



August 6, 2017



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#### 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](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org)  
Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, [rballacillo@smlparish.org](mailto:rballacillo@smlparish.org)  
Deacon Ken Motylinski  
Deacon Joseph Tedeschi  
Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator  
Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate  
Amy Rash, 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

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Email Address: [email@smlparish.org](mailto:email@smlparish.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/smlparish](http://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
Bulletin Editor	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 Ext.131
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021

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**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](http://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** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated 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. 110 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. on the first Thursday of the month.

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an all-volunteer ministry with services provided and supported by many of our parishioners. "Vincentians" provide outreach and assistance to anyone in need throughout our parish region. Jim Dwyer, President. (609) 953-0021.

## Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
5:30 p.m.	<b>Jerry Cloud</b> —Mary Ann Aregood
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 6</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Ken Richardson</b> —Joe and Lorraine Glowacki
9:00 a.m.	<b>For Our Parishioners</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Mary Kelly</b> —The Reinhardt Family
12:00 p.m.	<b>Candy Penn</b> —Mr. and Mrs. Louis DiVentura and Family
6:00 p.m.	<b>Jerry Cloud</b> —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 7</b>
7:15 a.m.	<b>Purgatorial Society</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>James McHugh</b> —His Wife, Helen <b>George Andrews</b> —Julie and Neil Johnson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 8</b>
7:15 a.m.	<b>Janet and Mack McCarthy</b> —Their Daughter, Tina
9:00 a.m.	<b>Richard Minnium</b> —Maureen and Joe Sokolowski <b>James John Galante, Jr.</b> —His Mother, Ann
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 9</b>
7:15 a.m.	<b>Bob and Pat Fitzgerald (living)</b> —Pat Douglas
9:00 a.m.	<b>Ron Sabo</b> —Jerry and Ann Marie Connors <b>Daniel Albanese, Jr.</b> —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 10</b>
7:15 a.m.	<b>Rosemary Bushnell</b> —Flora and Roberta Riddle
9:00 a.m.	<b>Stanley Basara</b> —The Marabella Family <b>Joseph Firlik</b> —His Sister, Joyce
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 11</b>
7:15 a.m.	<b>James Quigley IV (living)</b> —His Family
9:00 a.m.	<b>Chaz Clancy</b> —SMLCCS Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners <b>Connie Giampaolo</b> —SML Parish Health Ministry
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 12</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Douglas Paul Joyce</b> —Joan McMillin <b>Anne Ross</b> —The Graham Jones Family
5:30 p.m.	<b>Jerry Cloud</b> —SML Prep Staff
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 13</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Chaz Clancy</b> —Joe and Christine Volpe
9:00 a.m.	<b>Alex Curcio</b> —George and Barb McGranaghan

## Miraculous Medal Novena

Take time to share in the presence of Christ in adoration and honor Our Lady by participating in the Miraculous Medal Novena held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in church.

Please pray for the souls of  
Rosemary Donahue Bushnell and Thomas Dickinson  
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, Sr., Cathryn Barry, Tara Brickley, William Brooks, Norma Bush, Dorothy Cole, Kelsie Cole, Brooke Conklin, Alice D'Orisio, Bernadette DiAndrea, Sally DiBella, Sandy DiMaio, The DiVentura Family, Theresa R. Dumas, Lisa Dyonda, Baby Dyonda, Adrianna Ferringio, Bill Finegan, Dolores Fleming, Abbey Fox, Harriet Galasso, Catherine Glass, Cass Henderson, Robert Henderson, Crane Hertz, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Gwen Hunter, Ann Jannelli, Morgan Kelly, Edmond Kessel, Monica Kinsella, John Lock, Alfred Lotierzo, Michelle MacDonald Bendell, Patrick McKernan, Judy Meleski, Daniel Mensel, Bert Minella, Ann Morton, Frank Parker, The Pedercini Family, Baby Jack M. Pisano, Tom Prendergast, Andrea Price, Donna Pritchett, Bill Quigley, James Quigley IV, Donald Raman, Ken Rappe, Briana Reid, Paolo Reyes, Kathy Rezynek, Alissa Rose Rorie, Timothy Ryan, Richard Rybarczyk, Barbara Saltenberger, Michael Simpkins, Colleen Sorbello, Joe Strohlein, Cole Tronzo, Col. Michael Underkofler, Ret. USAF, Eric Wall, Jamie Westphal and Loretta Whatley



