



February 26, 2017

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40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055



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



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 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
Holly Hicks, Graham McFarland, 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 As of February 12th, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated once a month on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. 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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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 25
5:30 p.m.	Marion Zetts —Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners of St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School
Sunday	February 26
7:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Daniel Roesner —St. Mary of the Lakes PREP
10:30 a.m.	Jeanne Mount —Pat O'Brien
12:00 p.m.	All Living and Deceased Priests and Bishops —Anonymous
6:00 p.m.	Deceased Members, Knights of Columbus Council 6520
Monday	February 27
7:15 a.m.	Mary Kelly —Bob and Maureen Riccobon
9:00 a.m.	Mark Bricker —Mark and Joanne Swift Hummel
	Gerald Kraemer —Cathleen and Jack Sheridan
Tuesday	February 28
7:15 a.m.	Thomas J. Fitzpatrick —Mona and Charlie Blake
9:00 a.m.	Evan Jeremy Denyes —Emily Finan Carroll
	Cliff Dickens —The Knittel Family
Wednesday	March 1
7:15 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Joanne Marinelli —KofC Council 6520
7:30 p.m.	Daniel Roesner —The Finan Family
Thursday	March 2
7:15 a.m.	Gerald Kraemer —Jerry and Peg Oyen
	Evelyn O'Neill —Maureen Riccobon
9:00 a.m.	Anthony M. Mangiamiele —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
	Deacon Tim Collins —Kathy Doyle
Friday	March 3
7:15 a.m.	Dr. Michael Adams —The Glatz Family
9:00 a.m.	Charles Baldoni, Sr. —His Wife Rita
	Eileen Coyle Moeller —Armin and Christine Vaihinger
Saturday	March 4
9:00 a.m.	John Kubick —The Troutman Family
	Fr. Dan Swift —In Gratitude
5:30 p.m.	Julie Smith —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
Sunday	March 5
7:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Joanne Marinelli —The Hillman-Pyles Family
10:30 a.m.	Trooper Sean Cullen —Mary Orphanos
12:00 p.m.	Al Tumolillo —Stan and Linda Pesotski
6:00 p.m.	John Hartman —YES Ministry



Wedding Bans

Third Announcement for

Dave Andrew Master and Josephine Cusumano

Please pray for the soul of
Wendy Caliendo
and keep her family 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:

Karen Achey, Joseph Aromando, Sr., Louise Aub, Bruce Bunning, Donna Burtis, Sr. Cathryn Byrne, Joan Ciocca, Kelsie Cole, Brooke Conklin, Alice D'Orisio, Bernadette DiAndrea, Thomas Dickinson, Theresa DiFrancesco, Theresa R. Dumas, Gladys Gail Donnelly, Lisa Dyonda, Baby Dyonda, Adrianna Ferringio, Bill Finegan, Abbey Fox, Harriet Galasso, Catherine Glass, Thomas Hanley, Jean Harley, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Ann Jannelli, Neil Johnson, Edmond Kessel, Monica Kinsella, Kathryn Kobiela, Tracy Little, John Lock, Michelle MacDonald Bendell, Nancy Mann, Daniel Mensel, Joseph Mooney, Carollane Piazza, Tom Prendergast, Bill Quigley, Donald Raman, Joseph Ranoldo, Paolo Reyes, Kathy Reznik, Alissa Rose Rorie, Pat Roskey, Marsh Ross, Helen Rotyiano, Joseph Rowan, Carol Santos, Michael Simpkins, Colleen Sorbello, Patricia Thomas, Cole Tronzo, Col. Michael Underkofler, Ret. USAF, Jamie Westphal and Loretta Whatley



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; Capt. Kevin Emmons, USAF, Major Suzanne Gillern, US Army, Lt. Matthew Knepper, USN, LTJG Jeremy Griffin, USN; Pvt. Nicholas Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; Brigadier General Steve Gilland, US Army and Jonathan Ross, Combat Medic, USN

Thank you for your service to our country!

