



October 2, 2016

We Make Disciples

40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055



Parish Website

Parish Website: www.smlparish.org
Parish Email Address: email@smlparish.org



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
Deacon Joseph Tedeschi
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
Harry Meshirer, Parish Bookkeeper
Nancy Finan, Candace Corrado, Administrative Assistants
William P. Kiernan, Michael Maher, Parish Trustees

OFFICE HOURS

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

ST. MARY OF THE LAKES ONLINE

Website 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

Parish Office	40 Jackson Road	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	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 Ext.111
St. Vincent de Paul	1 Jones Road	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 on Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 4:30 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.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA) If you or someone you know is considering becoming a Catholic Christian or if you were baptized Catholic but never received First Communion 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 parish office if you know anyone who is unable to get to church.

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 1
5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Gilligan —Ken and Joanne Bodzioch
Sunday	October 2
7:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Daughters of St. Therese
10:30 a.m.	Al Tumolillo —His Friends
12:00 p.m.	Ann Francis Grove —Edward and Ann Callan
6:00 p.m.	Richard Crosby —The Curcic Family
Monday	October 3
7:15 a.m.	Louis Reen —Ava Meakin Purgatorial Society
9:00 a.m.	Linda Emenecker —Her Parents Frances Larsen —Her Family
Tuesday	October 4
7:15 a.m.	Thomas Howarth —Betty Dougherty William Broderick —The Broderick Family
9:00 a.m.	Theodore Neal Morgans —SML Clergy, Staff and Parishioners Jim Tiver —Mom and Dad
Wednesday	October 5
7:15 a.m.	Deacon Joe Patton —Nancy Sanson
9:00 a.m.	Joseph B. Miller —Jim, Cecilia, and CeeCee Miller Silvero Tagliamonte —Pete and Gerry Schneiders
Thursday	October 6
7:15 a.m.	Jerry Cloud —Nancy Sanson Richard Fandetta —His Daughters
9:00 a.m. (at school)	Sean Murphy —Kathy Doyle Lisa Schaad —The Loughlin Family
Friday	October 7
7:15 a.m.	Nancy Swift —St. Mary's Choir
9:00 a.m.	John W. Clark —Claire and Paul Miller Dorothy Michael —Trisha, Bob, Michael Goos
Saturday	October 8
9:00 a.m.	Kenneth Richardson —The Craig Family Edward Callan —Jean Kaczmarczyk
5:30 p.m.	Kathryn Hammond —Mary and Bill Heslin
Sunday	October 9
7:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Leonard Panzica —Woods Family Donna Frizano —Florita and Loretta Didwell
10:30 a.m.	Rosemary Schumacher —The Loughlin Family
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Miller —Jim, Cecilia, and CeeCee
6:00 p.m.	Joseph Lisitano —Peggy Egan

Altar Flower Donation

Altar flowers for today's Masses and throughout the week were graciously donated in memory of

**The Hurley and Brown Families
by Tom and Sandy Hurley**

Please pray for the souls of
Jonathan Minder, Silvio John Rizzo,
Nicholas C. Leitner, Jr., and Phyllis Hickey
and keep their families in your prayers.



Long-term prayer requests (those over a year old) will not be published individually, but will be prayed for at each Mass, as will the following: Joseph Aromando, Sr., Carmela Bonfrisco, Elaine Boshko, Jane Branin, Mark Bricker, Bruce Bunning, Donna Burtis, Sr. Cathryn Byrne, Michael Codianni, Brooke Conklin, Alice D'Orisio, Bernadette DiAndrea, Gladys Gail Donnelly, Lisa Dyonda, Baby Dyonda, Harriet Galasso, Cathy Gargiulo, Thomas Hanley, Jean Harley, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Nicholas Iannuzzi, Susan Janice, Neil Johnson, Morgan Kelly, Monica Kinsella, Cheryl Klimaszewski Sorino, Maureen Layman, Michelle MacDonald Bendell, Terry McKenna, George Maloney, Daniel Mensel, Joseph Mooney, Jean Newland, Carrollane Piazza, Anita Platania, Tom Prendergast, Joseph Ranoldo, Cathryn Roberts, Alissa Rose Rorie, Helen Rotiliano, Joseph Rowan, Jenet Ruland, Susan Sabo Bisio, Carol Santos, Harold G. Schultz, Bill Skanes, Michael Simpkins, Marilyn Smith, Colleen Sorbello, Patricia Thomas, Cole Tronzo, and Jamie Westphal



