



March 6, 2016

St. Mary of the Lakes

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

We Make Disciples

40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055



Parish Website



School Website

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

OUR COMMUNITY IS SERVED BY:

Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor, father_dan@smlparish.org

Reverend Carlos A. Florez, Parochial Vicar,
cflorez@smlparish.org

Deacon Ken Motylinski

Deacon Timothy R. Collins

Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator

Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate

Jean E. Hoover, School Principal

MaryPat Scordato, Director of Religious Education

Sister Regina McCalla, SSJ, Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Linda Xerri, Parish Youth Minister

Georgiana Francisco, Minister of Evangelization
and Marketing

William P. Kiernan, Michael Maher, Parish Trustees

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ST. MARY THE LAKES ONLINE:

Web Site Address: <http://www.smlparish.org>

Email address: email@smlparish.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/smlparish

School website: <http://www.smlschool.org>

Knights of Columbus: <http://www.Medfordknights.org>

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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| Parish Office | 40 Jackson Rd. | 654-8208 Ext.110 |
| Parish Health Ministry | | 654-8208 Ext.610 |
| St. Mary of the Lakes School | 196 Route 70 | 654-2546 Ext.210 |
| Parish Religious Education | 196 Route 70 | 654-2546 Ext.310 |
| Parish Youth Minister | 196 Route 70 | 654-2546 Ext.311 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | Jones Rd | 953-0021 |

PARISH REGISTRATION: ALL ARE WELCOME!

"God is rich in mercy, because of His boundless love for us."

Ephesians 2:4 tells us God's love knows no boundaries and neither does St. Mary of the Lakes. New parishioners, regardless of where they live, are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, in the parish office, and on our website at smlparish.org (click on contact us/registration).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Friday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. You may also call the parish office to make an appointment for a different time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please call the parish office anytime or speak to one of the priests after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to their child's Baptism. Sponsors also are encouraged to attend. Call the parish office (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations to our engaged couples. Call (609) 654-8208, Ext. 117 to make arrangements for your wedding. We suggest you call at least a year in advance.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): If you or someone you know is considering becoming a Catholic Christian or if you were baptized Catholic but never received the Eucharist and/or Confirmation, call (609) 654-8208, Ext. 113. There are no tests to pass or fail. There is only faith to give and share.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Thursday after 9:00 a.m. Mass, concluding with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTERIAL VISITS: The Sacraments are available to anyone confined to home or institution. Please contact the rectory if you know anyone who is unable to get to church.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday | March 6 |
| 7:30 a.m. | For Our Parishioners |
| 9:00 a.m. | Henry R. Kane—The Sudeck Family |
| 10:30 a.m. | Frank and Marie Buccialia—Elmer, Marguerite, and Al Charles T. Feudtner—The Welsh Family |
| 12:00 p.m. | Jack Robert Ulyot—Family |
| 6:00 p.m. | Glenn P. Nazarok—Ron and Lisa Conklin |
| Monday | March 7 |
| 7:15 a.m. | Edith M. O'Donnell—SML Priests, Sisters, Deacons and Parish Office Staff |
| 9:00 a.m. | Joann Caselli—The Xerri Family Helen Kesty Rosinski—Brenda and Bob Wardle |
| Tuesday | March 8 |
| 7:15 a.m. | Michael Sokolowski—Family |
| 9:00 a.m. | Paul and Teresa Xerri— The Xerri Family Joanne Marinelli—Living—Her Friends |
| Wednesday | March 9 |
| 7:15 a.m. | Patrick King—Nancy Sanson |
| 9:00 a.m. | Warren Murray—Wife Harriett Ricchini—From a Friend |
| Thursday | March 10 |
| 7:15 a.m. | Joan Walls—Karen Prokpus |
| 9:00 a.m. | Philomena Worne—Pete and Gerry Schneiders Paul Long—Family |
| Friday | March 11 |
| 7:15 a.m. | Marion Zetts—Eph and Joan Block |
| 9:00 a.m. | Gabriel Espinoza—Living—Pat & Crane Hertz Michael J. Tedeschi—Michelle Motylinski |
| Saturday | March 12 |
| 9:00 a.m. | Deceased Members of K of C Council 6520 Mary Doherty—Legion of Mary |
| 5:30 p.m. | Paul Long—Wife |
| Sunday | March 13 |
| 7:30 a.m. | For Our Parishioners |
| 9:00 a.m. | Ruth Anne Shea—The Shea Family |
| 10:30 a.m. | Deceased Glozek and Halabura Families— The Frank DelRossi Family Frank Buccialia, Sr.—Bill and Thea Sterback |
| 12:00 p.m. | Steven Fasanella—Kristen Farr |
| 6:00 p.m. | Henrietta Gravett—SML Seventh Grade Students |