Bring your offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your free will offerings...because the Lord Your God has blessed you.
Deut 12:6-7

Church Offertory Collection for Sunday, February 19, 2017

Donations In Cash	\$ 2,330.11
Donations In Envelopes	\$ 21,579.50
Average Envelope Gift	\$ 30.10
Total Number of Envelopes	799
St. Vincent de Paul (Poor Boxes)	\$ 436.20
Second Collection - Parish Education Fund	\$ 4,699.95

ANNUAL CATHOLIC *Appeal* 2017

Next weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year, the Bishop seeks the support of our parishes, our clergy, Catholic education and social services, and this year, in particular, the primary mission of the Church, evangelization. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the ACA. The ACA gives us the opportunity to support the Church beyond our parish.

This year, St. Mary of the Lakes' goal is \$139,600. As in past years, 15 percent of the goal, or \$20,940, will be returned to St. Mary of the Lakes in the form of a parish rebate. Once we surpass our goal, 50 percent of all gifts will be returned to the St. Mary of the Lakes.

There is also the additional incentive to receive an even greater rebate. If we can increase our participation by 10 percent, or 77 gifts, we will receive an additional \$6,980. Thank you in advance for making a gift to this year's ACA!

Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future. vs the Annual Catholic Appeal

As you know, St. Mary of the Lakes is embarking on a capital and building campaign, entitled, *Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future*. Part of the proceeds of this campaign will benefit the Diocese of Trenton to increase reserves for endowment purposes to address long-term needs in the following areas: Ordained Ministry (priestly retirements and seminary education); Catholic Schools; Catechesis and Evangelization; and Social Services.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, held the weekend of February 25-26, is a critical *annual appeal* that funds current diocesan operating expenses. Last year's generous response allowed our parish to exceed our goal of \$139,600.00 and receive a parish rebate of \$46,166.86. We hope your generosity will allow for the same results this year.

Virtus Training

There will be a Virtus training session in the Parish Meeting Room at the school on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Register at Virtusonline.org or contact the PREP office at smlprep@smlparish.org.

Please Extend a Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome the following new parishioners to the St. Mary of the Lakes parish community: Mr. and Mrs. Louis and Kristen Rider and children Morgan, Kristopher, and Cameron; Ms. Andrea Serio; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hurley; Mr. and Mrs. Bronson and Priscele White and children Savannah and Alexander; Mr. and Mrs. Luis and Marissa Rodrigues; Ms. Pamela McCormick; Mr. Chris O'Neill; Ms. Morgan Roth; Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Lauren Monzo and daughter Kathryn; Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Patricia Ambrose and children Stephanie and Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Susan Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Teresa Nale and daughters Gianna and Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Wilford and Jacquelyn Lawrence and sons Rowan and Wilford; Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Abbey Bradshaw and children Robert and Riley; Mr. and Mrs. George and Annette Vellaringatta and daughters Sofiya and Sarah; Mr. and Mrs. Chris and Christine Brough and daughter Mackenzie; Ms. Anne Marie Pai; and Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Katherine Parise and daughter Lyanna.

A Time of Grace: Lenten Mission/Retreat

A *Time of Grace* Parish Lenten Retreat/Mission with Fr. Michael Sullivan, OSA, will take place in the church beginning Sunday, March 5th, continuing through Wednesday, March 8th from 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. The nightly topics are:

- ♦ Sunday, March 5 – *To Be Born Again*
- ♦ Monday, March 6 – *The Healing Love of Jesus* with confessions offered during the evening
- ♦ Tuesday, March 7 – *The Call to be Church*
- ♦ Wednesday, March 8 – *Our Response to the Call* with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, followed by a social in the Emmaus Center

Come and see! The parish retreat is a wonderful way to begin your Lenten journey.

To experience the real value of Lent, we have to learn how to pray amid difficult circumstances.

In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could lead to a hardness of heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of the boundless love of God, in order to experience his tenderness.

