



May 7, 2017

We Make Disciples

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, FAX

Parish Office	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 Ext.110
Parish Office Fax		654-1734
Parish Health Ministry		654-8208 Ext.610
St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546 Ext.210
St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax		654-8125
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546 Ext.310
Parish Youth Minister	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 Ext.111

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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Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 6
5:30 p.m.	Barry Cohrs —Gene, Chris, and Family
Sunday	May 7
7:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Stephen Schmitt —The Elmendorf Family
10:30 a.m.	Gilbert J. Lattiere —Mr. and Mrs. Louis DiVentura
12:00 p.m.	Mary H. Nevins —K of C Council 6520
6:00 p.m.	Patricia Reilly —Georgiana and Geri Francisco
Monday	May 8
7:15 a.m.	David Shaw —Maureen and Joe Sokolowski
	Vincent Yezzi —Mike and Natalie Maher
9:00 a.m.	Daniel DiFilippo —The Hardiman Family
	Genevieve Saltenberger —Her Daughter and Husband
Tuesday	May 9
7:15 a.m.	Bernie McGrath —Ingrid French and Dolores McNamee
	Frank and Bertha Pacholski —Dennis and Donna DelRossi
9:00 a.m.	Eleanor Skahan —Trudy Hajduk
	Edna Dion —Jerry and Ann Marie Connors
Wednesday	May 10
7:15 a.m.	Nick Ianuzzi —Joan and Ephraim Block
9:00 a.m.	Deacon Norbert Klimaszewski —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
	Deacon Tim Collins —The Karbasian Family
Thursday	May 11
7:15 a.m.	Victor Capcino —Carol Wagner
9:00 a.m.	Helen Witkowski —Her Children
	Jack O'Brien —Her Family
Friday	May 12
7:15 a.m.	Betty Sayer —Nancy Sanson
	Antoinette Napoli —The Kayes Family
9:00 a.m.	Paul M. Long —His Family
	Millard Wallace, Jr. —Rita and Family
Saturday	May 13
9:00 a.m.	Walter Foley —Irma Lorenz
	Janet McCrosson —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
Sunday	May 14
7:30 a.m.	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m.	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
10:30 a.m.	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
12:00 p.m.	For All Mothers Living and Deceased
6:00 p.m.	For All Mothers Living and Deceased

Easter Collection as of May 2, 2017

Donations In Cash	\$14,371.50
Donations In Envelopes	\$67,689.50
Average Envelope Gift	\$61.76
Total Number of Envelopes	1,150
Parish EGiving - Easter	\$3,249.71

Please pray for the souls of
Marie Pietrusko-Kraemer and Kathryn Kobiela
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: Karen Achey, Joseph Aromando, Sister Tara Brickley, Kelsie Cole, Brooke Conklin, Alice D'Orisio, Bernadette DiAndrea, Sally DiBella, Thomas Dickinson, The DiVentura Family, Gladys Gail Donnelly, Theresa R. Dumas, Lisa Dyonda, Baby Dyonda, Adrianna Ferringio, Bill Finegan, Dolores Fleming, Eileen Flynn, Abbey Fox, Harriet Galasso, Catherine Glass, Cass Henderson, Robert Henderson, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Ann Jannelli, Neil Johnson, Morgan Kelly, Edmond Kessel, Monica Kinsella, Tracy Little, John Lock, Michelle MacDonald Bendell, Neal Manga, Judy Meleski, Daniel Mensel, Joseph Mooney, Carollane Piazza, Baby Jack M. Pisano, Tom Prendergast, Bill Quigley, Donald Raman, Ken Rappe, Briana Reid, Paolo Reyes, Kathy Rezynek, Alissa Rose Rorie, Pat Roskey, Timothy Ryan, Ron Sabo, Michael Simpkins, Colleen Sorbello, Joe Strohlein, 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, USAF, 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!

Daily Mass Schedule Change

From May 14th to May 26th, there will be one daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:15 a.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

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.

Offertory Collection for Sunday, April 30, 2017

Donations In Cash	\$3,415.55
Donations In Envelopes	\$23,837.50
Average Envelope Gift	\$31.16
Total Number of Envelopes	852
St. Vincent de Paul (Poor Boxes)	\$172.00
Second Collection- Catholic Home Missions	\$4,364.34

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday



Good Shepherd Sunday occurs on the third or fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The name derives from the gospel reading for the day, which is taken from

the tenth chapter of John's Gospel:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. John 10:11

Caring for Homeless Families:

An Opportunity to Help Those in Need

As a member of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, we are blessed to have our next week of caring for homeless families from Sunday, May 28th until Sunday, June 4th.