Stewardship

February 28, 2016

1st Collection : \$28,015 2nd Collection : \$4,720

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Call the parish office (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 to schedule your child to be baptized and to make arrangements to attend our Baptism Preparation Workshop. The next workshop will be Saturday, April 9th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center.



Wedding Bans

Third Announcement

Lacy Barnes and Michael Passarella

**Please pray for the soul of
Carmen Fink and Kevin Touhey
and keep their families in your prayers.**

Pray for the Sick

Prayer requests over a year old will be placed in a category called **Long Term Prayer Requests**. These names will not be individually published, but they will be prayed for every day at Mass.

Long Term Prayer Requests, as well as the following:

Robert Rogers, Patricia Nutz, Patricia Thomas, Don Raman, Louis Tedeski, Kathryn Zaleski, Jean Boehm, Colin Yearly, Joanne Kojeski, Evelyn Doherty, Cathryn Roberts, Jennifer Kenderdine, Frank Parker, Florence DeRenzis, Jeffrey Edwards, Anne Flinn, Norman Rebel, Pam Poling, Bruce Bunning, Joseph Rowan, Bob Sherlock, Morgan Kelly, Kristin Hurley, Camille Smith, Stephen Schmitt, Manuel Pernas, Ron Lyczak, Kimberly Shifflett, Ron Sabo, Maureen Layman, Alyson Long, Margaret Lane, Elizabeth Murphy, John Orio, Dick Uth, Alex Roggio, Brooke Conklin, Michael Josephs, James Zuratt, Reily Gardner, Andrew Lee, Leslie Brown, Joanne Marinelli, Alexander Jennings, Colleen Patton DeSantis, Carol Santos, Marguerite Fenimore, AJ Russo



GM3 David Lewis, USN, LTJG Kevin Hickey, Ensign Sean Hickey, Lt. William Hock, USAF; Private John Anderson, USA; C2C Kyle Brandt, USAF; Captain Matthew Sturgis, USA Spc. Nicholas Graham; 2nd Lt. Erin Rademaker, USA; 1st LT Katherine Collins, USA; Ensign Jeremy Griffin, USN; Pvt. Nicholas Lawrence, USA.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Children's Mass on Easter Sunday



Children are needed for the 10:30 a.m. Children's Easter Sunday Mass. Rehearsal is on Friday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Sign the roster at the Jackson Road

entrance if you would like to participate. Speaking/non-speaking parts available.

Help Society of St. Vincent de Paul Share Love, Peace, Mercy



In today's Gospel, the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

There are grocery bags as you exit the church today. Find mercy in your heart by filling at least one with a few of the following. Bring the filled bag with you to Mass next weekend.

We need: canned vegetables, beans, tuna fish, fruit, jars of jelly, spaghetti sauce in jars, pasta/mac and cheese, potato flakes and meals in a can, such as SpaghettiOs

When we give to the poor, God pours his love, peace, and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty. If there is a family you know who needs assistance, call us for help at (609) 953-0021.

Bear's Den St. Patrick's Day Festive Irish Party

The Bear's Den will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special party on March 11th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This social evening for our adult friends with special needs will feature a group from St. Mary of the Lakes playing some favorite Irish tunes. There will be several adult chaperons and high school students to assist throughout the party. Call Pat at 609-388-4445 to attend or for more information.



