



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

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

CLERGY AND STAFF

Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor, father_dan@smlparish.org Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, rballacillo@smlparish.org

Deacon Ken Motylinski Deacon Joseph Tedeschi

Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator

Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate Teresa Berger, Administrative Assistant

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Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

Angela Santoro, Administrative Assistant

Amy Rash, School Principal

Catherine Gillespie, School Director of Admissions and Advancement

Mary Pat Scordato, Director of Religious Education

Kevin Callahan, Minister of Marketing and Evangelization

Sister Regina McCalla, SSJ, Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Linda Xerri, Parish Youth Minister

Harry Meshirer, Parish Bookkeeper

Holly Hicks and 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

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Parish Office Fax		975-0137
Parish Health Ministry		654-8208 x610
St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546 x210
St. Mary of the Lakes School	Fax	654-8125
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546 x310
Parish Youth Minister	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 x111
Bulletin Editor	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x131
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. 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. Please call the parish office 609/654-8208, x110 as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Congratulations to our engaged couples. Call 609/654-8208, x110 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 Catholic or is/are baptized Catholic but have yet to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, please call Christine Brandt at 609/654-8208, x113.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Eucharistic Adoration is offered every Thursday from after 9:00 a.m. Mass to 7:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction 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. Contact Joe Pasquarella, President. 609/953-0021.

Get our parish phone app at the App store or Google play

Parish Health Ministry February Health Tips

1. Stay active: Keep moving and avoid being sedentary. Aim to get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes five days a week.

2. Limit consumption of red meat, sugar and unhealthy fats: Instead, enjoy a heart healthy diet. Add fruits and vegetables and increase fiber consumption.

- 3. Reduce salt intake: Over time you can re-train your taste buds to be accustomed to lower sodium diets.
- 4. Stop smoking: Smoking damages your lungs and negatively affects your heart.
- 5. Keep your weight under control: Obesity increases the risk of heart attacks, heart failure and diabetes. Strive to maintain a healthy weight.
- 6. Know your cholesterol levels: High cholesterol is a risk factor for heart disease.
- 7. Know your blood pressure: High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart attacks, strokes and heart failure.
- 8. Know your blood sugar levels: Elevated blood sugar levels can lead to diabetes, a strong risk factor for heart disease.
- 9. Reduce stress: Stress is a strong risk factor for heart disease, especially for women. Try meditation, yoga or simply being silent and still for 10 minutes a day to reduce stress.
- 10. See your doctor regularly: Regular medical follow-up is one of the best ways to prevent cardiovascular disease.

February is heart Health Month

St. Vincent DePaul



Easter Gifting

It's time to plan for contributing to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul'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 or stuffed animals, baskets, and more. Containers will be at Jackson Road and parking lot entrances. Items are needed by March 2. Please do not donate anything that contains peanuts.

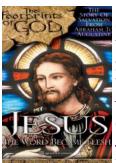
If you or someone you know needs assistance call St. Vincent's at (609) 953-0021

We use duct tape to fix everything... God uses nails.



Men come to Pedata Hall at St. Joan's, Fridays at 6:00am Sign up or just show up www.stjoans.org/tmiy/

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY "JESUS THE WORD BECAME FLESH"



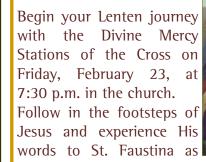
A Footprints of God Series
On Friday, February 23, we will begin a five week Lenten Bible Study entitled, "Jesus the Word Became Flesh." Through this video presentation / bible discussion series, journey to meet Jesus at the places he lived and taught, walk with Him through the

streets of Jerusalem to Calvary and the tomb, experience the resurrection and Pentecost. We will meet in the Emmaus Center at 10:15 a.m. each Friday. The series will end Friday, March 23. Please bring a bible.

Contact MJ Abplanalp at mja1030@aol.com with any questions

DIVINE MERCY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by the Legion of Mary





you open your heart to walk with Him to Calvary. Be encouraged as you share the crosses you carry with Christ, and experience the love, mercy and sacrifice He made for you on His Cross. These Stations of the Cross are a wonderful Lenten opportunity to grow closer to Christ and our Blessed Mother.