We invite you to help us care for these unfortunate families. The sign-up lists from which you can select assignments will be available after Mass on the weekends of May 13/14 and May 20/21, Jackson Road entrance. Individual volunteers, volunteer families with children are most welcome to join us!

Volunteer duties for which we need assistance include:

- ♦ Providing dinner in the Emmaus Center
- ♦ Picking up, donating food, lunch items, et al.
- ♦ Being an evening host from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- ♦ Socializing, dining with families
- ♦ Hosting overnight from 9:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- ♦ Driving families from Emmaus Center to Moorestown day center at 6:30 a.m.
- ♦ Driving families from day center to Emmaus Center at 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Setting up, breaking down facilities
- ♦ Laundering bed linens

For more information, call Marie at (609) 280-3625 or Bill at (609) 280-3624.

Band for Parish 75th Anniversary Gala

The parish is looking for a band to play at its 75th Anniversary Gala which will take place on Friday, June 15th, 2018 at Merion Caterers. If you know of such a band or have a contact to one, please contact Pat Kiernan at (609) 654-6313 or email wkier2@verizon.net.

Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day cards are available at all entrances of the church. To have your loved one placed on the parish Mass board, please place your offerings in the collection basket or bring to the parish office **no later than tomorrow, Monday, May 8th, at the close of business, 4:00 p.m.**

Bring the Love of the Good Shepherd to the Suffering

Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, a day on which we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us and we hear His words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

You can help bring the love of the Good Shepherd to your suffering brothers and sisters by taking a shopping bag as you exit the church today, filling it with items listed below, and bringing it to Mass next weekend for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

This month the food pantry is in special need of canned vegetables/fruit, meals in a can (e.g., SpaghettiOs), jelly, spaghetti sauce (jars), tuna fish, pasta and macaroni and cheese.

Note: We also need volunteers to help move furniture and other heavy items. When we receive donation offers, we will coordinate a time for volunteers to use our van to pick up and deliver items to a family in need. Call St. Vincent's at (609) 953-0021 if you would like to volunteer for this important work.

ChristLife: Put out into deep water and lower your nets...

Last weekend, 31 of our fellow parishioners were commissioned at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Over the past year, they said yes to a process called ChristLife. They met together in small groups to discover the depths of Jesus' love for them, to commit to a purposeful relationship with Him, to grow in understanding of what it means to follow Him and to learn how to share the Good News of what Jesus has to offer. Sound interesting?

In September, we will begin with *Discovering Christ*. More information to follow about this enriching and exciting process called ChristLife.

Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future. Capital and Building Campaign



As you may have heard over the past few weeks, St. Mary of the Lakes is in the midst of a bold endeavor. *Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future.* is a capital and building campaign that will advance our mission as a parish to make disciples. After all, our

mission statement is, "We Make Disciples!"

Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$2,750,000 for the needs of our parish and the future needs of the Diocese of Trenton. To date, good stewards have already raised the \$1,263,500 needed to meet our commitment to the diocesan-wide Faith to Move Mountains campaign, and 100% of the remaining funds will increase funding for the following needs of our parish and school:

Catholic Education: \$886,500

- ♦ Underwrite projected capital maintenance needs in the school which may include updating the roof, carpeting, windows, the HVAC system, etc.
- ♦ Increase the reserve fund for Catholic education
- ♦ Purchase a 15-passenger van to provide transportation for parishioners and students alike

Life of the Parish Upgrades: \$600,000

- ♦ Reconfigure the parish offices and meeting rooms
- ♦ Replace the HVAC system
- ♦ Upgrade the Emmaus Center kitchen
- ♦ Install a security system in the church

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel (as funds allow): \$105,000

If you haven't yet been asked to support the campaign, you will be asked in the coming weeks. Your support is important. Thank you for answering God's call to be a good steward.

May the intercession of our Blessed Mother guide and direct our efforts. Please join me in praying for the success of *Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future.*

For to everyone who has will more be given and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Matthew 25:29

May is Mental Health Month: Tips From the Parish Health Ministry

It is not only important, it is imperative to maintain your mental health! And not just yours—that of your family, friends, and colleagues as well. The following tips might help raise your overall mood and keep depression away.