Pope Francis



2017 Lenten Regulations From Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

February 1, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray." This line from a popular hymn we sing in our parishes during the season of Lent contains a very important truth. During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from **Ash Wednesday, March 1st until Holy Thursday, April 13th** --- it is with YOU, Lord, with YOU we fast and pray. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience of the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. "With YOU we fast and pray" is our song. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. "With YOU, too, we fast and pray." Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States asks of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of **fast (only one full meal) and abstinence (no meat)** are **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

All other **Fridays of Lent** are **days of abstinence (no meat)**.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to abstain (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of days, which must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 5th to Trinity Sunday, June 11th**. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to get to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance, grace and joy for us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Save the Date: Beach Bag Bingo



Plans are already underway for Beach Bag Bingo, so mark your calendar for Friday, May 12th. This event is full of fun and surprises for all who attend! Stay tuned for more details!

A Visit from Missionary Sister Ellen



Sister Ellen of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, who is a surgeon and spent 25 years in Africa as a missionary doctor, spoke to all SMLS students from pre-K to grade 8.

Her message to all was to "share their love" with mission children through sacrifice and prayer. She brought many beautiful artifacts that were displayed for the students to review and ponder.

The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary was established in 1924. They began their ministry in Philadelphia in 1954, then in Latin America in 1965 helping the most marginalized.

Registration for the 2017-18 SML School Year is Now Open!



New Family Registration Pre-K to 8

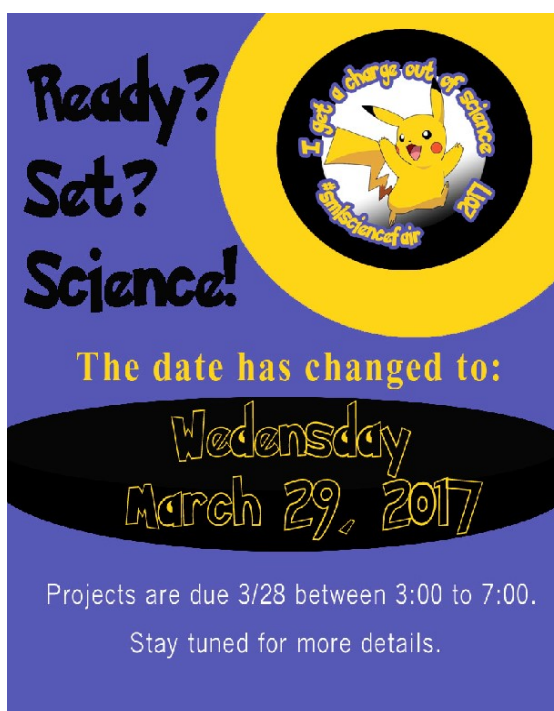
Please contact the School Main Office at info@smlschool.org.

The 2017 Science Fair is Coming!

The Science Fair will take place on March 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Ron Murphy Gymnasium. Classes will have a chance to walk through the projects during the day prior to doors being open to the public. Drop off for all projects is March 28th at the gym from 3:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The annual Science Fair Cover Art Contest has just begun. The student who submits the most creative design will win a \$50 gift card and the design will be displayed on the cover of this year's program.

T-shirts will be sold again this year, with proceeds benefiting The Science Fair. Student registration can be done online at <http://www.smlschool.org/science-fair>.



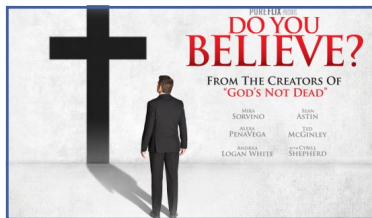
SMLS Student Competes in Spelling Bee

Fifth-grader Kayla Kalinowski placed 10th out of 27 students in the Haddon Fortnightly Women's Club Garden District Spelling Bee on Sunday, February 12th.