First Sunday of Lent **Mass Intentions**

Sunday, February 18

7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Kathleen Centonze / The Dilks Family 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Kenneth Scupp / Family

12:00 p.m. Carmen Petrelli, Sr. / Karen Burroughs Ron Sabo / Rosemarie Lyczak & Family 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Yolanda Fidell / Her Husband, Francis

Denise St. John / Lawrence Ghiglieri

Tuesday, February 20

Sally Coccia / 7:15 a.m.

Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SML

Edna Dion / Kathy & Paul Hellberg 9:00 a.m.

Vilma Smacinski / Mr. & Mrs. Mattes

Wednesday, February 21

7:15 a.m. Gertrude Tobia / Jay & Pam Howard Joe Sokolowski / SML Pre Cana Team 9:00 a.m.

Ronald Roshak /

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Boshko

Thursday, February 22

Megan Clare O'Brian / Her Family 7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Tara Brickley / Marcie & Rob Steel

Friday, February 23

7:15 a.m. John Mansfield / His Family

9:00 a.m. Robert Mikulski /

> Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SML Catherine Ciccarelli / Jenny & Dawn Hatch and Amanda Delfamine & Nino

Saturday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Nieves Quijandriade Medrano /

Her Daughter

John Joseph Daniels Jr. / 5:30 p.m.

Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SML

Sunday, February 25

7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners 9:00 a.m. Deanna Scordo /

Christine Skalka & Matt Cassidy

Shirley Maly / 10:30 a.m.

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Jason Wark / The Timpano Family 12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Diane Ranoldo /

Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SML

Please pray for the souls of Sara Blackburn and Frank Magnussen and keep their families in your prayers.

Long-term prayer requests (those over a year old) will PRATERAND not be published individually, but will be prayed for at each Mass, as will the following:



Rosalie Akouka, Connie Aromando, Michelle Allen, Linda Bailey, Edith Bratun, Stephanie Bromley, Dorothy Burbage, Catherine Capocci, Brooke Conklin, Bernadette DiAndrea, David J. DiLullo, Theresa R. Dumas, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Louis Gribaudo, Patricia Hall and Family, Thomas Hanley, Patrick Hereghty, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Morgan Kelly, Jim Mayfield, Judy Meleski, Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, The Pedercini Family, Ann Petrelli, Rachel Poljevka, Victor Prato, Bill Quigley, James Quigley IV, Rory Quigley, Donald Raman, Ken Rappe, Sue Rebel, Briana Reid, Dolores Russell, Barbara Saltenberger, Marylynn Skahan, Ret. USAF, Richard SM, Jake Urick, Dennis Vallery, Eric Wall and Madeline.



PVT John Anderson; 2nd LT Kyle Brandt, USAF; 1st LT Katherine Collins, USA; 1st 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; 2nd 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; 1st LT Victor Prago, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; Cadet Nolan Smith; CAPT Matthew Sturgis, USA.

Offertory Collections for February 11, 2018

Donations In Cash	\$2,482
Donations In Envelopes	\$24,593
Average Envelope Gift	\$36
Total Number of Envelopes	779
Second Collection—Churches in E. Europe	\$4,012
St. Vincent de Paul (Poor Boxes)	\$5198

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Casciano Family, Price Family, Maureen Mallon, Lawson Family, Noah Bell, Richard Daniels, Robert Paige, Mathews Family, Harland Family, Jacqueline Witherow, Lytle Family, Anthony Giordano, Bansch Family, Josie O'Malley, Katie Hicks, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Borie, Brian Henderson, Verggi Viacava and Gianna Viacava-DiGrasso.



The weekend of February 24-25 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.

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 parish.

There is also the additional incentive to receive an even greater rebate. If we can increase our participation rate by 10 percent, or 73 new gifts, we will receive an additional \$6,980.

As you know, St. Mary of the Lakes has embarked 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.

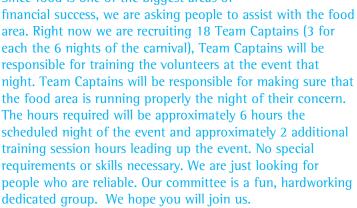
However, the Annual Catholic Appeal is a critical *annual appeal* that funds current diocesan operating expenses.

Last year's generous response allowed our parish to exceed our goal by 23 percent with total received pledges of \$171,718 and this gives a total parish rebate of \$36,999.

We hope your generosity will allow for the same results this year and we thank you in advance for making a gift to this year's ACA!