LTJG Kevin Hickey, Ensign Sean Hickey, Lt. William Hock, USAF; Private John Anderson, C1C Kyle Brandt, USA; Captain Matthew Sturgis, USA, Spc. Nicholas Graham; 1st Lt. Erin Corcoran, USA; 1st LT Katherine Collins, USA; Lt. Matthew Knepper, USN, LTJG Jeremy Griffin, USN; Pvt. Nicholas Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; Brigadier General Steve Gilland, US Army, Jonathan Ross, Combat Medic USN

Thank you for your service to our country!

Stewardship

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Church Offertory Collection for Sunday, September 25, 2016

Donations In Cash	\$1,798.00
Donations In Envelopes	\$26,078.00
Average Envelope Gift	\$35.97
Total Number of Envelopes	817
St. Vincent de Paul (Poor Boxes)	\$96.38
Second Collection- SVdP	\$6,981.30
Parish EGiving (Sept. 2016)	\$21,940.58

Bring the Love and Mercy of Jesus to Those Who Feel Abandoned



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" You can help bring Jesus' love and mercy to those who feel left out and abandoned, by doing only "what we are obliged to do." Take a shopping bag as you exit the church today, fill it with some of the following items, and return it to Mass next weekend for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The food pantry is in special need of canned soup, cereal, canned fruit, jelly, spaghetti sauce (jars), tuna fish, potato flakes, meals in a can (e.g., SpaghettiOs), pasta and macaroni and cheese. If you or someone you know needs assistance, call St. Vincent's at (609) 953-0021.

Community Sunday October 9th

Next Sunday, October 9th, is Community Sunday. After each of the 7:30, 9, and 10:30 a.m. Masses, we will be offering refreshments in the Emmaus Center. Stop in to visit with fellow parishioners, enjoy a hot or cold beverage with a bagel or donut, and gluten free snacks. For information, contact Millie Linette at (609) 668-1673.

2016 Super 50/50 Raffle

St. Mary of the Lakes Church
SUPER 50/50 DRAWING

FIRST PRIZE: 25%
SECOND THROUGH ELEVENTH PRIZES: 2.5% EACH

This is a 50/50 cash raffle - 50% of the amount for all tickets sold!

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
Winner is responsible for all applicable taxes. No substitution of the prizes offered will be made.

Drawing will be held Sunday, December 4, 2016 after the
Christmas Carol Festival in the Emmaus Center
40 Jackson Road, Medford, NJ 08055

Proceeds to benefit St. Mary of the Lakes Church
Donation: \$25.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$100.00

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The Raffle "pot" has grown to \$19,000. The top prize today is worth \$4,750. Ten additional prizes are presently worth \$475 each. These will continue to get larger as returns are made. Make returns to the parish office or place them in the collection basket. Remember to mark **RAFFLE** on the envelope!

Support Right to Life

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out Baby Bottles this weekend. Please won't you take a bottle, fill it with loose change, checks, or paper money, and return it at Mass October 15/16. The Knights also will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets. All proceeds support Options for Women, which promotes the dignity of human life through delivery of cost-free medical services, compassionate counseling, and education for men and women.

Daffodils by the Thousands



Many hands make light work! This year, with added gardens about the church and rectory, we will be planting just under 1,500 daffodil bulbs on Sunday, October 16th (rain or shine) after the Noon Mass around 1:15 p.m. Meet Father Dan in front of the Rectory with trowel in hand. He'll be taking names, so students needn't bring service hour forms.

Women's Auxiliary: Eagles Game Blocks

Next weekend, October 8th—9th, the Women's Auxiliary will be selling blocks for Eagles tickets. Donations will be added to the 1st Way of Burlington County Charity Golf Tournament on October 17th. Tickets are for Eagles vs Giants game December 22nd at 8:00 p.m., Section 205, Row 8. Cost is \$15.00 for a block or \$25.00 for two. Call Anne at (215) 870-7712 or email annefinan@comcast.net.