To compete, each of the 27 fourth and fifth grade contestants had to be among the top three winners of the Woman's Club Spelling Bee in their local area. The top three winners from Feb 12th will go on to compete at the NJSFWC State Spelling Bee in New Brunswick on March 4th. Way to go, Kayla!

YES Hosts Intergenerational Soup & Cinema



On Friday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m., the YES Ministry hosts a Soup & Cinema evening in the school auditorium. Join us for a simple Lenten soup meal, spend time in friendship and fellowship, and enjoy the film, *Do You Believe?*

In this film, from the creator of *God's Not Dead*, one can experience the power of the cross as a dozen different souls, all moving in a different direction, all longing for something more, discover there is power in the Cross of Christ.

Father Dan's Adult Scripture Study

Father Dan's cancelled February 9th class is scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. *Please bring a canned good for the food pantry.* If you need a Bible, New American Bibles will be sold for \$6.00 at the class.

Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross



Enhance your Lenten journey by attending the Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus and experience His words to St. Faustina as you walk with Him to Calvary.

Be encouraged by sharing the crosses you carry with Christ and experience the love, mercy, and sacrifice He made for you on His Cross. This is a great opportunity to grow closer to Christ and our Blessed Mother.

Annulment Information Sessions

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is mysterious, often accompanied by misinformation. In an effort dispel misconceptions, the Diocese sponsors Annulment Information Sessions each year.

The session for Burlington County is March 2nd, 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. here at St. Mary of the Lakes parish. For more information, call (609) 406-7434 or email rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Calling all Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council 6520's annual all-member meeting is February 26th in the Emmaus Center after the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Lunch follows the 45-minute meeting.

Please make every effort to attend to discuss ongoing council activities and how you can make a difference in our parish and community informed by the four core principles of the Knights: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Consider joining the Knights of Columbus if you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, and growing in your faith. Visit www.medfordknights.org for more information. *Vivat Jesus!*

Teens Needed for Way of the Cross

We are looking for readers, cantors, and actors for our annual Teens Presentation of *The Way of the Cross* that will take place on Friday, March 31st, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Student volunteers in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in this moving Lenten presentation. Participants must attend all three practices: Friday, March 24th at 4:30 p.m. in church; Tuesday, March 28th and Wednesday March 29th at 4:30 p.m. in the school chapel.

Confirmation Service hours will be given to students in grades 6-8. Sign-up sheet is available at Jackson Road Entrance this weekend or in the PREP Office next week. For information, contact Linda Xerri at lxerri@smlparish.org or call Extension 111.

Pray for Vocations!

We can all help the Church by praying for vocations. We have a *Pray for Vocations* icon of the Mother of the Eternal High Priest which parish families can take home after Sunday Mass, pray for vocations together every day for a week, and return the icon to the sacristy for the next family to pray the following week. The number of priests may continue to diminish without our help and prayers! Sign roster on bulletin board outside sacristy if you can participate.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Take time to share in the presence of Christ in Adoration and honor the Blessed Mother by participating in the Miraculous Medal Novena, held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Benediction is held once a month—check the calendar.

Office of Vocations Sponsors Afternoon at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary



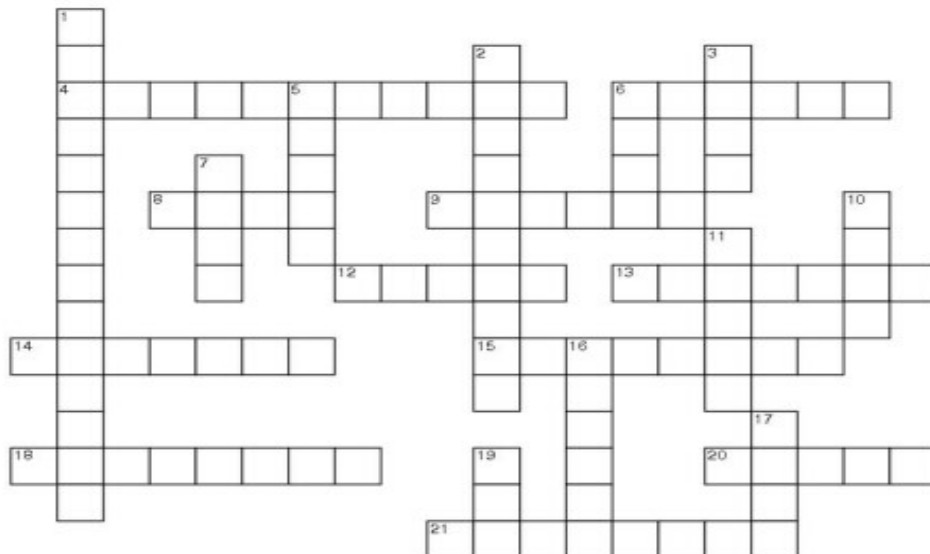
The Office of Vocations of the Diocese of Trenton is sponsoring an afternoon (arriving at the seminary at 3:00 p.m. and departing at 6:30 p.m.) for boys in grades 7-12 to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia on Sunday, April 30th.

The afternoon will include: talks by seminarians and Vocation Directors Father Mike Wallack, Father Garry Koch, and Father Dan Swift; a seminary tour; gym time; vespers (evening prayer); and, a light dinner.

The purpose of the outing is to introduce boys to what a seminary is like and to consider a possible vocation to the priesthood. Adult chaperones are needed for transportation to/from and supervision at the seminary. Permission forms are available at the parking lot entrance of the Church and are to be returned to the box marked Seminary Trip at the same entrance. For more information, contact Father Dan at father_dan@smlparish.org.

A Lenten Crossword Puzzle For Children

The Lenten Season



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ACROSS

- 4 How Jesus died
- 6 Lent's meaning is connected to this earthly season.
- 8 To give up food
- 9 Jesus' death opened the gates to _____ for us.
- 12 Stations of the _____.
- 13 The word that recalls the suffering death of Jesus.
- 14 Fourth Sunday of lent
- 15 Jesus was _____ unto death.
- 18 Number of stations presented in the passion.
- 20 Jesus died because he _____ us.
- 21 The day of the week the priesthood was instituted.

DOWN

- 1 Sacrament that restores sanctifying grace within us.
- 2 Another name for the sacrament of penance.
- 3 A way to celebrate lent
- 5 Number of days in the lent
- 6 Jesus died to _____ us from our sins.
- 7 The last supper was the celebration of the first _____.
- 10 The word that describes the Friday that Jesus died
- 11 It's placed on our forehead to remind us of our mortality at the beginning of lent
- 16 Lent prepares us for _____.
- 17 The week leading up to Jesus' death
- 19 The Wednesday event that marks beginning of lent

Knights' St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Everyone is invited to celebrate at our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, one of the many social events we hold to help the hungry and homeless families of Burlington County.

Event is Saturday, March 18th, from 7:00-11:00 p.m. at Indian Spring Country Club Ballroom/Marco's Restaurant. Cost is \$125 per couple/\$65.00 per person, which includes sit-down dinner, four-hour open bar, and DJ.

Event is limited to 70 people, so make reservations as soon as possible. Seating is on first-come/first-served basis. Make donation payable to The Knights of Columbus #6520 and mail to David Karbasian, 95 Nantucket Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055.

JOY Ministry Hosts Authentic Irish Meal

Have you always wanted to enjoy a genuine Irish meal? Our JOY (just older youth) Ministry is hosting a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 14th at Noon in the Emmaus Center. This will be an authentic Irish meal. Bring a favorite tea cup and saucer to enjoy a cup of good Irish tea with desserts. *A Cead mile Failte* (a hundred thousand welcomes) is extended to our JOY group and guests. RSVP to Marie at (609) 654-2651 or foxtrotwinnie@comcast.net by March 5th.