PVT John Anderson; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Kyle Brandt, USAF; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Katherine Collins, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Erin Corcoran, USA; CAPT Kevin Emmons, USAF; BG Steve Gilland, USA; MAJ Suzanne Gillern; SPC Nicholas Graham; PVT CM Sean Grannan, USA; LTJG Jeremy Griffin, USN; LT Kevin Hickey, USN; LTJG Sean Hickey, USN; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Waverly Hock, USAF; MAJ William Hock, USAF; LT Matthew Knepper, USN; PVT Nicholas Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USN; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; Cadet Nolan Smith; and CAPT Matthew Sturgis, USA

**Thank you for your service to our country!**

Donations In Cash	\$2,646
Donations In Envelopes	\$20,342
Average Envelope Gift	\$33
Total Number of Envelopes	691
Second Collection - Parish Education Fund	\$4,008
St. Vincent de Paul (Poor Boxes)	\$184.00
Parish EGiving - July	\$23,465.51

## OFOFOF Update



From the Desk of Father Dan:

Thank you much to every parishioner who has participated in the “Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future” capital and building campaign. To date, \$3,276,430 has been pledged, which is 110 percent of our \$3,000,000 goal! Again, thanks!!

At the present time, the following are actual or estimated amounts on how the gifts will be used:

- Supporting the Diocesan Faith to Move Mountains Endowment campaign at \$1,263,500
- Renovating the parish offices and increasing meeting rooms, estimated at \$571,000
- Upgrading the 60 year old HVAC systems in the church and rectory, estimated at \$258,160
- Adding a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, estimated at \$42,680
- Supporting Catholic Education, estimated at \$900,000
- Leaving a balance of \$241,590 to cover unpaid pledges and cost overrides

As you know, the consultative bodies (parish finance council, parish pastoral council, school board and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary council) has supported this project since its inception. In addition, I have formed a parish building council comprised of parishioners who are construction, engineering and HVAC professionals to assist me. I have also interviewed three architects and have decided Patock Construction Company best suits St. Mary of the Lakes to proceed with design drawings. I used Patock at St. Benedict on a similar building project to renovate the parish offices, and to add meeting rooms and a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

This past week, per diocesan guidelines, I wrote a letter to Bishop O’Connell asking his permission to move forward by entering into a contractual agreement with Patock Construction Company to prepare design drawings. I await his reply.

Regarding Catholic Education, this past week, I signed a letter of agreement with Partners in Mission (PIM), a well - respected Catholic Schools consulting firm. St. Mary of the Lakes will work with PIM for the next three years on: strategic planning, capital campaign planning, major gifts and planned giving regarding our “strategy and operations” and our “revenue” advancement activities. PIM will advise and counsel SMLS with respect to the implementation of these recommendations, including: tuition strategies, enrollment strategy, annual fund strategy and segmentation, volunteer management, constituent relations, and the school’s case for support. We expect this partnership to help SMLS institute and achieve an effective, well-rounded program of annual, capital, and planned giving support and a vibrant enrollment management program. They will also help us develop a job description for a Director of Admissions and Advancement, and participate in the screening and interview process. So, these are also exciting times for St. Mary of the Lakes School!

If you have yet to do your part by making a gift to the OFOFOF campaign, pledge forms are available at the doors of the Church.

Please join me in praying for the continued success of OFOFOF.

*Father Dan*

## Special Salute to Parish Loved Ones in the Military



The weekend of Memorial Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be creating a special place on our bulletin boards to pay tribute to those parishioners or family members of parishioners currently serving our country or whose lives have been lost in service to our country. If you would like to participate, please send or bring the person's photograph with name attached (if desired) to the front office, Attention MEM, and we will include it in our special salute to those in our St. Mary of the Lakes family who are serving or have served in the military.

## Making Pledge/Donation Online

To make an OFOFOF pledge/donation online, go to our website and follow the directions or go to [www.faithtomovemountains.org](http://www.faithtomovemountains.org). Click on Donate Now. In the comment box under Select Parish To Receive Credit, click on St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford and reference Our Faith. Our Family. Our Future. campaign.