Father Dan's Scripture Study Begins Thursday, Night

This coming Thursday, September 29th, Father Dan begins a four-week adult scripture study on the Gospel of John from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Father Dan will provide background on the Gospel of John and an in-depth study of the apostle's Book of Signs (John 1-10). Remaining classes are Thursday, October 6th, 13th, and 27th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. BYOB (bring your own Bible), a canned good for the food pantry, and a friend or family member. New American Bibles will be sold for \$6.00 at class.

Mercy Moment

What moved Jesus in all these situation was nothing other than mercy, with which He reads the hearts of those He encountered and responded to their deepest needs.

Pope Francis

School Window Clings



SMLS families are our greatest asset -- both in presence at school and in your words and actions. Help us spread the word about our great school! Get your new SMLS window cling and display it so

that others can see your school spirit! As an added bonus, if a member of the Marketing Committee sees your car with the window cling parked around town, you will have a chance to win great prizes in the October drawing! Find them in the parish office and at back of the church.

Octoberfest for Class of 2017

Celebrate the fall and new school year on October 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at *Octoberfest*, a fundraising event for the Class of 2017. Dinner, wine, and beer included in the ticket cost. Tickets are \$40 per person. DJ Music, Beer Tasting, Live/Silent Auctions at St. Mary of the Lakes School. For information, contact Christal Pinto at mom_of_3@comcast.net.

SML Spiritwear On Sale 'Til October 5th



Visit www.flynnohara.com/school/nj240 to order your Spiritwear! Send with payment to the SML main office labeled "Spiritwear." Include name, phone number, and email. Make checks payable to Flynn O'Hara Uniforms. All orders may be shipped to St. Mary of the Lakes for free or to your home for a flat rate of \$9.50. Contact Julie Terrell at Julietterrell2@comcast.net. Order today!

The Secret Path

Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness
Matthew 3:15

Upon this I founded my three-year mission on earth, on the acceptance of the difficulty and discipline of life, so as to share that human life with my followers in all ages. Much that you must accept in life is not to be accepted as being necessary for you personally, but accepted as I accepted it, to set an example, to share in the sufferings and difficulties of mankind. In this, "to share" means "to save." And there, too for you, the same must be true as was true of Me. He saved others. Himself he cannot save.

Open House Merion Mercy Academy

Merion Mercy Academy hosts an Open House on Sunday, October 9th, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the convent chapel at 11:00 a.m. The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The make-up date is November 5th. The Application/Test Registration should be completed by October 26th and can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com.

5th Grade SML Equestrian Participates in National Program



Congratulations to SML 5A student, Nicolette Perry, for participating in the U.S. Equestrian Federation's (USEF) Equestrian Athlete Lettering program that provides recognition for the accomplishments of young equestrians and encourages future

involvement in the sport.

Participants in the program must be in grades 5-12 who document at least 100 hours of training and provide verification of participation in three equestrian competitions during the year. After completing these requirements and verification, the student will receive a certificate commemorating their achievements, a varsity letterman patch and lapel pin for each year of participation.



Holy Cross Lancers Open House and Dates to Remember

Holy Cross will host an open house on Thursday, October 6th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 20th, Noon to 2:00 p.m.. November 15th is the High School Placement Test at 9:00 a.m. (Reserve by email/phone). Currently Accepting Applications at www.holycrosshighschool.org. Admissions Contact Information: (856) 461-5400, Ext. 3026/kelli.drumm@holycrosshighschool.org.

Football Frenzy 8th Grade Fundraiser

Tickets are \$10 each—buy two, get one free. Weekly cash prizes. Tickets on sale until October 11th and can be purchased after Mass.



SML School 5th Graders Pray for Victims of Gun Violence

The 5th graders prayed for victims at the Memorial to the Lost, an assembly of mounted shirts, each hand-inscribed with the name, age and death date of a local victim. The memorial, located at the Medford Friends Meeting House, is an ongoing project of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence (HGC), a Philadelphia-based movement. The shirts represent gun violence deaths from SJ counties for 2015-2016.

