

# *Pentecost Sunday*



*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.*



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# May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday



## Parish Giving

Collections for May  
16/17: \$5,076

Ascension: \$480  
Peter's Pence: \$304

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 Parish-Soft at <https://giving.parishsoft.com>  
Your kindness is appreciated.



## Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 23

**5:00 Celeste Sodano  
Alan Florin  
William Alcock  
Rosa & Jouquin Gaspar**

### Sunday, May 24

**7:30 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish esp Clifford Armitage**

**9:00 Alan Florin  
Karen Kastl**

**11:30 Concetta Benigno  
William Grant**

### Monday, May 25

**12:10 Scott Lindabery**

### Tuesday, May 26

**12:10 Alan Florin  
Jean Mendl (living)**

### Wednesday, May 27

**12:10 Pasquale Infante  
Dorothy Baron (living)**

### Thursday, May 28

**12:10 Rayna Dias**

### Friday, May 29

**12:10 Frank Boulder**

### Saturday, May 30

**5 pm Celeste Sodano  
Sheila Finlay**

### Sunday, May 31

**7:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Parish esp Tom Martino**

**9:00 Alan Florin  
John Goginsky, Jr.**

**11:30 Vincent Boles  
Zona Fowler**

## Events This Week at Saint Virgil Parish

**Sat 5/23: Mass of Remembrance 5:00 pm**

**Sat/Sun 5/23-24: Poppies available**

**Mon 5/25: Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 am  
Office Closed; no 12:10 Mass**

**Thurs 5/28: Divine Mercy 6:30  
Bible Study 7 pm SV Classroom**

## Please remember in your prayers:

### Our Family & Friends

Kimberly Iannacone, Ralph Fosano, Ric Perez, Wayne Johnson, Cynthia & Jonathan Grove, Andrew Barber, Sandra Buck, Michael O'Connor, Carolyn Russo, Carol Meitt Brautigam, Michael D. Edwards, Francesca Esposito, Ralph Schmitt, Anna Arnold, Lyn Porter, Jackie Donnelley, Karen Pry, Lottie Krolik, Evelyn Uehara, Baby Patrick Feeney, Barbara Collins, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Gore, Lena Kleso, Barbara Trzaska, Yoselim Amai Ramirez, Baby Lena, Carol Alcock, Ron Pemimpede, Nancy Blajda, Sister Laverne, Nick Martocci, Rebecca Hollis, Steve O'Neill, Rob Spawn, Diane DeVenezia, Vicki Twomey, Peggy Barber, Jerry Warrick, Bill Warrick, Helena D'Estang, Patti Alcock, John O'Leary, Mary Maffeo, Tony Loughlin, Robert Taylor, 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

SGT Sam Storey, MAJ Colin Marino, 1LT Jay Horan, CHAP MAJ Louis Mattina, SSGT Yadira Salcedo, SSGT Nathan Marshall, The deployed airmen of the 514<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, the deployed airmen of the 621<sup>st</sup> Contingency Wing, the deployed airmen of the 914 Air Refueling Wing, SSGT Blake Reidinger, LT Kelsey Bergh, PO1 Timothy Butchko, MJR Gary Windt, LT Patrick Leahey, LCDR Daniel M. Leahey, LT Mark Leahey, CAPT Ryan Feeney, MJR Stephanie Sittman, SSGT Thomas Sittman, LTR Andrew McGuinness, SSGT Eric Wright, LT Mark Van Orden, MSGT T.J. Hopkins, LT Kian Federick Steward, LT Tyler Huhn, DC1 Alexander V. Fernandez, CPL Irvin Carrithers, and Ch, CAPT Michal Falgowski

### Our Home-bound Parishioners and friends at

Morris View Health Care,  
Sunrise Assisted Living,  
Arbor Terrace

## Communion to the Homebound

If you know anyone who is home-bound 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.





## Dates to Anticipate

**Poppies for Remembrance: May 23/24 after Masses.**

**Memorial Day Mass of Remembrance, Saturday, May 23 at 5:00 pm**

**New Sunday Mass Schedule Begins, Sunday, May 24: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:30**

**Memorial Day Holiday: Monday Mass at 9:00 am. Office Closed. No 12:10 Mass**

**First Thursday Adoration: June 4 at 7:00 pm**

**Healing Mass: Friday, June 5 at 7:00 pm**

**Carnival Volunteer Picnic, Saturday June 6 at 1 pm**

**June 6/7: Weekend for Diocesan Corpus Christi Food Drive: Soup, Macaroni & Cheese and Facial Tissues are asked of Saint Virgil Parish**



**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 home-bound. HIPPA Regulations require that we receive permission from the immediate family, prior to the visit.