## Housekeeping Items

Here are a few housekeeping items to be aware of:

- ◆ Please put kneelers back up when you are about to leave church.
- ◆ If you would like a photo on the bulletin board, please don't just take it. Call Ext. 131 and we'll be happy to print a color copy for you to keep.
- ◆ Before posting something on the bulletin board, call Ext. 131 so that we are aware of what is being posted and that it meshes with our branding efforts.
- ◆ Kindly place children's books back in the slots before leaving church

Thank you all for keeping our parish beautiful, both inside and out. And a very special thanks to our "weekly weeders" who have kept the gardens weed-free this summer!

## Parish Lending Library: Summer Reading/Viewing for Children

Looking for ways to talk to your children about God and faith? The Lending Library has an assortment of resources for parents to use for finding ideas on how to share their faith and pray with their family. Some of the books available on this topic are *Your Catholic Family Simple Ways to Share the Faith at Home* by Jim Merhaut, *52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith* by Jim Campbell, *The Handbook for Catholic Moms* by Lisa M. Hendey, and one of the available talks on CD includes *Pure Fatherhood* with Devin Schadt. The Lending Library is located at the Jackson Road entrance of the church. It's a great alternative and easier to get to than local libraries!

## Hole-Sitters Needed for Tournament

Hole-sitters are needed for the St. Mary's Golf Classic on August 23rd. It would require sitting outside and watching for a hole-in-one. Hours would be 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. or 3:00 to the finish. Service hours awarded for students with an adult.

Call Marta DeGisi at (609) 654-1256 for more information.

## R.C.I.A.: A Faith Exploration Experience

Are you wondering how to become a member of the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who is considering becoming a member? Or, perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, who, for whatever reason, never received your First Holy Communion and were never Confirmed. If so, we invite you to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) here at Saint Mary of the Lakes.

The R.C.I.A. is a process for those age 15 years old and older that helps them look at their relationship with God and discover how the Church can support that relationship.

If you know someone who would like to become part of this process or for more specific information, contact Christine Brandt, (609) 654-8208, Ext. 113 or [cbrandt@smlparish.org](mailto:cbrandt@smlparish.org).

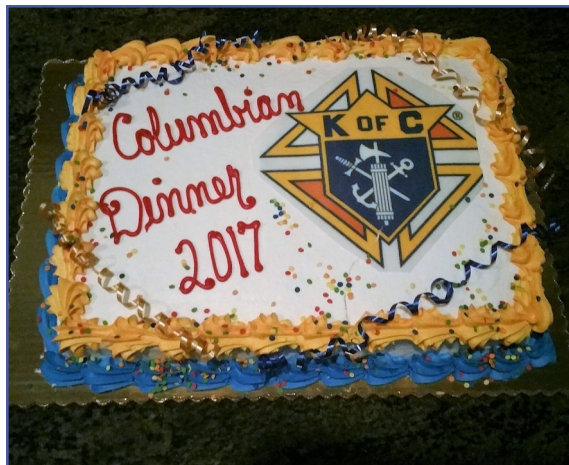
## Donate Altar Flowers for a Loved One

Make a donation of \$170 for altar flowers to honor a loved one or make a special prayer request. Call the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110. This is a beautiful way to commemorate loved ones who are living or deceased.



## KofC Honors Knight of the Year at Columbian Night

On Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 6520 celebrated Columbian Night at Illiano Cucina in Medford to honor this year's Knight of the Year, Father Carlos, who recently departed St. Mary of the Lakes for Bayville, NJ. This year's Family of the Year was Mr. and Mrs. George and Nancy Finan. Congratulations and many thanks for all you do at St. Mary of the Lakes!