School Registration Ongoing

Registration and enrollment for the upcoming school year continues at St. Mary of the Lakes School. Celebrating 60+ Years of Catholic education, we are proud to offer:

- ◆ Academically Competitive/Spiritually Enriching Curriculum
- ◆ State-of-the-Art Computer/Science Labs
- ◆ Core Values, Championship Sports, Community Service
- ◆ Full/Half-Day Pre-School, Full-Day K-8, with Financial Aid Available
- ◆ Bus Service To/From Most Communities
- ◆ Before/After School Care

Parents considering enrolling their child/children can call (609) 654-2546, Ext. 210 for a registration packet or a school tour.

Camden Catholic Open House

Thursday, October 27th at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and "Catch the Spirit" at www.camdencatholic.org/openhouse.

Please Welcome Our New Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Giorgio & Kaitlin Arcamone and children Mark and Sofia; Mr. James Beecham and son Devon; Ms. Maureen Botti and son Joseph; Mr. & Mrs. Frank and Constance Carbone and children Christian and Sofia; Mr. & Mrs. Dory and Christine Chamoun and children Amelia and Julia; Mr. & Mrs. Rich and Andrea Davis and children Kaitlyn and Tyler; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Christine Duffy and children Andrew, Grace, and Jack; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Donna Kelly and children Maxwell and Stella; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Meredith Kraus and daughters Caroline and Lucie; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Julia Maguire and children Emily and Kiersten; Mr. & Mrs. John & Susan Milone and children Jackson, Lilly, and Mason; Mr. & Mrs. Donald and Elaine Nahill and children Aidan and Kristina; Ms. Kathryn Rezynek and daughters Amanda and Elizabeth; Mr. & Mrs. William and Suzanne Ross and children Charles and Mary; Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Cynthia Tabaei and children Andrew and Katherine; Mr. & Mrs. William and Christina Tomlinson and children Brooklyn and Shane; Mr. & Mrs. Gary and Jenna Tucci and children Angelo and Nina; Ms. Doris Berndt, Ms. Kathleen Sarsfield, Ms. Eileen Dougherty, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Green, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Macaione, Mr. John Mannone, Jr. and Ms. Anna Dunphy

Holy Cross Offers Partners in Faith Grant

Holy Cross leadership recently developed The Holy Cross Academy Partners in Faith Grant to provide tuition assistance for families who intend on continuing a Catholic education into the high school level at Holy Cross Academy.

Students entering 9th grade for the 2017/18 school year who have attended one of the Catholic primary partner schools in the Diocese of Trenton will be considered for a Partners in Faith Grant valued at \$2,000 per academic school year. Regular admission requirements and review apply. In addition to the new grant, Holy Cross will continue to provide their already established academic and need based scholarships, to all applicants.

For more information regarding admission into Holy Cross or inquiries regarding the grant program, contact Kim Chiarelli at (856) 461-5400, Ext. 3007 or kim.chiarelli@holycrosshighschool.org.

Pray for Vocations Program

St. Mary of the Lakes is beginning a new ministry entitled, *Praying for Vocations*. Families are asked to take an icon of Mother of the Eternal High Priest and prayer cards home with them after Sunday Mass available in the sacristy. The family will pray together for vocations every day for a week. The icon should be returned to the sacristy the following Sunday so it can be taken by the next family. To participate, please sign up on the sacristy bulletin board. Remember to sign out the icon so we know who has them. For information, contact Ginny Klersey at 609/535-5180 or ginnyklersey@gmail.com

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

Pope Francis

Welcome New Parish Pastoral Council Members

Father Dan is grateful to welcome Joan Irwin and Scott Roe to the Parish Pastoral Council. Their three-year term will begin this Wednesday, October 5th, at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting. Also, Father Dan was remiss to welcome Michael and Bridget Blakely who joined the Parish Pastoral Council in August.

Bereavement Support Group Begins

No member of our parish family will grieve alone.



Father Carlos and the parish Ministry of Consolation will be conducting a bereavement support group for parishioners and their families. The group will meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. from November 8th through December 20th. If you are interested in attending, contact the parish office (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 no later than October 27th.