- ♦ Track gratitude and achievements in a journal. Each day, include three things you are grateful for and three things you accomplished.
- ♦ Start your day with a cup of coffee, which is linked to lower rates of depression. If you can't have caffeine, try another good-for-you drink, such as green tea.
- ♦ Plan a getaway, such as camping with friends or a trip to the tropics. The act of planning offers something to look forward to, raising your mood.
- ♦ Try new recipes, write a poem. Creative expression/overall well-being are linked.
- ♦ Show love to someone in your life.
- ♦ If you have personal experience with mental illness or recovery, share on Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr. Read what others are saying at www.mentalhealthamerica.net
- ♦ Laugh! Meet with a funny friend, watch a comedy. Laughter reduces anxiety.
- ♦ Go off the grid: leave phone at home and spend face-to-face time with family or friends.
- ♦ Dance as you do your housework. It reduces cortisol (stress hormone) and increases endorphins (the body's "feel good" chemicals).
- ♦ Go ahead and yawn! Yawning helps cool the brain, improve alertness, get more oxygen.
- ♦ If something is bothering you, write it out on paper, which can also reduce depression.
- ♦ Spend time with a furry friend. Time with animals lowers the stress hormone.
- ♦ Work some omega-3 fatty acids into your diet. They are linked to decreased depression.
- ♦ Take a 30-minute nature walk—leave your cell phone at home.

Pray for Vocations!

We can help the Church by praying for vocations by using our *Pray for Vocations* icon of the Mother of the Eternal High Priest. Parish families take it home after Sunday Mass, pray for vocations every day for a week, and return it to the sacristy for the next family. The number of priests may continue to diminish without our help and prayers! Sign roster on bulletin board outside sacristy if you can participate. Praying for vocations this month are the Hess and Waldt families.

Catholicism Revisited

Sr. Judy Cianfrogna, SSJ is continuing the series on the basics of our faith. Tomorrow evening, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center, Sister Judy will review the Sacraments of Service and Healing. Come and see! Follow Noah's instructions—travel in pairs—bring a friend!

- ♦ Monday, May 8: Sacraments of Service: Matrimony and Holy Orders
- ♦ Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick
- ♦ Monday, May 15: Old Testament
- ♦ Monday, May 22: New Testament

Golf Tournament Needs Your Support to Help Expectant Mothers

The Knights of Columbus hosts its 10th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, June 12th, at Medford Lakes Country Club. One of this year's beneficiaries is 1st Way of Burlington County, which helps any woman or girl with an unplanned pregnancy find medical, legal, or psychological help, as well as shelter, education, or guidance.

1st Way believes in the sanctity of life, all life, the life of the mother, as well as that of the baby. It provides free resources that support life-affirming choices through a loving, non-judgement approach with counseling, education, and practical services.

Registration is \$150.00, including greens fee, golf cart, lunch, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. The tournament is scramble format with shotgun start at Noon, followed by cocktail hour and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Silent auction, raffle, and tombola offer opportunities to win great prizes. Dinner-only tickets are \$45.00.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals. Options range from several sponsorship levels to merchandise and gift certificate donations to individual boosters.

To serve as a sponsor or to register for golf, visit www.medfordknights.org or contact Don Bouchard at bouchdm@aol.com or (609) 654-8853 or (609) 760-8932.

The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*.

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.

Glory to God Prayer Group

The Glory to God Prayer Group meets every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. For information, contact Marianne Perkins at (609) 760-9221 or marnperk@gmail.com.

Legion of Mary Celebrates 100th Year of Fatima Apparitions With Rosary Event



The Legion of Mary invites everyone to participate in a special evening event to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

We will meet in the parking lot entrance and form a procession to the front of the church. (In case of rain, we will meet in the church.)

JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry Meets Before Summer Hiatus

Take a leap of real Faith and join us at the next JOY meeting, Thursday, May 26th, in the parish conference room at 7:00 p.m. We have lined up drivers for those who cannot or do not like to drive at night. If you need a ride to the meeting or want to join, email Georgiana at gfrancisco@smlparish.org.

Holy Cross Academy Girls' Basketball Clinic



Holy Cross Academy Girls' Basketball Coach, Fred Philipps, will hold free basketball clinics at the school on Tuesday, May 16th and Thursday, May 18th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. They are open to girls

from any school currently in grades 3-8. Bring your own basketball. No forms, no fees. Coach Philipps and staff will lead a series of workouts that include dribbling, shooting, defense and team concepts. Players of all skill levels are invited. The goal is to have fun while developing skill sets. For information, email Coach Philipps at fredthepro@msn.com.