Former Grand Knight George (center) and Nancy Finan were honored with the Family of the Year Award by new Grand Knight Mickey Zawacki



### Across

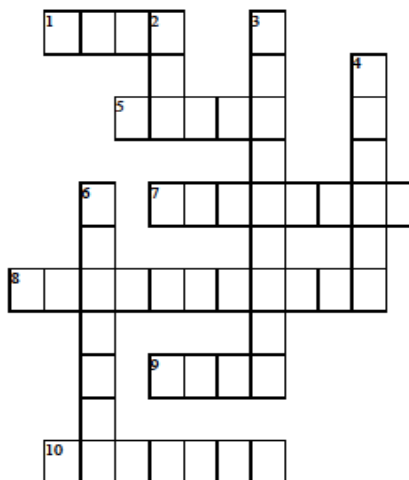
1. When Jesus told them to follow him, Andrew and Simon abandoned these.
5. He was the son of Zebedee.
7. What happened to John the Baptist?
8. It is the time for this.
9. Brother of James.
10. James' and John's boss.

### Down

2. Galilee is a province in Palestine, but it is also this.
3. Andrew and Simon earned their living as this.
4. To have a change of heart.
6. Where Jesus started proclaiming the Gospel of God.

### Fishers of Men Mark 1:14-20

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/bible/mark/mark1.htm>



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## Seeing the Face of Christ in Those Who are Suffering

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, James, and John: "Rise and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul sees the face of Christ in everyone we serve. Please help us by taking a shopping bag as you exit the church today. Fill it with some of the items listed below and **bring it back next weekend to the white van in the church parking lot.**

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

If you or someone you know needs assistance, call St. Vincent's at (609) 953-0021.



### Altar Flower Donations

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

**Janet and Mack McCarthy  
by Their Daughter Tina**

## Catholic Home School Ministry To Focus On Assumption of Our Lady

Our Home School Ministry is hosting an afternoon of fun, crafts, and fellowship next Wednesday, August 9th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. This month's focus will be on Our Lady's Assumption. There will also be time spent together at a playground. For more information, email Nicole Meola at [nmrnf@aol.com](mailto:nmrnf@aol.com) or Sister Judy at [srjude6646@gmail.com](mailto:srjude6646@gmail.com).

## Father Chris Colavito, Holy Cross Academy Host In-House Open House in Emmaus Center Next Sunday

Father Chris Colavito, Chaplain of Holy Cross Academy, Burlington County's only Catholic High School, invites SML parishioners to an "in-house open house" in the Emmaus Center after celebrating 10:30 a.m. Mass, during which he will also offer the homily next Sunday, August 13th.

Coffee and cake will be served after Mass during which time Father Colavito will be available for questions and provide information on Holy Cross' academics, the school's Catholic identity, sports programs, alumni and upcoming 60th anniversary events.

If you have children soon to be high-school destined, this is a great time to learn what Holy Cross Academy has to offer.

## Caring for Homeless Families: Help Those in Need



Our Interfaith Hospitality Network will be caring for the Homeless here at the Emmaus Center the Week of August 20<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets for volunteers to assist with meals, transportation, and many other tasks, will be at the back of the church (Jackson Road) *next weekend and the following weekend*. We invite parishioners to help care for these unfortunate families. Individual volunteers and volunteer families with children are more than welcome to join us.

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

## Invite Our Lady of Fatima to Your Home

Since most people are unable to make a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal, the place where Mary appeared to the now-sainted children, Maria, Jacinta, and Francisco, and to whom she gave her formula for peace and the conversion of Russia, The Legion of Mary now has a blessed Pilgrim Virgin Mary statue that can travel to parishioners' homes for one to two weeks at a time. We encourage you to invite Mary into your home and to pray the rosary together as a family, with friends, or neighbors. For more information about this ministry, contact Marta DeGisi, (609) 654-1256, [mdegisi@gmail.com](mailto:mdegisi@gmail.com) or call the parish office. Mary wants to visit your home!



## Special Requests for Those in Need



We are seeking a baby high chair in good condition for a young mother in need. Call Pat Hess at (609) 654-7633.

There is also a request for a security camera (it doesn't have to work but will be used as a foil/deterrent) and a laptop/computer for Sister Margaret at New Jerusalem. Please call the parish office if you can donate any of these items.



## PREP Registration Forms Available Online

Parents looking to enroll their children in our PREP program for the coming school year can register on our parish website, [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org). Forms can be printed and mailed or dropped off at the PREP office at SML School or at the parish office. Give your child the opportunity to learn more about our faith, prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation and encourage their attendance at Mass each week.