A Plenary Indulgence During This Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has granted that we may obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy. An indulgence is described as a remission of the temporal punishment from sins that are already forgiven. Venial sins are forgiven at every Mass through the penitential rite or reception of Holy Communion. Mortal sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of Confession. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment while a partial indulgence removes part of it.

To gain indulgences, either partial or plenary, it is necessary that the faithful:

- be in the state of grace (free from all sin);
- confess all mortal sins;
- receive Holy Eucharist;
- pray for the intentions of the Holy Father; and
- make a pilgrimage within 20 days to and pass through a Holy Door of Mercy.

In the Diocese of Trenton, there is a Holy Door of Mercy at the following churches:

Holy Cross, Rumson
St. Aloysius, Jackson
St. Barnabas, Bayville
St. Catherine, North Middletown
St. George, Titusville
St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square
St. Mary, Colts Neck
St. Mary, Middletown
St. Paul, Burlington
St. Peter Church, Point Pleasant Beach
St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org for dates/ times.

Return Old Palms

Please return old palms to the bins at the church door foyers. Remember to remove any wrapping (plastic or brown bags) or rubber bands before placing them in the bin.

Intergenerational Scripture Study for the Confirmed:

Passion and Resurrection

Father Dan concludes his intergenerational scripture study entitled, "Passion and Resurrection," on Monday, March 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Join Father Dan as he takes an in-depth look at the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark, with comparisons made to Matthew and Luke. Please BYOB (bring your own Bible) .

Have You Ever Wondered What One Man Can Do?

Maybe the answer lies in joining the Knights of Columbus.

If you care about those in need, serving the parish, and growing your faith, consider joining the **Knights of Columbus Council 6520**. As a member, you will become part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.

Medford's Knights of Columbus is involved in many charitable activities, from children's events to collecting food for those in need to parish maintenance. All the Knights' good works are informed by four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Whether you would want to participate in one event, e.g., our annual golf tournament, or be involved in many programs, your volunteer time is up to you. And, members attend meetings as their schedules allow.

Membership is open to men age 18 or older who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Church, and are in good standing with the Church. Visit www.medfordknights.org/membership.html for more information.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through March 22nd. Meetings are held in Father Carlos' office in the Rectory. To participate, call (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110.

Hop Over to the Emmaus Center for Lunch with the Easter Bunny March 20th!



On Sunday, March 20, St. Mary of the Lakes Church and School will host Lunch with the Easter Bunny from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Children and adults with

special needs and their parents, friends, and family are invited.

This fun-filled Easter celebration will feature a delectable Easter Lunch, crafts, music and an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny himself!

For questions or to RSVP, contact Linda Xerri, our Youth Minister, at lxerri@smlparish.org or 609 654-2546, Ext. 111.

Saint Vincent de Paul Easter Gifting

Lent is not just a call to "give up something" but it's also just as important to "give something to the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, poor families are within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing *your* doorbell. Our annual Easter Gifting Program takes place on March 18, 19, and 20.

Right now, however, we need the following donations by Sunday, March 13: canned vegetables, yams, sweet potatoes, canned fruit, potato flakes, stuffing, chocolate bunnies, Easter basket grass, jelly beans, egg coloring kits, Peeps, assorted Easter candy and small stuffed animals (Beanie Baby size). Donations can be placed in the containers in the church or delivered to the Msgr. James H. Dubell Caring Center on Jones Road. Your donations will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. God bless you for your support.



Registration for New School Year Continues

Registration and enrollment for the upcoming school year continues at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

Celebrating 60+ Years of Catholic education, St. Mary of the Lakes accepts students in grades K-8 with full day Kindergarten. The school also offers 3, 4, and 5 day-a-week morning or full-day Pre-K. Before and after school care is available.

Parents considering enrolling their child/children can call 609-654-2546 Ext. 210 for a registration packet or to set up a school tour. Visit www.smlschool.org for additional information.

Sports Registration for Girls Lacrosse, Boys Baseball



To register for Girls Lacrosse (Grades 5 - 8) and Boys Baseball (Grades 6 - 8), visit sports.bluesombrero.com/smlsports.