Y.E.S. Hosts Intergenerational Movie Night Moms/Dads, Teens/Tweens, Grannies/Grandpops



Join us on October 14th for our first in-house movie night at 6:30 p.m. in the SML School Auditorium for *God's Not Dead 2* (Rated PG). Huff Post film critic Jackie Cooper says, "This film hits all the right notes." RSVP your attendance to lxerri@smlparish.org. Suggested donation of \$3.00 per person will help cover cost of pizza, popcorn, candy and soda. See you at the movies!



Wedding Bans

Second Announcement
George Piech and Kate Gras

Shop Local Supermarkets October 8th

The Knights of Columbus holds its 24th annual Hunger Harvest on Saturday, October 8th, at Acme, Murphy's at the Lakes, Murphy's Tabernacle and ShopRite supermarkets. This important event helps the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provide Thanksgiving/Christmas dinners to area families in need and to restock the food pantry. Parishioners can support this event by shopping at one of the participating stores on October 8th and adding nonperishables to the collection carts outside the door. For information, contact George Finan at geofinan@comcast.net. Online sign-up for Knights/youth volunteers: <http://tinyurl.com/zhc3lem>; (youth) <http://tinyurl.com/zh5n3zn>.

Crop Walk Helps St. Vincent's, Others

The Medford Area Crop Walk will be held on Sunday October 16th in Freedom Park. Registration for walkers begins at 1:30 pm with the walk starting at 2:00 pm. To register as a walker or donate online, contact medfordumc.org. Funds raised help support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Christian Caring Center. This is an excellent opportunity for students grades 6-8 to earn community service hours. For information contact SML Youth Minister, Linda Xerri at lxerri@smlparish.org.

SML Flu Clinic/Health Fair Today



The Parish Health Ministry hosts a flu clinic and health fair today in the Emmaus Center. Medicare covers cost of flu/pneumonia vaccines. If you do not have Medicare, check to see if cost is covered under your insurance plan. If no insurance, costs of vaccines are:

- ◆ Regular Flu vaccine - \$32.99
- ◆ High Dose Flu vaccine - \$69.99
- ◆ Pneumonia vaccine - \$108.99
- ◆ Prevnar pneumonia vaccine - \$227.99

Children 12 and under require parental consent. Vendors include Samaritan Hospice, Shop Rite Nutritionist, Chair massage, Deborah Hospital and Burlington County Sheriff's Department. Zika virus information will be available at the Prayer Shawl

Women and Girls of the Parish: Mark Your Calendars!

The Daughters of St. Therese October 17th meeting will be special. As part of the 100 Days of Discipleship, Mothers with their daughters from the 6th grade and older are invited to join in prayer and worship. In church at 7:00 p.m. will be prayer and music, instruction, reflection and Benediction. There will be gift bags for the girls and door prizes for moms. Stamp your passport! After today's 9:00 a.m. Mass we breakfast at the Medford Village Country Club.

Get Aboard the SML Disciple-Ship!



Y.E.S. is building a Disciple-Ship (think Peter's boat on the Sea of Galilee) which sets sail Saturday, October 29th, at the annual Medford Rotary Halloween Parade. Since we need many hands to build our

ship, we've created a sign-up link for volunteers: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4BABAD29AAFE3-halloween1.

Our two "build" dates are Friday, October 21st and Friday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the school. Tasks include constructing the boat, painting signs, fastening decorations and making candy bags. This is a great event for families with children grades 5-12. All levels of artistic talents are welcome! Y.E.S. high school members will also be on hand for supervision, assistance. We'll need adult/teen help during other evenings—see sign-up sheet at Jackson Rd entrance. We'll contact you with specific dates/time.

Y.E.S. is also collecting Swedish fish, gold fish, and Lifesavers to pass out to the crowd along the parade route. If you can donate a bag or two, place them in the round donation bin at Jackson Road entrance before October 20th. Thank you for your donations! Questions on the above, contact lxerri@smlparish.org.

Welcome Finance Council Members

Father Dan is grateful to welcome Ralph Gallo, Analuisa Shaw and Tom Warner (investments) to the a three-year term on the Finance Council which began at last Wednesday's Finance Council meeting.

Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Charismatic Healing Mass Friday

A Charismatic Healing Mass will be held at St. John Neumann parish in Mt. Laurel on Friday, October 7th—Holy Hour is 7:00 with Mass following at 8:00 p.m. Confessions heard before Mass, along with Prayers to the Sacred Heart, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the Rosary. Celebrant is Father Rayford Emmons. For more information, call Raul 856-304-8783; Gregg 856-424-6091; or email pvolivrez@verizon.net.

Joe's Friends

Are you interested in being a link between homebound parishioners and our church community? Joe's Friends is a new group that strives to be that link. What do you need to do? Make a short, weekly phone call to someone to chat about the week, church, and other things. Raise the spirits of someone in our community. All you need is a phone and several spare minutes per week. Do you know someone who could benefit from a call or would you like to volunteer to be a caller? If so, call Marta DeGisi (609) 654-1256, Donna Surman (856) 313-2556, or Dar MacDonald (609) 744-9824.

One Hundred Days of Discipleship

October 6th Father Dan's Scripture Study 7:00 p.m. Emmaus Center; October 11th Anointing Mass 1:00 in the church.

Trip to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary



Father Dan is sponsoring a trip for boys in grades 4-12 for an afternoon/evening trip to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia on Sunday, November 6th. The day will include a tour of the seminary, free time in the gym, and talks given by seminarians, Father Joel Wilson (who was a seminarian with Father Dan when he was pastor of Holy Trinity in Long Branch, and is now on the faculty at the seminary) and Father Dan. Those going on the trip will meet in the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m.

We are also invited to pray vespers (evening prayer) with the seminarians followed by a light dinner with them. The purpose of the outing is to introduce boys to what a seminary is like and to consider a possible vocation to the priesthood. It's a vocation for which so many priests are truly thankful to God, and would never hesitate to invite a young man to consider being a priest. Father Dan will need adult chaperones to provide transportation to/from and supervision at the seminary. Parents are asked to indicate on the return form if they are able to chaperone. Please return the form below to the parish office or the "Seminary Form Return" box at the parking lot entrance by Sunday, October 30th. Contact Father Dan at father_dan@smiparish.org with questions.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Grade in: SMLS ____ PREP ____ YES ____ Emergency Number: _____

I give my son permission to attend the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary outing on Sunday, November 6th, meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m.

Parent's Signature: _____

_____ I will be glad to act as a chaperone for this trip. I can fit _____ boys in my vehicle.

Janet Devlin Charmed Audience with Angelic Voice, Inspiring Songs

As part of our One Hundred Days of Discipleship campaign, singer Janet Devlin took the sacristy stage at Sunday's concert with grace, charm, and wit—not to mention an angelic voice that held her audience almost spellbound. The 22-year-old singer from Ireland, best known for her appearance on Britain's *X-Factor*, and accompanied by an Irish guitarist and keyboardist, sang some of her own compositions, as well as some known favorites, including Elton John's "Your Song," and John Cale's "Hallelujah." Her opening number was accented by members of Today's Dance Center. Many thanks to parishioner Joseph Badame who brought Janet to our church to raise funds for the Phyllis C. Badame Scholarship for the Arts and Y.E.S.' Habitat for Humanity trip. Ms. Devlin signed CDs and autographs afterward at a reception in the Emmaus Center.



CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN

Want to serve on HIS team?



Join us!

MASS, VOLLEYBALL AND VOCATION TALK
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
5:15PM
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
ALLENTOWN, NJ

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Soles4Souls Wants Your Soles

Throughout the month of October, the Souls4Souls Foundation will be having a shoe drive for new or gently-used shoes. After collecting the shoes they will be distributed by Soles4Souls to people in need. This drive will last from the 2nd to the 23rd of the month. Thank you for your support! For additional information, email djstone02@gmail.com.



Pastoral Associate Christine Brandt leads a scriptural study centered on the Apostle Matthew in the Emmaus Center.

Francis House of Prayer

Personal Retreat Day, Wednesday, October 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.— 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. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction. Please bring a bag lunch.