Carnival Update June 26-30, 2018

The carnival committee needs LOTS of help. Over the next few months, we will be looking for people to help with specific jobs. Since food is one of the biggest areas of



If you are interested. please email Rachel at volunteers@smlcarnival.org

Next meeting in school Parish Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on February 26

OFOFOF Update Clearing \$3.5 million!

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have made a gift to our OFOFOF (Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future) capital campaign. To date, \$3,500,103.84 has been pledged.

Pledge forms are available At the doors of the Church

Lenten Series: "The Passion of the Christ" Movie and Discussion



During the Thursdays of Lent, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown in 45 minute

segments in the Emmaus Center from 7:00 until approximately 7:45 p.m. Following the segment, there will be approximately 30 minutes of discussion and/or question/answer, facilitated by Father Dan.

There is no sign up for this course.



Scholarship and Discipleship

Learn about our unique blend of scholarship and discipleship through rigorous academics, an award-winning athletics program, our mission through faith, values and community service, plus enrichment activities.

STEM After School 1-Day Program

Another class for our new STEM after school program for 5th-8th Graders:

Tuesday February 20: Chemiluminescence Cost: \$15 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Payment due in advance. Pre-Registration is required.

Please visit www.smlsschool.org

Pre-K Program

If you are interested in a Pre-K3 or Pre-K4 program, please register now on our Admissions Page at website: www.smlschool.org

For information or a tour please contact Catherine Gillespie

Director of Admissions and Advancement 609-654-2546x227 / cgillespiesmlschool.org

PreK-Kindergarten information:

- To be eligible for Pre-K, child must be 4 years old by October 1 of the enrollment year.
- To be eligible for Kindergarten, child must be 5 years old by October 1 of the enrollment year.

PreK-8th grade New Student information and school tours are available throughout the year

SMLS PTA KIDS NIGHT OUT at BIG LEAGUE DREAMS! 15 Fostertown Road, Medford February 23 from 6 - 9 p.m.

K - 8th Grade & Parish Families welcome!

Cost: \$20.00 Pre-registration Required \$6.00 Meal Deal available Nerf Battles * Wiffle Ball * Flag Football * GaGa * Dodgeball * Plus More!





Kindergarten Celebrates 100th Day of School!



Kindergarteners (along with Mrs. Hofmann and Mrs. Mongrandi) celebrated their 100th Day of School, by dressing up as if they were 100 years old! Their 6th Grade Buddies helped them celebrate the day by forming the number 100 in the Gymnasium. Thank you Mrs. Hofmann and Mrs. Mongrandi for making it such a special day and starting this new SMLS tradition!

St. Mary of the Lakes Theater Club presents ... The Little Mermaid

PLAY PERFORMANCES: April 27, 28 & 29

in our very own auditorium
For more information please visit
https://www.smlschool.org/theater





SMLS PTA's Dine to Donate at Tarantella's Ristorante Wednesday, February 28

4 to 10 p.m. **DINE IN or TAKE OUT**

Flyers will be available at the Church entrances or visit smlschool.org/parents/bluefolder

A Night in Monte Carlo

Friday March 9 from 7–11 p.m.

At the Medford Lakes Country Club

Will be a fun night out!

For more information or to

For more information or to volunteer contact:

Jessica Jones at Jess@LPSNET.COM and Meg
Artman at garthmeg@yahoo.com



February 2018

Dear Parishioners:

St. Mary of the Lakes Parish in Medford is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. While there have been several celebrations marking this milestone in the parish's history, the highlight of this anniversary year will be a Mass of Thanksgiving offered by The Most Reverend, David M. O'Connell, CM, Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, on Sunday, June 10th at noon. On Friday, June 15th we will also enjoy a celebratory dinner dance at The Merion in Cinnaminson.

Our anniversary will be remembered by a beautiful hard bound parish photo directory sponsored by the 75th Anniversary Committee, to be widely circulated at these two celebrations, as well as throughout the parish.