Then, pick up and return a Sports Registration Packet to the School's main office. **Note:** all forms *must be completed prior* to try-outs/practices.



Registration forms are available at the school website, www.smlschool.org. Print out the form and return to main office c/o SMLAA.

For any questions or additional information, contact Marilyn Scelba, R.N., at suddenlyfarm@verizon.net.

Why Should I Send My Child to Catholic School?

In a recent article in *Catholic Review* during Catholic Schools Week in February, author Rita Buettner gave 10 reasons why she and her husband were choosing Catholic school for their son Leo, who will enter Kindergarten this year. The first five are listed here and are worth considering. To read the article in its entirety, you can visit www.catholicreview.org/blogs.

1. We know we can't do it alone. I'd like to believe that we can ensure that our children want to have a personal relationship with their Lord and Savior, that they'll grow to value the Catholic faith, and that they'll learn to treasure our Church. But I don't consider that a given. Of course, we'll do all we can, but children also learn from others who are not their parents.

2. Christmas will be about Christ's birth. Easter will be about His Resurrection. Lent, a time of penance. Advent, a time of preparation. Holy days of obligation mean attending Mass.

3. Academics are good, but that's not my top priority. I'm all for learning and I believe all the Catholic schools we've been considering are excellent. But I don't care if they offer six languages, a robotics club, or tap dance lessons. I'm less concerned with whether our children become rocket scientists than I am with their becoming good, kind, selfless people.

4. Keep God in the conversation. Leo loves to talk about God. If we are discussing something, and there's a way for him to bring God into the conversation, he does. If he went to a school where that wasn't acceptable, he would be so confused.

5. They'll be able to talk about their faith with their friends. I have friends with a variety of beliefs and ways of practicing those beliefs. And I'm grateful for, and enriched by, each of those friendships. But to grow in your faith, it's especially important that you have friends who share that journey with you.

2016 Catholic Appeal Update



Thanks to everyone who gave to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our parish has already pledged 76 percent of our goal of \$139,600.00, or \$105,930.00. ACA pledge forms are at the doors of the Church for parishioners who have yet to make their gift.

Pastoral Care

Rooted in the Gospel invitation to share in the healing mission of Jesus Christ, we advance the compassionate and competent spiritual pastoral and sacramental care of God's suffering people by resourcing the clergy, pastoral ministers, healthcare professionals and caregivers who serve them. Those who offer pastoral care communicate God's love and compassion person-to-person by offering spiritual and sacramental support, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick offered by a priest. We connect with healthcare institutions medical professionals, chaplains and clergy by providing extensive consultation and resources for the holistic health and well-being of Catholic patients. Your gift helps you to live and spread the gospel.



And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:40-41

Daily Mass Schedule Change March 28th to April 7th

Father Dan will be on vacation from Easter Monday, March 28th to Thursday, April 7th. Father Carlos will be on vacation from Monday, April 11th to Tuesday, April 19th. During this time, from Monday, March 28th to Saturday, April 16th, 7:15 a.m. Mass will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9:00 a.m. Mass will be offered on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Please make a note of it.

Area Lenten Penance Services

The following area churches will be hearing confessions prior to Easter Sunday:

St. Mary of the Lakes March 14, 7:30 p.m.
St. Joan of Arc March 15, 7:30 p.m.
St. John Neumann March 16, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist March 19, 10:00 a.m.
St. Isaac Jogues March 22, 7:30 p.m.

Be Calm

Be calm, be true, be quiet. Do not get emotionally upset by anything that happens around you. Feel a deep inner security in the goodness and purpose in the universe. Be true to your highest ideal. Do not let yourself slip back into the old ways of reacting. Stick to your spiritual guns. Be calm always. Do not talk back or defend yourself too much against accusation, whether false or true. Accept abuse as well as you accept praise. Only God can judge the real you.

Receiving Low Gluten Host

If you have Celiac disease and would prefer to receive a low gluten host, please go to the railing by the Tabernacle at the end of Holy Communion and identify yourself. The priest, deacon or Eucharistic minister of Holy Communion will give you a consecrated low gluten host at that time.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Medford Knights of Columbus and Y.E.S. invite families and friends in the parish and in the community to a special, complimentary Easter Breakfast (rain or shine) with the Easter Bunny after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, March 20th, in the Emmaus Center.