Wearin' o' the Green: St. Patrick's Day Party Hosed by Social Committee

The Social Committee will host a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day Party on Sunday March 12th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day so come wearing some green and enjoy the food and festivities, including crafts for kids.

Father Christopher Colavito Presents a Seminar on the Gospel of Mark

In celebration of the Lenten Season, Father Christopher Colavito, Pastoral Vicar at St. Isaac Jogues parish and Chaplain at Holy Cross Academy, is offering a four-part seminar on the Gospel of St. Mark from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church. Dates are: March 15th, How Do Catholics Read Scripture; March 22nd, Mark 1-6; March 29th, Mark 7-12; and April 5th, Mark 13-16. To register, call the SIJ office at (856) 235-1330.

St. Vincent's Easter Gifting

It's time to plan for contributing to St. Vincent's Easter Gifting Program. We are in need of a variety of sweets and other products, including Easter egg dye, chocolate bunnies, jelly beans, chocolate kisses, Peeps, Easter grass, small toys, baskets and more. Nothing that contains peanuts, however. Containers will be at Jackson Road and Parking Lot entrances.

Gifting dates are April 5th-7th. Home Delivery is scheduled for April 2nd. Drop off by March 24th.

Once again, the volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are most grateful for your continued help, support, and generosity.

Two Days Left to Apply for Annual YES/HFH Mission Trip

The 2017 YES/Habitat for Humanity trip is scheduled for June 19th through June 24th. Applications can be found on the parish website, www.smlparish.org. Submissions are due by Tuesday, February 28th. For more information, email lxerri@smlparish.org.

Feast of the Annunciation Healing Mass at Sacred Heart, Bay Head

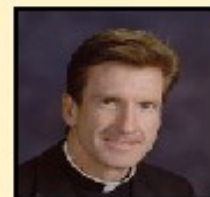
Did you know that the anointing of the sick is not just for those about to die? This powerful sacrament can also benefit those with various ailments, including grief, addiction, mental illness, anxiety, or upcoming surgery, as well as those taking care of someone aging or sick, a child with special needs, a difficult pregnancy, and more. We all can use some healing, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. While every Mass is a healing Mass, the anointing of the sick is very powerful. This special healing Mass will take place on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 752 Main Avenue, Bay Head. Refreshments will follow the Mass. Contact DawnRusinko@yahoo.com or the parish office at (732) 899-1398.



Men—Are you looking for something out of this world? How about... *a long time ago in Galilee far, far away...* Come join us for some "down to earth" discussions at St. Joan of Arc, Pedata Hall, Fridays at 6:00 a.m. Sign up or just show up! Email www.stjoans.org/tmiy.



**JOIN FR. DAN SWIFT
WITH FR. SCOTT SHAFFER
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE
HOLY LAND**



Fr. Dan Swift

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OR Donna@206tours.com or Melissa@206tours.com

Bereavement Group to Meet Tuesdays



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. in the Rectory Dining Room from February 28th through April 11th.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office as soon as possible: (609)-654-0828.

Knights of Columbus Day with the Phillies is Also Mothers' Appreciation Day



On Sunday, May 7th, The Knights of Columbus Council No. 6520 is again hosting a Day with the Phillies. This catered event begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Rooftop and includes seats for the game, which starts at 2:35 p.m. The Phillies will be playing the Washington Nationals.



This game is also Mothers' Appreciation day. Celebrate with the entire family at a pre-game tribute to all moms. Women over age 15 who attend the game will receive a Phillies cross body tote bag.

This event is open to Knights, Lady Auxiliary Members, and parishioners. Ticket price is \$56.00 per person.

Free Mammograms for Uninsured/Underinsured Women



Free mammograms will be offered to uninsured and underinsured residents of Burlington County on Feb. 15th, March 13th, and April 10th when the mobile mammography van stops at the Pemberton Community Library. The library is located at 16 Broadway St. in Brown Mills.