On Care for Our Common Home Laudato Si'— Wednesday, October 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Have you been wanting to read Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *On Care for our Common Home*, but you just haven't time or it's a bit long to tackle? I have found an abbreviated version designed for groups (only 13 pages). I think we could use it for the morning and really get a good understanding of the Pope's message and the desire of his all-embracing heart. Could you afford to give the morning to this pursuit? I believe God will bless us in our effort. I'm up for it! Are you? Donation: \$20, includes lunch and all materials.

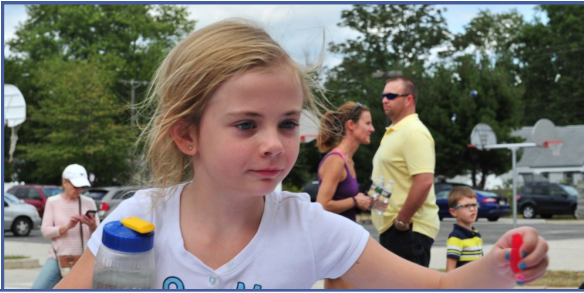
Getting to Know the Heart of Ignatius — Friday, October 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Who is St. Ignatius? Do you want to get to know him better? I'd love to introduce you to him with the help of Margaret Silf, an Ignatian expert. St. Ignatius wasn't always heroic and holy; he was flawed and fallible, just like us. As we get to know him, we will realize that our very human faults and imperfect behavior do not prevent us from receiving God's grace; rather, knowing our weaknesses and giving ourselves over to the Holy Spirit can reveal the God within us and the path before us. Limited to 7 people; please register early. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book

Mornings With Merton: Delight in the Beauty of God's Creation— Monday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Open your eyes, ears and hearts to God's glory in nature. Let God catch you by surprise with His creation. No day is ever the same when we are aware of God's gifts. We will listen to Thomas Merton and let his words inspire us to be more attentive to the love of God vibrating through nature everywhere. Then we will spend some time outdoors at Francis House enjoying what God has created and reflecting on God as a loving Creator. All is a gift of God that helps each one of us to know, love and serve God with joy and gratitude. Donation: Love Offering. To register, call (609) 877-0509. Visit www.FHOP.org for additional information.

A Parish Family & Friends Picnic for All Ages

Congratulations to our coordinators Millie Linett and Dar MacDonald and their many teams. As evidenced by the photos, everyone had a great time under a blue sky. We were blessed with a great day! See more photos at www.smlparish.org or on the Jackson Road entrance TV monitor.





Strengthening, Sharing Your Faith Weekly Survey

There are three dimensions to Christian spirituality, and these three dimensions are symbolized in the cross.

The vertical dimension of Christian spirituality, symbolized by the vertical beam of the cross, represents the relationship we have between yourself and God “above.” The above part is why we call it “vertical,” even though God is in others and inside ourselves as well. People with a high vertical spirituality carry a tall cross, and invest most of their spiritual effort on improving or maintaining their relationship with God by praying regularly, going to Mass, learning more about God, and/or participating in religious events, rituals and traditions.

The horizontal dimension of Christian spirituality, symbolized by the horizontal beam of the cross, represents the way your faith motivates you to treat other people. People with a high horizontal spirituality carry a wide cross, and are always recognizing others in need, helping out, treating people with respect and kindness, and stick up for the underdog. They actively form a strong moral conscience about what’s right and what’s wrong, what’s noble and true.

The internal dimension of Christian spirituality represents the ways your faith helps you deal with the stuff inside. People with a high internal spirituality invest most of their spiritual effort in coping with emotional issues, past hurts, and life’s ups and downs. People with a strong internal dimension often have hope even when things don’t go well. They don’t give up easily, and they calm down more quickly when they get frustrated or angry.

To begin this process, take the following self-assessment survey. On a scale of 1-5, indicate how true each of these statements is for you. 1 equals “not true”; 5 “very true,” (Note: not everything is supposed to be “very true” for you. Answer honestly so you can get a true picture of your spirituality.)