Children especially will be delighted to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt and having their picture taken with Mr. Bunny. Scrumptious Easter breakfast fare will be served. A sign-up sheet is at the Jackson Rd. entrance for those who would like to attend. For additional information, contact Linda Xerri at (609) 654-8208 ext. 111 or lxerri@smlparish.org.

Parish Health Ministry Celebrates 20 Years of Service

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Parish Health Ministry. Ministry members will celebrate this exciting milestone on Community Sunday, April 10th, at the 9:00 Mass with coffee and refreshments afterward in the Emmaus Center.

After 20 years of service, the Parish Health Ministry continues to support and promote spiritual and physical wellness for the parish community and Medford/Medford Lakes residents by providing health education/information, screenings, counseling, referrals, advocacy and visitation to individuals and groups. For more information, contact Pat Douglas at fiat217@juno.com or Sue Roggio, Chairfxr@aol.com or call 654-8208, Ext. 610.



SML School Announces Annual Fashion Show: Ads, Tombola Prizes, Donations Needed

The PTA of St. Mary of the Lakes School has announced that its annual fashion show, *Confections and Couture*, will be presented on April 14th at Lucien's Manor in Berlin.

"This event enables us to make a large part of our annual donation back to the church in an effort to keep our tuition affordable," says Jennifer Valenti, fashion show chairperson. "We're hoping that in addition to attending *Confections and Couture*, parishioners will be generous enough to help us in other ways. The Tombola Auction, for example, is the greatest revenue producer of the evening. But since the number of corporate donors has diminished, we are turning to the parish for help wherever possible. Donations can be made in the form of cash, checks (made payable to St. Mary of the Lakes School), theater, concert, and sporting event tickets, gift cards/certificates or even time in a vacation home or timeshare. Remember, too, that all donations are tax deductible."

Parishioners can also help by taking ads in the Ad Book, but they must be submitted prior to March 14th. Sponsorship forms are available in the parish/school office or online at www.smlschool.org.

"Father Dan has been kind enough to allow donations and ad sponsorships to be accepted in the collection baskets and the parish office," says Ms. Valenti. "These donations should be marked *Tombola* or *Ad Book*. We are even happy to pick up a donation or ad to accommodate our donors."

Anyone wishing to make a donation should contact Jennifer Valenti at (856) 701-2415 or SMLtombola@gmail.com. For ad book information, contact Nicole Wright at (856) 904-3927 or SMLAdBook@gmail.com.

April Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated Wednesday, April 20th. Please pray for our eighth graders as they reach this milestone in their journey of faith.

Memorial Opportunity

Four small votive candle stands in the chapel area are available for \$1,000 each. There are two on each side. Items can be memorialized. If interested, contact Phil Mitchell at 609-714-0663 or phil_madeline@msn.com



2016 Service Trip to Baltimore

Youth Minister Linda Xerri is accepting applications for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Service Trip to Baltimore, Maryland from June 21st through June 25th. Currently, plans are to take from 20 to 26 teens. Due to worksite safety issues and space limitations, applications will be accepted from Y.E.S. members who will be concluding their Sophomore, Junior or Senior year of high school and are at least 16 years of age by the first workday, Wednesday, June 22nd. Applicants must be able to depart with the group on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 21st and return with the group on Saturday morning, June 25th.

Applications are available on the parish website, www.smlparish.org or by contacting Linda Xerri, (609) 654-8208, Ext. 111 or lxerri@smlparish.org.

Parishioners Can Donate Altar Flowers, Make Prayer Requests

Beginning April 3rd, the Sunday after Easter, parishioners have the opportunity to donate \$130 for flowers on the altar to honor a loved one or to make a special prayer request. If you would like to adorn the altar after Easter, call the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110.

Rosary Prayer Groups

Weekdays after the 7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses, Saturdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Knights of Columbus Bowling League



After the huge success of its debut bowling league this past Fall, the parish Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is now forming a Spring bowling league for men and women to take place at Medford Lanes, 665 Stokes Road, Medford, on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., from March 16 through May 18.