Your fellow parishioners and I are asking you to consider being a sponsor of this special event. On the next page is a sponsorship form, which includes instructions for submitting your advertisement, memorial for a loved one, or patron opportunity, to be included in this directory. Please return the completed form on the next page, and check to the Parish Office by February 28, 2018.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. Assuring you of my prayers and asking yours in return, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Rev. Daniel F. Swift

Pastor

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance





St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church 75th Anniversary

75th Anniversary
SPONSORSHIP and MEMORIALS OPPORTUNITIES
- \$300.00 for Centerfold Full page Ad or Congratulatory statement in our photo directory (two
available)
- \$350.00 for Inside front/back cover page Ad or Congratulatory statement in our photo
directory (four available) - \$200.00 for Full Page Ad or Congratulatory statement in our photo directory
- \$200.00 for Full Page Ad or Congratulatory statement in our photo directory - \$125.00 for 1/2 page Ad or Congratulatory statement in our photo directory
- \$75.00 for 1/4 Page Ad or Congratulatory statement in our photo directory
- \$50.00 for Business Card Ad in our photo directory
\$30.00 for MEMORIALS in our photo directory
In Loving Memory of:
From:
PATRON OPPORTUNITIES
Name(s) / family name listed in the permanent photo directory under corresponding category:
(individual amounts will not be posted)
GOLD: \$100.00 and above
- SILVER: \$50.00 to \$ 99.00
BRONZE: \$49.00 and below
- DONATION: \$
(I do not wish to be a sponsor, but would like to make a tax deductible donation)
DEADLINE
for ADS, MEMORIALS & PATRON OPPORTUNITIES
FEBRUARY 28, 2018
Individual/Family Name:
Company Name:Address:
Telephone Number:
Email address:
For best results, email your Ad, Congratulatory statement or Memorial to:
marian.incognito@gmail.com (in .jpg or .pdf file — and size of your choice)
Make checks payable to St. Mary of the Lakes Church and mail completed form and payment to:

St. Mary of the Lakes Church
Attn: Marian Incognito
40 Jackson Road
Medford, NJ 08055

All contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net



CAN YOU DRINK THIS CUP?

Tuesday, February 20 - 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This question – one that Jesus asked his friends James and John – has the power to crack open the hardened heart and lay bare the desires deep within. Using the cup as a metaphor, we will reflect on three images: holding, lifting and drinking, to articulate the basics of the spiritual life and help us respond to the Lenten call to conversion and transformation into Christ. What cup are you being asked to drink?

Donation \$35 includes lunch and book for your Lenten journey.

RESPONDING TO SUFFERING WALKING WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS

Friday, February 23 – 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

So many ask, "Why is there suffering?" or, "Why am I suffering? Answers abound, but none are likely to suffice or satisfy. A far more helpful question might be, "How can I respond to suffering?" The answer to that question can be found by looking closely at the Passion of Jesus. With the help of Gary Jansen's book, *Station to Station*, we will pray through the Stations with the hope of gradually learning to respond to suffering as Jesus did and see how Christ's character in the midst of suffering can, with time and prayer, become ours as well.

Donation: \$35, includes lunch and book. To register call (609) 877 - 0509

Knights in Action

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 congratulates Gerard Gehin for being named Knight of the Month for "exceptional contributions to the Council and one who exemplifies his faith through his action."



Gerard was selected for his dedication of directing traffic to make it safe for Mass attendees. Gerard makes time for this important function even while raising his granddaughter.

The Knights also recognized LeeAnn Zawatcki with a Special Appreciation Certificate for doing all the cooking for the Baby's First Christmas event. LeeAnn also is an active member of the Women's Auxiliary group that assists the Knights in many of their events.

Golf Outing

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 11th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, June 11, at Medford Lakes Country Club (70 Oak Drive, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055).

Please see registration form On next page!

Join the Knights

If you want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then join the Knights of Columbus. Membership is open to men age 18 or older who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Church, and are in good standing with the Church.

For more information, contact Bill Mazzio at williammazzio@yahoo.com or visit www.medfordknights.org.

Vivat Jesus!

SOUPS on the MENU! Two Bowls of Soup Ministry



Please notify us of those who may appreciate the comfort of soup — post hospital, grief stricken, homebound, etc. or yourself. We deliver!