1. The most important thing about my faith is keeping close to God.
2. The most important thing about my faith is being a good person.
3. The most important thing about my faith is that it helps me cope with life’s ups and downs.
4. My faith motivates me to serve others.
5. My faith brings me a lot of inner peace.
6. I pray a lot, and prayer helps me feel closer to God.
7. My faith helps me feel better when I am sad.
8. Because of my faith, I try hard to be straight with people.
9. For me, going to church is an important way to stay close to God.
10. God and I are close.
11. My faith guides my decisions about what’s right and wrong.
12. My faith helps me stay hopeful.
13. Because of my faith, I pay attention to when others need help.
14. My faith helps me heal from emotional hurts.
15. Nothing is more important to me than my friendship with God.
16. My faith brings me a lot of happiness.
17. I have a strong relationship with Jesus as my friend and savior.
18. Living in a loving way is the most important thing about my faith.
19. Because of my faith, I believe it is wrong to tell racist or dirty jokes.
20. My faith helps me deal with my anger.
21. I am always interested in learning more about God.

Score profile (vertical, horizontal, internal):

Vertical—Add up the numbers you gave for statements #1, #6, #9, #10, #15, #17, #21 Your vertical score is ____;

Horizontal—Add up the numbers you gave for statements #2, #4, #8, #11, #13, #18, #19 Your horizontal score is ____;

Internal—Add up the numbers you gave for statements #3, #5, #7, #12, #14, #16, #20 Your internal score is ____.

Furthering Your Faith

- ♦ One way to know your faith is to visit a Catholic book store and ask God to point out a book he may want you to read.
- ♦ One way to live your faith is to ask forgiveness of someone you have wronged.
- ♦ One way to share your faith is when you share a treat with someone, make sure the other person gets a bigger portion.

Faith in Our Future Update

Diocese of Trenton parishes had a decidedly different look and feel this summer. The typically quieter months of July and August were instead very busy as parishioners, lay leaders, and clergy worked to fully digest and respond to preliminary recommendations that had been made about the future of their faith communities. Small group meetings, town hall-style gatherings and official deliberations by the 25 Parish Cohorts (groupings of parishes) unfolded steadily through the late-summer weeks as part of the Faith in Our Future initiative. The results of weeks of work and consultation were set to emerge during the final days of September, as Cohorts submit official responses to the Bishop in preparation for the October 18-20 Diocesan Planning Commission. He is expected to announce his final decisions in December or January of 2017 with planning for implementation to follow. Once the responses are submitted, the work of parish core teams is complete. The next phase of parish-level work will be that of implementation, to begin after the final decisions are announced by the Bishop. For more information, visit <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/monthly-update-september-2016>.

Weekly Calendar Sunday, October 2, 2016 to Sunday, October 9, 2016		
Sunday, October 2	Masses Health Fair/Flu Clinic RCIA Meeting Children's Church Redemption Rehearsal YES Senior Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center 8:30 a.m.—Conference Room 10:15 a.m.—Conference Room 4:30 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Monday, October 3	Masses Liturgy Committee Knight of Columbus/Officers' Meeting	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:30 a.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room
Tuesday, October 4	Masses Prayer Shawl Meeting Rosary Group Glory to God Prayer Group Knights of Columbus Membership Committee	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:30 a.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Trinity Hall
Wednesday, October 5	Masses Legion of Mary Bible Study Respect Life Committee Meeting Parish Pastoral Council Adult Choir Practice Knights of Columbus Auxiliary Meeting	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Conference Room 10:15 a.m.—Emmaus Center 7:00 p.m.—Conference Room 7:00 p.m.—Rectory Dining Room 7:00 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Thursday, October 6	Mass Mass Adoration Bible Study Children's Choir Practice Scripture Series with Father Dan Benediction	7:15 a.m.—Church 9:00 a.m.—SML School 9:30 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center 3:30 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:00 p.m.—Church
Friday, October 7	Masses	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church
Saturday, October 8	Masses Confessions	9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.—Church 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.—Church
Sunday, October 9	Masses Community Sunday RCIA Meeting Children's Church Redemption Rehearsal	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church After all morning masses—Emmaus Center 8:30 a.m.—Conference Room 10:15 a.m.—Conference Room 4:30 p.m.—Church

Rosary Prayer Groups

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (see above for location), weekdays and Saturday after morning Mass,
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 3:30 p.m. in church