**Catechists Needed:** We are still in need of catechists! If interested, please contact the parish office, (609) 654-8208 or the PREP office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 310.

## St. Joan of Arc Carnival 8/21-8/26



The St. Joan of Arc Carnival returns Wednesday, August 21st to Saturday, August 26th on the church grounds at Evans and Willow Bend Roads, Marlton.

There will be rides, food, games beginning at 6:00 p.m. with nightly entertainment, 50/50 raffle (last year's winner took home over \$26,000), and hourly raffles. Also being raffled is a 12.9" iPad Pro w/ Apple Pencil, Smart Keyboard valued at \$1,167. Get an all-access ride bracelet in advance for special price of \$20 at ShopRite of Marlton, church vestibule after weekend masses, or rectory Monday-Thursday, 9:30-12:30 and 2-5 p.m. At-carnival cost is \$35 per bracelet. Proceeds benefit St. Joan of Arc School. For information, call (856) 983-0077.



## Passing of the Torch

At a luncheon hosted by former SMLS principal Mrs. Hoover (right) in honor of new principal Mrs. Rash (left), the torch was officially passed as Mrs. Rash officially assumes her new role as principal of St. Mary of the Lakes School. Father Dan offered a Baptismal Blessing. We wish Mrs. Rash the very best in her new position and offer Mrs. Hoover much gratitude and many blessings in her new endeavors.

## SMLS Seeks Full Time Administrative Assistant

St. Mary of the Lakes School, a Catholic pre K-8 school in Medford, NJ that provides a rigorous academic program guided by Catholic values is seeking a dynamic full-time administrative assistant. The qualified candidate should have experience in an office setting, working with Microsoft Office and student database systems. The administrative assistant is responsible for recording attendance, processing student lunch orders, greeting parents/visitors, and other administrative tasks. Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements to Mrs. Amy Rash, Principal, St. Mary of the Lakes School, [arash@smlschool.org](mailto:arash@smlschool.org).

## Week of Special Programming on FORMED.org

### August 8th

St. Dominic, Patron of Astrologers

Study: *From Nothing to Cosmos*

Watch: *Cosmic Origins*

Read: *The Young People's Book of Saints*

### August 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Study: *YDisciple: The Church*

Read: *The Curé d'Ars Today*

### August 11th

St. Philomena

Listen: *St. Philomena*

### August 11th

St. Clare, Virgin

Watch: *Clare and Francis Saint Francis of Assisi:*

*His Life and Miracles*

*Francis: The Knight of Assisi Saint Francis*

Listen: *St. Francis of Assisi*

*Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi*

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St. Mary of the Lakes School was voted "One of the Best" private schools in Burlington County by over 23,000 readers of the *Burlington County Times*. Proudly displaying the award is former principal Mrs. Hoover (center), new principal Mrs. Rash (right), Father Dan (left), Carolyn Mazur (far left) and Burlington County Times representative (far right).



## For Our Parents of Young Children

School children home for the summer may be a bit extra fidgety during Mass, and the younger ones can also get out of sorts on occasion. One thing to remember while in church, however, is to *relax*! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in His house. You and your children are always welcome!

There are a few ways to help your children appreciate Mass more—by sitting near the front, singing and praying with the congregation, and quietly explaining what is happening when they ask. Or, sit on the rectory side where there are religious children's books which they can read or enjoy the pictures so they can feel a part of the service.

If you feel that you must leave Mass with your child, take him or her outside for a break, but please come back! As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."



## Vestment Memorial Opportunities



Father Dan would like to purchase three sets (two chasubles [priest], two dalmatics [deacon]) of vestments, one in green, one in purple, and one in red. Each vestment is \$600 and can be memorialized by sewing a label with the intention in the vestment. If you are interested, call the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 or email [frontdesk@smlparish.org](mailto:frontdesk@smlparish.org).

## Students Help CHOP's Fostering Health Care Drive

St. Augustine Prep students Emmett Malady and Mike Cornelius are collecting items for CHOP's Fostering Health Care program. Items being collected are arts and crafts supplies, coloring books, toys, books and snacks. For more information, there are fliers in bins at church entrances or email [malady.emmett@hermits.org](mailto:malady.emmett@hermits.org). Thank you for any contribution that can be made!