Any uninsured woman between the ages 40 to 64 and is a resident of Burlington County will qualify. To sign up, call (856) 247-7388.



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Environmental Awareness
Committee



**ATTENTION
SML STUDENTS
GRADES 4-8!**

**ARE YOU A GUARDIAN OF OUR
ENVIRONMENT? EARN \$25.00 FOR
TELLING US WHY OR HOW!**

2017 Environmental Awareness Committee Essay Contest

Describe one small act you have done or can do to protect and show respect for one of the following:

- Our earthly home
- God's creatures
- All people as Children of God

Write an Essay ♦ Create a Poster ♦ Create an Upcycle

Pope Francis says caring for God's creation is a Corporal Work of Mercy:

As a corporal work of mercy, care for our common home requires 'simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness' and 'makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world' (ibid., 230-31)

Essay should be no more than two typed pages, double spaced; poster on 24" x 36" poster paper/board; upcycle creation must be something original.

Deadline: Midnight, April 24, 2017


Religious Teachers Filippini Offer Retreats by the Sea


Retreats take place on the following dates:

March 15th—Touched by an Angel—to hear and trust God's will, we need only to look at the life of St. Joseph as our example. Joseph was "touched by an angel" and entrusted with the care of God's only Son. Cost: \$45, lunch and Mass included. 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Presenter is Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD.

March 20th—Honoring St. Joseph the Worker—in honor of our patron St. Joseph, the staff invites you to join us at Liturgy to celebrate this special day. We will pray for peace and healing for ourselves and for our world. Register by March 17th. Refreshments and Blessed Bread after the program. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Departure at 1:00 p.m. Presenters are Sister Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sister Dolores Bianchi, MPF. Cost: Donation

St. Joseph by the Sea is located at 400 Route 35 North, South Mantoloking. To register, call (732) 892-8494.

 The **YOUTH MINISTRY** of
The **ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**
invites you to join us as we host a

 **COVENANT HOUSE**
Sleep Out
To Support Homeless Youth

Friday April 28, 2017 @ 7pm – Saturday April 29, 2017 @ 7am
at the Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
11 Wilkins Station Road
Medford, NJ 08055

Almost 40% of the homeless population in the United States is under the age of 18.
1 in every 45 kids is homeless in the United States
Young people can become homeless for a variety of reasons including if their parent died, they ran away from an abusive home, their family became homeless, or they aged out of foster care. Covenant House has been helping homeless youth move from a life in crisis to stability since 1972 through a comprehensive range of services.

What can YOU do to help?

- **If you are a middle school, high school or college student, age 13+:**
 - ❖ Sign up for the sleep out
 - ❖ Commit to **raising \$228** to support the services that Covenant House provides
 - ❖ Spend one night away from the comfort of your home to raise awareness and raise funds for homeless young people. The evening will include activities, discussions and a candlelight vigil as well as sleeping outside in our parking lot in a sleeping bag and cardboard box.
- **If you are an adult:**
 - ❖ Please **donate** and support the youth that are sleeping out!

For more information, to sign up, and to support with your donation:
STUDENTSLEEPOUT.ORG
Team: Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
or contact: phyllis.pritchard@gmail.com

YES Joins Youth Ministry of Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross for SLEEP OUT to Support Covenant House

St. Mary of the Lakes' YES (Youth Energized in the Spirit) Ministry will be joining the Youth Ministry of The Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross for a Covenant House SLEEP OUT to Support Homeless Youth from Friday, April 28th, at 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 29th, at 7:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church located on Wilkins Station Road in Medford. The invitation is extended to middle/high school/college students (and chaperones) who will sign up, sleep out, and commit to raising \$228 each to support the services provided by Covenant House.

Medford Police will be patrolling the area for safety and will also be among the speakers during the evening.

Students will spend one night away from the comfort of their homes (with parental permission) for activities, guest speakers, discussions and a candlelight vigil, sleeping in the church parking lot in a sleeping bag and cardboard box. Parish and YES students in grades 8-12 interested in participating should contact Parish Youth Minister Linda Xerri at lxerri@smlparish.org.