Membership is \$15 per person, per week, and includes three games, shoe rental, and an end-of-season social. Come to bowl and/or socialize with fellow parishioners! To register or for information, contact Bill Mazzio, williammazzio@yahoo.com / (609) 458-0704 or Bob Bradshaw at (609) 654-7125/nannypopb@verizon.net.

Calling All Prayer Shawl Makers and Those Who Want to Join



The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. Come to share ideas and discuss our ministry over coffee and light refreshments. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or if you want to learn how, consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We knit and crochet attractive shawls while praying in the privacy of our home, then offer them as a gift to the sick and/or infirm. Thank you also for any yarn donations you can provide.

Contact Rosemary Peters, (856) 574-4098 or the parish office if you want a shawl for a loved one, friend, or someone you know is experiencing an illness, cancer treatment, or other condition.

Redemption Sings Three 6:00 p.m. Masses Each Month

Our contemporary music group, *Redemption*, sings at 6:00 p.m. Mass three times a month. Redemption's songbook is available at Mass so that parishioners can learn the songs and sing along with the group. Anyone wanting to join, call Sister Regina, 609-654-8208, Ext. 119.

Video News From the Vatican, Bishop Robert Barron, Catholic News Service

Visit our new website, www.smlparish.org for the latest parish news and for up-to-the minute news via video from the Vatican, Bishop Robert Barron, and The Catholic News Service. And don't forget to "Like" us on our parish Facebook Page!



Paul IV High School

Seventh Grade Practice HSPT Offered Saturday, April 16th.

This full-length practice test helps prepare students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of eighth grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.) Reservations are required, space is limited. For more information or to reserve a desk, visit www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events.

Coffee, Tea, and Tours

Also on April 16th, Coffee, Tea, and Tours will take place in the morning with two convenient tour times, ideal for parents whose children are taking the seventh grade practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For information/reservations, visit www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events.

Soar With the Eagles

Seventh Grade Eagle Days are now available! Seventh grade students are invited to spend a day as a Paul VI Eagle. Visit www.pvihs.org/Page/Admissions/Eagle-for-a-Day for further information.

Camden Catholic High School

Broadway's Pippin Will Delight Audiences

The Arts at Camden Catholic High School presents the Broadway musical, *Pippin*. See this delightful show that takes place in the Middle Ages about King Charlemagne and his son Pippin, who is trying to find his place in the world. March 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and March 13th at 2:00 p.m. \$12 per person. Purchase tickets online at www.cchsp Performingarts.com or call (856) 663-2247 ext. 120.

Irish Experience Days

Camden Catholic is scheduling eighth grade student visits through the remainder of the year. The visits give potential students the opportunity to experience the tradition, passion, and spirit of studying at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Contact Janet Indelicato at janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org or call (856) 663-2247, Ext. 136.

Annual Hall of Fame Induction

The 10th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception takes place on Saturday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. when the best students, athletes, philanthropists and professionals in the Camden Catholic family will be honored. *Ceremony followed by celebratory reception including beer, wine, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres.* \$50/person in advance. \$60 at the door. To purchase tickets, www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame or contact Janet Indelicato (856) 663-2247, Ext. 136 or janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org.

2016 Inductees

Emerald - Academics/Arts: Anita (Pat) Brown '66, Sister Janet Theresa Marchesani '56, Daniel McDyre '59, John L. Pund '74, Thomas Shusted '44 (posthumous), Gerard P. Smith '52

1887 - Special: Richard Kelly '55 and Bartholomew Sheehan '23 (posthumous)

Green & White - Athletics: Maureen Lee Behm '92, Michael Booth '00, Margaret Iezzi Cheli '88, Jennifer Mayfield LaFave '90, Scott Yeager '97, 1951 Varsity Baseball Team, 2005 Varsity Wrestling Team

March Health Tip from the Parish Health Ministry

Since March is National Colorectal Cancer month, the Parish Health Ministry offers a few important myths and truths regarding this form of cancer.