## Parish Health Ministry August Health Tip: Signs of Heat-Related Illness

Heat exhaustion: heavy sweating; weakness, cold, pale and clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; fainting.

What to do: Move to a cooler location; lie down and loosen clothing; apply cool, wet cloths to as much of the body as possible; sip water; and seek medical attention if the person vomits and continues vomiting.

Heat stroke/sun stroke: High body temperature (above 103F), hot, red skin-dry or moist; rapid and strong pulse; possible unconsciousness.

What to do: Call 911 immediately and follow operator's directions. This is a medical emergency; move person to a cooler place; reduce body temperature with cool cloths or a bath; do not give liquids.

Tips for prevention:

- ♦ Air conditioning is the No.1 protection against heat-related illness and death.
- ♦ Do not leave children or pets in the car. Open windows don't prevent heatstroke.
- ♦ Drink extra water all day, less tea, coffee, cola, alcohol.
- ♦ Schedule outdoor activity for cooler times, e.g., before 10:00 a.m., after 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Wear sunscreen and a vented hat in the sun
- ♦ Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting open woven clothes.
- ♦ Some medications increase the risk of heat related illness (not limited to this list);
- ♦ Some antidepressants, antihistamines (allergy medications), diuretics (water pills), antipsychotics

If you have questions or are in need of emergency information, call the New Jersey Poison Experts at 1-800-222-1222.

## Cremation: What Does the Church Teach?

Cremation is becoming more commonplace, especially as an affordable alternative to traditional burial. In 1963, cremation was permitted for Catholics if it was not chosen in denial of Christian teaching on the Resurrection or sacredness of the human body. In 1997, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granted an indult (special dispensation) in the U.S. to allow the diocesan bishop to permit the presence of cremated remains at a Funeral Mass. The Trenton Diocese does allow the cremains at the funeral Mass.

**What is cremation?** Cremation (using fire and heat) is the process by which the body of the deceased is reduced to its basic elements.

**Does the Church have a preference for either cremation or burial of the deceased?** Although cremation is permitted, Catholic teaching stresses the preference for burial or entombment. This is done in imitation of the burial of Jesus' body.

### Should cremation occur before or after the funeral?

The Church prefers and urges that the body be present during the Vigil and Funeral Mass. There are caskets that can be rented for this purpose without need to purchase. Cremation takes place following the Rite of Final Commendation and the cremated remains interred during the Rite of Committal. At SML, cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass if there is good reason, and the urn is placed at the foot of the Sanctuary. The priest/deacon or assistant will process in from the Sacristy (not Jackson Road vestibule).

**What should become of the remains after the funeral?** They should be treated with the same respect given the body from which they came, including using a worthy vessel and the care/attention to placement/transport, and final disposition. They should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium.

Scattering remains at sea, from the air, ground, or keeping them in the home of a relative/friend are *not* the reverent disposition the Church requires. They may, however, be properly buried at sea in an urn, coffin, or container in which they have been carried to the place of committal.

For more information, ask at the parish office for the pamphlet entitled, *Questions Concerning Cremation: the Funeral Liturgy and the Catholic Church*.

## Parish Pastoral Council Member Wanted

Father Dan is asking parishioners to consider serving St. Mary of the Lakes (SML) as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for a three year term. Since serving on the PPC is a leadership position, below is information to help candidates discern whether or not they should consider serving on the PPC.

The purpose of the parish pastoral council is to **investigate parish matters**, to **consider them thoroughly**, and to **propose practical conclusions** about them. The council's task is, first of all, to study those matters brought to its attention and shed light on them. Its second task is to reflect on them thoroughly, to discern their true nature, to evaluate and to ponder them. Its final task is to draw sound conclusions. The council presents these conclusions to the pastor in the form of **recommendations**. This threefold task of the council – **investigating, considering, and recommending conclusions** – is called pastoral planning. After the pastor has accepted the recommendations of the council, he directs their **implementation with or without the help of the PPC**, depending on the matter at hand.