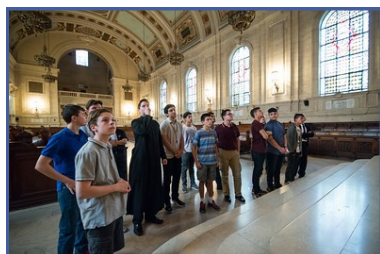
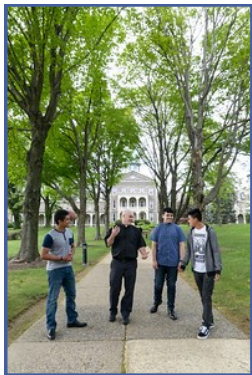
Male Students Experience Seminary Life at St. Charles Borromeo

Rather than just talking about all that goes into becoming a priest, Father Dan made arrangements for young men to see for themselves.

On April 30, Father Dan, who serves as diocesan assistant director of vocations, hosted a visit to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, in Wynnewood, PA, where male students in grades seven through 12 from across the Diocese could spend an afternoon experiencing various aspects of seminary life.

"The goal was to introduce boys to the seminary and give them the opportunity to see and meet men studying for the priesthood," Father Dan explained.

The visit was from 3 to 6:30 p.m., during which the boys were given a tour of the seminary, attended Vespers, enjoyed a light dinner and heard vocation talks from seminarians, as well as from Father Dan and Father Michael Wallack, diocesan director of vocations and priest-secretary to Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.



Travel Card Raffle Benefits Diocesan Seminarians

St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 will be selling chances to win a \$5,000 AAA MidAtlantic Travel Card at each of the Masses on next weekend, May 13/14 for \$10.00 each. Proceeds go to fund a monetary stipend for each Trenton diocese seminarian--our future priests.

The card can be used for any travel expense—airfare/train/cruise tickets, lodging, tours or even a stay at an all-inclusive resort. Last year, your generosity enabled the Knights to award \$2,000 to each of the 20 seminarians in the Diocese of Trenton. We look forward to being able to help our seminarians again this year.

If you miss the opportunity to buy a ticket at Mass, call Ken Bodzioch at (609) 744-1417.

Confirmation Service Project Opportunity

Father Dan would like Confirmation candidates to earn service hours by planting the lilies that were on the altar during Easter on the parish grounds. If interested, sign the roster at the Jackson Rd. entrance and he will be in touch.

Y.E.S.: We Need Travel-Size Toiletries!



Y.E.S. Sr., our high school youth group, is preparing for its summer service trip to work with Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake and St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baltimore. On Friday, June 23rd, they will again volunteer at the Breaking Bread with the Hungry Soup Kitchen in SVDP parish, so they are collecting the following to bring with them: travel size toiletries, i.e., soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes; deodorants; regular sized Dove brand body wash only, and new underwear and socks for men, women, and children. Collection bins will be in front/back of the church May 13th to June 11th. Thank you continuing to support our teens as they strive to be the hands, feet, and face of Christ to the least among us. Questions or information please contact Linda Xerri at lxerri@sm1parish.org or call Ext. 111.



Principal Wanted

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School, a Pre-K, K-8 school with approximately 325 students and staff of 35, is currently seeking a Principal to begin July 1st. The qualified candidate must be a practicing Catholic committed to Catholic education. Applicant must possess Diocesan Certification as a basic catechist or demonstrate its equivalency. The qualified candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree (Master's degree in Administration preferred), a valid NJ Principal's Certificate, and must have at least five years of teaching experience, preferably in Catholic schools. Prior school administration experience is strongly preferred. Applicant must supply evidence of competency in management and communication skills. Please submit resume and letter of interest by May 15, 2017 to:

Principal Search Committee
St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church
40 Jackson Road
Medford, NJ 08055
principalsearch@smlparish.org

Teaching Positions at SMLS

St. Mary of the Lakes School is looking to fill the following anticipated vacancies for the 2017~2018 school year: Teacher of Grade One; part-time School Librarian; Teacher of Spanish Gr. 5~8. All positions require appropriate NJ Teacher Certification. Successful candidates must be VIRTUS trained and have successfully completed a criminal background check and fingerprinting. Candidates applying for positions that include teaching Religion must be Catholics in good standing. Qualified candidates are asked to submit a current resume, copy of appropriate NJ certification, and three letters of professional reference to Ms. V. Kleinknecht, St. Mary of the Lakes School, 196 Route 70, Medford, NJ 08055, no later than May 19th.