Myth: Colorectal cancer is a man's disease.

Truth: Colorectal cancer is almost as common among women as men. Each year in the U.S., about 71,000 men and 64,000 women are diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

Myth: Colorectal cancer cannot be prevented.

Truth: In many cases colorectal cancer can be prevented. It almost always begins with a small growth called a polyp. If the polyp is found early, it can be removed – stopping colorectal cancer before it starts.

Myth: African Americans are not at risk for colorectal cancer.

Truth: African American men and women are diagnosed with and die from colorectal cancer at higher rates than men and women of any other racial or ethnic group.

Myth: Age doesn't matter when it comes to getting colorectal cancer.

Truth: Most colorectal cancers are found in those who are 50 and older.

Myth: It's better not to get tested for colorectal cancer because it's deadly anyway.

Truth: Colorectal cancer is often highly treatable. If found and treated early, the five-year relative survival rate is about 90 percent.

To find out if you are at an increased risk for colorectal cancer and what you can do to decrease those risks, or for early detection, contact your local Cancer Society.

Shrines of Southern Italy

There will be a meeting on April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Freehold to learn about the upcoming Shrines of Southern Italy tour that will be lead by Msgr. Gervasio, Father Peirano, and Msgr. Sirianni. The trip will be from October 17 through October 27th. Call Graycar Travel for details at (609) 587-7050.

St. Joseph's Annual Italian Festival Returns March 18th



Now that's Italian! The annual St. Joseph's Italian Festival will be held on Saturday March 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish center located at 260 Conrow Road in Delran. Feast on a number of favorite Italian

dishes, including penne pasta with vodka blush, spinach alfredo, or marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, beverages and desserts. BYOB.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children (4-12). Advance tickets can be purchased at the parish office or by calling Jean Wilson at (856) 461-4379. Deadline for tickets/reservations is March 15th. Please bring non-perishable food items or a monetary donation to place at our St. Joseph Table for the poor and needy of our area and you will find something waiting there for you in return.

Parish Nursing Foundation

Registered nurses interested in being certified in parish nursing can take the course at the Diocesan Chancery in April. Faith community nurses focus on the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the parish community.

St. Francis Medical Center is launching a training program for RNs who maintain an active New Jersey State License and are willing to provide spiritual care for members of a parish. This 38-hour course is based on the standardized core curriculum developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center.

The course is given at the Diocese of Trenton, Pastoral Center, at 701 Lawrenceville Road in Trenton on Saturday, April 2, April 9, April 16, and April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.. Register by March 17th. Registration fee of \$350 per person includes continental breakfast/lunch. Contact Mary Jo Abbondanza, (609) 599-5282 or mabbondanza@stfrancismedical.org.

Diocesan Event in Toms River Celebrates Jubilee Year of Mercy

On March 19th, there will be an event to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Preaching, confessions, procession with the Blessed Sacrament and prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and plenary indulgence by Bishop David O'Connell.

The celebration will take place at St. Joseph Parish in Toms River from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be speakers both in English and Spanish. Msgr. Sam Sirianni and Fr. Mick Lambeth for English and Fr. Carlos Aguirre/Rev. René Pulgarin for Spanish.

Come and let the Mercy of the Father embrace you! "For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now is found." Luke 15:32.

Child care is provided. Cost for Lunch is \$10. Call (609) 403-7138 for more information.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions

Universal Prayer Intention: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Intention for Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Go Beyond Your Mind

"Change your attitude...your perspective...your angle, your mode of vision. The new state of affairs has arrived, but you are not going to see it unless you change."

Bishop Robert Barron

Help with Heating/Gas Bills



Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills.

Applications will be accepted until **April 30, 2016**. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill, but are not eligible for low income programs, moderate income programs, such as the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 or visit pseg.com/help or pseg.com/auda (Spanish).

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Update

Drugs, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, and arms are multi-billion dollar businesses in the world today. Human trafficking is taking persons by force, fraud, or coercion and exploiting them for sex or labor. Learn more about this crime against women, men and children at sistersagainstrafficking.org (FAQs) or visit our Facebook page (US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking). Ending slavery is everyone's work.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Encountered couples are invited to a Community Enrichment Weekend with dialogue focusing on "Our Story Through the Years" from March 18th to March 20th at the Grand Hotel in Cape May.