The scope of the council is pastoral matters. These may include **everything that pertains to the parish ministries**: proclaiming God's word, celebrating the sacraments, caring for the faithful, promoting the mission of the Church to the world, and being a good steward of parish resources. The scope includes all the practical matters of parish life. There is, in short, nothing about which the pastor may not consult the council, **apart from faith, orthodoxy, moral principles or laws of the universal Church**.

Current PPC members include: Scott Roe, Chair, Bridget Blakely, Michael Blakely, Marta DeGisi, Nadine Haines, Sandy Hurley, Joan Irwin, Ed Maher, Charlie McGee, and Jim Meehan.

**Seven elements form the essence of parish life: evangelization, worship, word, community, service, stewardship and leadership.** These elements constantly interrelate in parish life, each nurturing and supporting the other. Knowing what the seven essential elements are and understanding their interrelationship is central to the functioning of the PPC. These elements are what make PPCs "pastoral." They keep councils on track as to what they should be praying, planning and deciding about. The agenda of the PPC is primarily to research, consider and propose for action those matters considered to be truly "pastoral," those matters that directly relate to the seven elements.

Parishioners who serve on the PPC must be those who have received a call to the ministry of leadership. Together, with the pastor, they are individuals who are capable of reflection, discernment, visioning, reaching consensus and pastoral planning. The following is a list of the gifts necessary for the pastoral leadership:

- ♦ A desire for spiritual growth in oneself and the parish, Enthusiasm about the future of the parish
- ♦ Eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its direction
- ♦ Courage to work toward consensus
- ♦ Capacity to listen outweighing the need to speak
- ♦ Integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes
- ♦ The ability to inspire and empower
- ♦ A willingness to delegate
- ♦ Flexibility and openness with people and ideas.

PPC members ought to be individuals of faith who are capable of leading the parish in the discernment, expression and fulfillment of its mission. Ideally, they are **people of vision, open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in and through themselves, while having a deep respect and openness for the workings of the Holy Spirit in others.**

PPC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m. There will also be homework from time to time (i.e., investigating/research as mentioned above). If interested in serving on the PPC for a three year terms, please email your curriculum vitae (including your past involvement at St. Mary of the Lakes Church and School) to Father Dan at [father\\_dan@smlparish.org](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org).

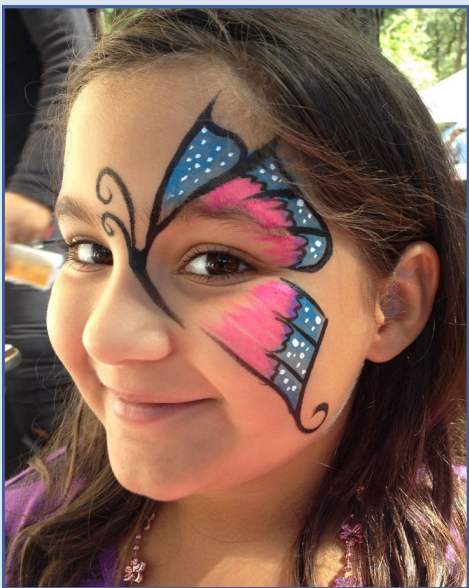


Get Ready for **Fun, Games, and Prizes**

**At the Friends and Family Picnic**

Saturday, September 9th 11:30 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

SML School Grounds — Look for the Tents!





## Vacation Bible School Gets Off to a Rollicking Start!



Father Dan,  
Sister  
Regina, you  
rock!



Weekly Calendar		
Sunday, August 6, 2017 to Sunday, August 13, 2017		
Sunday, August 6	Masses AA Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Parish Meeting Room
Monday, August 7	Masses Knights of Columbus Officers Meetings	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Tuesday, Aug 8	Masses Glory to God Prayer Group Rosary	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m.—Conference Room
Wednesday, Aug 9	Masses Legion of Mary—Apostolate of the Rosary Catholic Home School Families Bocce and Horseshoe League	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Conference Room 12:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center 6:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center Backyard
Thursday, Aug 10	Masses Adoration 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 6:30 p.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Friday, Aug 11	Masses Bear's Den	7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Saturday, Aug 12	Masses Confession	9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.—Church 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.—Church
Sunday, Aug 13	Masses AA Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church 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		