## **ST. VIRGIL CHURCH SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Beginning on Sunday, May 24, we will be combining our 10:30 AM and 12 PM Sunday Masses.**

**The new Weekend Mass schedule will be:**

**Saturdays – 5:00 PM**

**Sundays – 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11:30 AM**

The opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will still be offered on Saturdays from 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM and the weekday 12:10 PM Mass is unchanged.



## **13th Annual Corpus Christi FOOD DRIVE**

**June 6-7, 2026**



Supporting Catholic Charities  
Food Pantries:  
-Father English  
-Hope House  
-Partnership for Social Services

***Bishop Sweeney has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes and agencies on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 6th - 7th. St. Virgil Parish has been asked to provide: soup (any variety), macaroni & cheese, and facial tissues. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be made online at [www.ccpaterson.org/corpus](http://www.ccpaterson.org/corpus). Please mark June 6th and 7th on your calendars and join our parish in participating.***



*On Sunday, May 17, by the waters of Baptism, Savannah Rose Ray daughter of Brandon and Taylor Ray, was received into our Catholic Parish Family.*



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

*Rita Thompson*





Oh God, Great and Almighty Creator, we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank you for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank you for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of those individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen



250 flags have been placed along all the paths and peripheries of the church grounds for Memorial Day. The 250 flags, while reflecting our patriotism, also deliberately call to mind our nation's 250th birthday, soon to be here on the 4th of July!



*Coins for Babies*

*2026 Outreach Collection*

There have been some changes in our Food Pantry list this week (page 7).

No Cereal; No Soup

New needs are Canned Beans (No Green Beans), Baby Diapers sizes 5 & 6 only, and Pull-ups 4T & 5T

Note specifics on Baby Food and Baby Formula.

Our coins for babies campaign will be active until Father's Day Weekend, June 19/20. Baby Bottles will be available again this weekend in case anyone missed the chance to pick one up last weekend. Just look for the baskets near the exits to find a bottle to take home. Our spare change adds up to provide diapering supplies for babies in need in our community.



FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

*"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You."*



*The special events in the Month of May have continued at Saint Virgil Parish. Above are photos from the May Crowning Mass on May 13th. A flower crown was carried by Sal Reilly and the Blessed Mother was crowned by Frances Pavia. Three days later, on May 16th, Bishop Sweeney came to Confirm our 34 candidates at the 5:00 Saturday Mass.*



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*There was an additional celebration on May 16, honoring Deacon Sal Mazzoccoli for his fifty years of diaconal service, all served here in our parish. Deacon Sal was presented with a framed image of Saint Stephen, the first deacon of the Church, and a Certificate of Recognition from the Diocese.*





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:***

- \* Pasta
- \* Tomato Products (sauce, crushed, whole, diced, pureed, etc.)
- \* Parmalat (or any shelf-stable milk) 1 qt size
- \* Dry Milk (1 qt containers)
- \* Rice (in 1 or 2 pound bags)
- \* Canned beans (NOT green beans)
- \* Tuna, Salmon, other canned fish
- \* Baby Food - Stage 2 (vegetables), Stage 3 (all varieties)
- \* Baby formula - (e.g. yellow Enfamil, blue Similac)
- \* Baby Diapers - Sizes 5 and 6
- \* Pull-ups - Size 4T-5T
- \* Baby Wipes

## CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA MEMORIAL DAY POPPIES



Members of the U.S. Army Chaplain (Major) Father Charles Joseph Watters Morris Plains Post 1967 will offer Memorial Day Poppies after all Masses this weekend. Wearing poppies made by our disabled veterans to honor America's war dead, is traditionally done every Memorial Day. Please consider assisting your Morris Plains Catholic War Veterans in their efforts to assist others by donating to our Memorial Day Poppy campaign.

As of May 20, there were 57 veterans listed for our Mass of Remembrance with an impressive number of ranks, medals and awards amongst them. Their brave service covered many Areas of Operation and covered World War I and World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iran, and posts in the Mediterranean, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. We are so grateful for their service. All are individually honored in our Saturday Mass Booklets.



Please consider donating to our 2026 Youth Ministry Mission Trip to help the people of Morganton, North Carolina in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains - Sunday, July 12 to Saturday, July 18.

In a world searching for purpose, 20 teens, young adults and chaperones from St. Virgil Church and area parishes will be learning why it is more **blessed** to give than to receive.

**YOU** can be a light for them as they seek to love like Jesus, serve others selflessly, and forming lasting connections with fellow Catholic Youth.



Donations can be made online by scanning the below QR Code



Donations can also be mailed to or dropped off at the Parish Office, located at 250 Speedwell Avenue in Morris Plains, NJ 07950. Please make checks payable to St. Virgil Church and include "Mission Trip" in the memo line.

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