Daughter of Long-Time Parishioner Needs a Kidney Transplant: Can You Help?

Jamie, the daughter of one of our long-time parishioners and a 20-year-old nursing student at Stockton University, is waiting for a kidney transplant. We wrote about her last spring, but so far, there has not been a kidney match that will save her life, and everyone in her immediate family has been ruled out.

Since then, the family has asked KidneyBuzz to create a webpage that profiles Jamie and her situation. It is written as though she herself were speaking, providing answers to questions that potential donors may have. If you have or know of someone who has an interest in or the possibility of helping Jamie, here is the link to the KidneyBuzz webpage: <https://www.kidneybuzz.com/find-a-kidney-donor/2016/12/19/be-jamies-lifesaving-living-kidney-donor-she-is-only-20-years-old>.

According to KidneyBuzz, the Kidney Transplant Waiting List has more than doubled since 2001, with over 100,000 patients currently awaiting a kidney transplant, so stakes are high.

Also, with the family's consent, we are offering the following links at University of Pennsylvania Hospital should you have an interest in being a donor and/or to receive the forms for one who has the qualifications of being a donor:

www.pennmedicine.org/~media/Documents%20and%20Audio/Patient%20Forms/Transplant/LivingKidneyDonorApplication

www.pennmedicine.org/for-patients-and-visitors/find-a-program-or-service/transplant-institute/living-kidney-donor-transplant/treatments-and-procedures/types-of-kidney-donations

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 go to listen to a Catholic speaker.
- ♦ One way to live your faith is to anonymously give cash to someone in need. Put it in an envelope and drop in the person's mailbox (after the mail carrier has arrived for the day), slip it into the person's coat pocket, or find some other creative method of delivery.
- ♦ One way to share your faith is if you have small children, give each a dollar to drop in the basket, even if you are already tithing 10 percent.

Downsizing, Decluttering?

Stressed out about stuff and what to do with it? Attend the Downsizing Panel Discussion where experts will highlight how to declutter, sort, pack, move, sell real estate and items, find housing and more. Wednesday, March 8th, 220 St. Mary's Drive, Cherry Hill 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Seats are limited. Win a prize! Call Ami Feller, (856) 419-8718 for more information.

Ash Wednesday Retreat at Francis House of Prayer

On Ash Wednesday, March 1st, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Francis House of Prayer offers a structure for the six-week Lenten journey ahead using Richard Rohr's *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* as a focus and motivation for our practices of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Donation of \$35 includes lunch and \$20 book for your use during Lent. Francis House of Prayer is located in Rancocas. To register, call (609) 877-0509 or visit www.FHOP.org.

Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, February 25, 2017 to Sunday, March 5, 2017		
Sunday, February 26	Masses RCIA Children's Church AA Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Church 10:15 a.m.—Conference Room 7:00 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room
Monday, February 27	Masses Daughters of St. Therese	9:00 a.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Church
Tuesday, February 28	Masses Environmental Awareness Committee Glory to God Prayer Group Rosary	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 12:00 p.m.—Conference Room 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room
Wednesday, March 1	Masses Legion of Mary—Apostolate of the Rosary Bible Study Adult Choir Practice Parish Finance Council	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.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Rectory Dining Room
Thursday, March 2	Masses Adoration Prayer and Bible Study Children's Choir Practice Miraculous Medal Novena Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament Scripture Series-Gospel of John Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center 3:30 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.—Auditorium 7:00 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room
Friday, March 3	Masses	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church
Saturday, March 4	Masses Confessions 1st Eucharist Retreat Millennial Brunch	9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.—Church 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.—Church 9:00 a.m.—PREP Conference Room 11:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center
Sunday, March 5	Masses RCIA Children's Church AA Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Church 10:15 a.m.—Conference Room 7:00 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room
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		