What They're Saying About SMLS

Not only can our daughter practice her faith daily, but she is also being educated at the highest level of academics. She is challenged and lives up to this challenge. Every day is a new and fun experience and she loves going to school. Plus, we have established friendships with warm and loving families and know they will be lifelong relationships.

An SMLS Parent

PTA Spring Clothing Drive Begins



Please help make the SMLS PTA clothing drive another success! Items accepted this year include men's, women's, and children's clothing (all seasons), shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags, coats, jackets, bed, bath, and table linens, drapery, curtains, pillows, towels, small rugs, quilts, comforters, and new this year—pots, pans, beanie babies, rag dolls, action figures, trucks, airplanes, doll houses, dolls and stuffed animals. Hard toys should fit a 24" by 24" box. All clean, wearable clothing and shoes are reused by the less fortunate. The clothing does not end up in landfills, thus helping to keep America green and clean. Place drop-offs (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) in the trailer at the back of school, 196 Route 70, between April 24th and May 10th. Thank you for your generosity.

What happens to the items collected?

The company helping us has sorters with many hours of training who sort the clothing in an accurate/timely fashion and place them in various categories. Hard toys are packed in boxes/containers to be sent to needy children in other parts of the world. Clothing in wearable condition is packed in containers that are shipped to countries such as Ghana, Conakry, Guinea, Honduras, Haiti, Ecuador, Belize, Mexico, Chile, parts of Eastern Europe and certain parts of the U.S. Nothing is shredded or destroyed!



Vacation Bible School

At SML School, 196 Route 70, Medford
July 31st—August 4th

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sign-in Monday, July 31st at 8:30 a.m.

\$40 for 1st child, \$30 each additional child

Pre-registration is required.

There will be two groups: age 4 and 5-year olds (as of May 1st) and 1st–5th grade (as of September).

Space is limited! Registration closes July 10th. For further information, contact the PREP Office at

(609) 654-2546, Ext. 310 or email
smlprep@smlparish.org.

SMLS Helps Community on Diocesan Day of Service

On Friday, April 28th, St. Mary of the Lakes School joined thousands of Catholic school students in the Trenton Diocese to mark the third annual *Diocesan Day of Service*. The students took part in various community projects to help those in need and honor those who serve the community under the theme of *Catholic Schools Do it All*.

Pre-K students made centerpieces and placemats for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden with the help of kindergartners, who also decorated a banner for children at CHOP and planted flowers on the school grounds. First graders made cards for grandparents, cleaned up the school, and made cards for military men and women. Second graders planted and delivered Sunflowers to Medford Leas residents, where they also visited and played Bingo. Third/fourth graders made and delivered sandwiches, drinks and snacks, to Camden's Cathedral Kitchen. Fifth graders worked helped out at Cedar Run Wildlife Center in Medford, raking leaves and cleaning walkways

The 6th grade extended their service to our beloved pets by donating PetSmart purchases to a local animal shelter with funds raised at a school bake sale. Seventh graders planted a lovely school garden and tidied up Still Park. Last, but not least, the soon-to-be 8th Grade graduates cleaned windows and helped with school projects. We're very proud of our students for their dedication to helping others.





It's Not Too Early....

...to mark your calendars for this year's Parish Family Picnic! Before you know it, summer will be over, and the picnic tents will be up!

Saturday, September 9th

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Weekly Calendar Sunday, May 7, 2017 to Sunday, May 14, 2017		
Sunday, May 7	Masses RCIA Children's Mass AA Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 9:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center 10:30 a.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room
Monday, May 8	Mass Catholicism For Catholics Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future Campaign Council Mtg.	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Tuesday, May 9	Mass First Holy Communion Practice Sisters of St. Joseph New Associates Meeting Sisters of St. Joseph Associates Meeting Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future Campaign Council Mtg. Glory to God Prayer Group Rosary	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 4:00 p.m.—Church 6:30 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room 7:30 p.m.—Church
Wednesday, May 10	Mass Legion of Mary—Apostolate of the Rosary First Holy Communion Practice Adult Choir Practice 75th Anniversary History Committee Meeting	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Conference Room 14:00 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room
Thursday, May 11	Mass Adoration Prayer and Bible Study Miraculous Medal Novena Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Business Meeting	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center 6:30 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Friday, May 12	Mass Bear's Den	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Saturday, May 13	Masses Confessions First Holy Communions	9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.—Church 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.—Church 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.—Church
Sunday, May 14	Masses 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 10:15 a.m.—Emmaus Center 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		