**



Since the Rosary Walk will take place on Tuesday Evening, October 7, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the church, the Rosary Society will not meet in October.



Thanks to the generosity of all who support the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, men women and children throughout our Diocese are assisted. Last week, our bulletin listed some of the work in Sussex County that is supported with Assistance from the Appeal. Below are ministries that your gift to the Diocesan Ministries helps support in Morris County.

Group residences for adults with disabilities in Parsippany, Oak Ridge and Succasunna; Fix-It and Chore programs for low-income homebound seniors and disabled veterans; Homelessness Prevention Program; Nazareth Village residence for diocesan senior priests, Chester; Mary's Hands family assistance center and ESL classes, Morristown; Services for veterans and their families; Assistance for people with HIV/AIDS; Food Pantry, Dover; Gruenert Center Day Habilitation program for adults with disabilities, Lake Hopatcong; treatment services for individuals struggling with addiction; Catholic Religious Education for Adults with Disabilities, Oak Ridge.

Next week in our bulletin, the work of the Appeal in Passaic County will be highlighted.

When you give to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, your generosity is felt locally. You help your neighbor, your friend, perhaps a loved one. It's good to know that all gifts to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal are used only for the causes described in the Appeal materials and for no other purpose.

Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code above or visit www.2025appeal.org to make a gift today.

Knights of Columbus September Raffle

The Knights held their raffle on September 23, 2025. The winners are:

| | | |
|------------|---------------|----------|
| 1st Prize: | Bill Bolinder | \$162.00 |
| 2nd Prize: | Lisa Boudreau | \$153.00 |
| 3rd Prize: | Maria Messana | \$72.00 |
| 4th Prize: | John D'Achino | \$63.00 |

The designated charity for this drawing was **Jersey Battered Women's Services**.

Many thanks to the parishioners of St. Virgil for their continuous support of our local charities.

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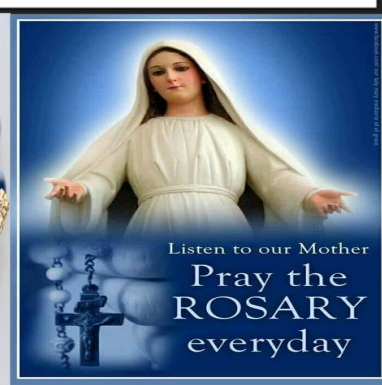
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New Testament: Luke 17:5-10

Luke's Gospel relates what Christ told the Apostles when they had asked Him to increase their faith. Christ resorted to telling them the parable of the mustard seed. Christ told them that having faith the size of a mustard seed theoretically would be powerful enough to tell a mulberry tree to be uprooted and replanted. In other words, it is not the size of one's faith but the perseverance in living out and finishing the job which could be expected of one.

Hence, we do not need excessive faith to do what God needs us to do. Doing that for which we are capable is all we need, *e.g.*, loving God and our neighbor as He has asked us to do. We should just do our job as asked of us, and even if we have just a little faith, it should be all we need. We don't need to crave more and more or achieve accolades. It seems as though Christ is telling us that less might be better. It's not the amount of faith we have, we are just asked to serve and use the faith we have and to serve in the way we believe God asks, or needs us, to serve.

Lord, help us to take even a "mustard seed" size faith and serve You.

Evangelization Corner

Become Evangelizers

Jesus wants each one of us to help bring others into His Church so they can learn everything He taught us and have the best shot at going to Heaven.

We need to learn what HE taught accurately, so we can tell others. We can do that by reading the Bible, (get a good Catholic Study bible), going to one of our Bible Studies, paying more attention to the Mass (take a quick look at the booklet in the Pews, Mass for Children, (I just did that and found good info on the what and why of Mass actions), reading books and pamphlets like those in our racks, listening to Catholic CDs, watching Catholic videos, listening to Catholic radio, watching Catholic TV- like EWTN, and going to real Catholic websites. And, watch for our next Basic Apologetics course and join it.

Some good Catholic websites are Catholic.com, ascensionpress.com, formed.org, <https://missions.ewtn.com>, stpaulcenter.com, wordonfire.org,

Another way that is overlooked is to join our OCIA program as a refresher course of what the Catechism really teaches. Over the years of my life I did accept some 'truths' that were in fact misunderstandings, so I have been checking things out and correcting those things. There are also some very good websites and blogs – but be sure they are correct, if you see something that doesn't seem accurate, dig in to accurate sites and make sure of what is 'true Jesus teaching'.

In addition to the real teachings of the Church, we also need to look at those horror stories that we all grew up with about terrible Church doings. Some of them are anti-Catholic lies shouted out to crush Catholic teachings. Two obvious examples are the Crusades and Inquisitions, but there are many others too. A real research into History shows we are being buried under fake news by these versions.

If you need more sources or to ask if one you use is truly Catholic, email the office with Evangelization in the Subject.

God bless and may His grace be with each of us as we continue our journey with Christ.

St. Virgil's Evangelization Ministry



The current economic challenges have made it very difficult for all of us, and in particular the working poor of Morris County. Please be generous

Pantry's Biggest Needs
We currently have a low supply of the following items:

- * Cereal - lower sugar preferred
- * Tomato Products (sauce, crushed, whole, diced, pureed, etc.)
- * Pasta
- * Tuna, Salmon, canned fish
- * Parmalat (or any shelf-stable milk) 1 qt size and Dry Milk in 1 qt packages
- * Soups, all varieties
- * Rice (in 1 or 2 pound bags)
- * Baby Food - Stage 2, Stage 3
- * Baby Diapers - Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- * Pull-ups - Sizes 2T-3T, 3T-4T, and 4T-5T
- * Wipes

Proclaim the Word of God
An Invitation to Join the Lector Ministry

The first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, focuses on the scriptures. The lector brings them to life for all to hear. The proclamation of The Word during Mass is a very important role of the laity.

Reading the two Epistles during the Sunday Mass does not require any special public performance skills or experience. We are readers, not performers. Training is brief and simple. You are provided with a Lector Workbook with all the Sunday and holy day readings, pronunciation guides and commentaries that give the background and meaning of the readings.

Lectors are asked to read at one Mass, usually once a month. You are scheduled to read at the Mass time of your choice. Please help us proclaim The Word by contacting the Parish Office at 973-538-1418 or Jeanne and Don McKenna at 973-539-5957 by Monday, October 6. The training session takes place in the church on Saturday, **October 11.**

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 2000, 1975 or 1965? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:00pm.

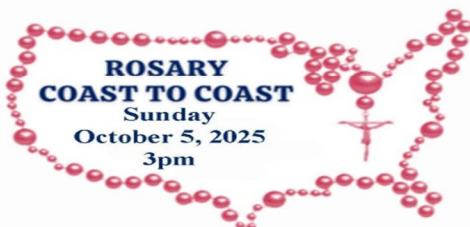
Register by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is October 16, 2024.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



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* October 13 is the 108th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima
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