The weekend includes Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, game time, and dancing. For more information, contact John/Theresa Garrity at (609) 226-6318 or johntheresag@comcast.net.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Encounter the Silence and Simplicity of Prayer

Karl Rahner has written a series of essays on the effects of silence on our life and prayer. Lent invites us to this desert of silence. This retreat on Wednesday, March 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will help one to experience the silence that leads to simplicity, and the simplicity that leads to a decluttered life. A donation of \$25, includes lunch and materials.

Directed Retreat Weekend

Due to the frantic pace of contemporary life, it is essential for our spiritual and physical health to take time to pray. The Weekend Directed Retreat takes place March 11th to March 13th and offers the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which rest restores your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy, Spiritual Direction, optional Contemplative Prayer periods are included. Donation: \$130/\$50 non-refundable deposit with registration.

Jesus Carries His Cross and Yours

As Lent continues and Holy Week approaches, let us spend this day with Jesus on his Way of the Cross. Walk the Stations of the Cross, have time for personal prayer and silence, and bring to Jesus all of our crosses as he carries his cross for us on Tuesday, March 15th, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donation: Love Offering, includes lunch.

Personal Retreat Day

Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Bring a bag lunch on Wednesday, March 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

Francis House of Prayer is located at the Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center in Rancocas. Call (609) 877-0509 for more information.

Rediscovering the Love in Your Marriage

If you find yourself lost, alone, or bored in your marriage, frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse, or if you are constantly fighting and/or just shutting down, consider Retrouvaille. This is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars. It is, instead, a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage.

Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the following six sessions. The next Retrouvaille weekend takes place on April 15 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. There will be a second weekend beginning August 12th.

For more information or to register visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Bingo in Burlington

St. Paul School Bingo in Burlington has resumed in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday evening. Bring friends, have fun, and maybe even win a few dollars. In addition to 12 games included in \$5.00 admission, there are four pay-to-play special games and a progressive jackpot. Participants must be 18 years or older. Call Holly (609) 760-7502 or Matt (609) 744-9805.



Hainesport Parish Lenten Mission

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Hainesport, is offering a Lenten Mission led by Father Michael Sullivan, OSA. The Mission begins Sunday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. and then from March 14th to March 16th after the 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.

| Weekly Calendar Sunday, March 6, 2016 to Sunday, March 13, 2016 | | |
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| Sunday, March 6 | Masses Children's Mass YES Sr. Meeting | 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 10:30 a.m.—Emmaus Center 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center |
| Monday, March 7 | Masses Liturgy Committee Adult Choir Practice Redemption Music Group Practice RCIA Lenten Scripture Study K of C Officers Mtg. | 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:30 a.m.—Emmaus Center 1:30 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Conference Room 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.— Parish Meeting Room |
| Tuesday, March 8 | Masses Bereavement Support Group Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting | 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Fr. Carlos' Office—Parish Office 10:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center |
| Wednesday, March 9 | Masses Bible Study Legion of Mary Adult Choir Practice Glory to God Prayer Group 75th Anniversary History Committee Mtg. | 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:15 a.m.—Emmaus Center 11:00 a.m.—Conference Room 7:30 p.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center |
| Thursday, March 10 | Masses Adoration Prayer & Bible Study Children's Choir Practice K of C Business Meeting | 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m. – Emmaus Center 3:30 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center |
| Friday, March 11 | Masses Confessions Bear's Den Stations of the Cross | 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Church |
| Saturday, March 12 | Confirmation Retreat Masses Confessions | 1:00 p.m. Emmaus Center—5:30 p.m. Mass 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.—Church 4:30 p.m.—Church |
| Sunday, March 13 | Confirmation Retreat Masses Children's Church Redemption Music Group Practice | 9:00 a.m. Mass—10 a.m. Emmaus Center 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 10:30 a.m.—Conference Room 4:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center |