For information:
Pat Conroy:patc65@comcast.net
marymickinak@yahoo.com





Knights of Columbus



St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520

11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Proceeds benefit:

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Interfaith Hospitality Network 1st Way of Burlington County

Monday, June 11, 2018 10:00am - 8:00pm 12:00pm Shotgun Start

Medford Lakes Country Club - Medford Lakes, NJ

Golf registration includes golf w/ cart, lunch, beverages on the course, and buffet dinner. 4-person scramble format with prizes for top teams, closest to the pin, longest drive & hole-in-one car

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Payment must be received by May 11, 2018. No Refunds after May 31st We will only include your registration when payment is		Make check payable to Kniights of Columbus Council 6520 Mail registration form and check to:

received. No spots will be held without payment. For questions, contact Don Bouchard 609-654-8853

Dave Santaspirt 303 Medford Lakes Rd. Tabernacie, NJ 08088

Mass Mob Update

Another Mass Mob Mass, the third of 2018, was offered Sunday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. with Redemption, our contemporary music group (pictured below).



Please continue to like SML on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and repost as you receive our posts.

All in an effort to live out our parish mission statement, "We Make Disciples!"

Jesus Calling

Trust Me enough to spend ample time with Me, pushing back the demands of the day. Refuse to feel guilty about something that is so pleasing to Me, the King of the universe. Because I am omnipotent, I am able to bend time and events in your favor. You will find that you can accomplish more in less time, after you have given yourself to Me in rich communion. Also, as you align yourself with My perspective, you can sort out what is important and what is not. Don't fall into the trap of being constantly on the go. Many, many things people do in My Name have no value in My kingdom. To avoid doing meaningless works, stay in continual communication with Me. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

Are You an Active Military Member?

Through an anonymous donation, we are able to provide tuition support to active military members who have children at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

Visit www.smlschool.org for information

YES Habitat For Humanity

The 2018 Habitat For Humanity application is available on the parish website at www.smlparish.org

Applications are being accepted now for this year's annual Build Week Trip from June 19-23 in Baltimore, Maryland at the Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake.



THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Children in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Rehearsal will be held on Sunday Feb 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the church and again on March 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Those interested should sign up at the JRE this weekend or contact Mrs. Xerri at yes@smlparish.org or call ext. 111 We need readers, singers and character parts!

LENTEN SOUP MEAL

YES will sponsor a LENTEN SOUP MEAL on FRIDAY MARCH 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please sign up at the JRE for planning purposes.

A free will offering will be accepted and all donations given to Covenant House. Immediately following the Soup Meal, all are invited to attend the Living Stations of the Cross sponsored by our YES Ministry.

Contact yes@smlparish.org with questions.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ILDRENS If you frequent the 10:30 Mass on Sunday mornings, you most likely have witnessed happy

little children "quietly" entering the Church right before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Perhaps you wondered where they have come from and why they are so happy. It's not a mystery - they have been attending CHILDREN'S CHURCH in the Parish Offices. What exactly is CHILDREN'S CHURCH? It is a developmentally appropriate Liturgy of the Word class for preschoolers, under the direction of PREP Catechists.

Parents drop off their children before entering the Main Church, and then the children join them in approximately 20 minutes. During this time, the children pray, sing, listen, and explore the Gospel in terms they understand. This is not babysitting; it is a wonderful opportunity to introduce our youngest parishioners to the beauty of God's Word.

If you are interested in having your preschooler join CHILDREN'S CHURCH, contact the PREP Office at smlprep@smlparish.org.

We do not meet on Children's Mass Sundays.

Scheduling of an Event / Meeting

Contact Frontdesk via e-mail @ frontdesk@smlparish.org Please include the following with request:

- Name of Event / Meeting
- Point of Contact information (e-mail and phone number)
- Date(s)
- 1. Note if reoccurring/frequency
- 2. Number of approximate attendees
- 3. Preferred location
- Include any special requests and room layout (ie. Number of tables, chairs)

Rooms are reserved on a 1st come 1st serve basis

Rosary Prayer Groups

- Weekdays following morning Masses except Thursday and only after 9:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday in the Church
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Church
- Tuesday Evening, 7:30 p.m. in Private Conference Room
- Wednesday Morning, 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, February 18

- 1HN Homeless Shelter Week / EC
- RCIA Rite of Sending / 9 a.m. / Church
- Children's Church / 10:15 a.m. / CR
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR
- Lenten Parish Mission Speaker / 7 p.m. / Church

Monday, February 19

- Parish Office closed
- Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 6 a.m. / JRE
- Following Christ / 9:30 a.m. / EC
- Following Christ / 7 p.m. / PMR
- Lenten Parish Mission / 7 p.m. / Church

Tuesday, February 20

- Bereavement Support Group / 10 a.m. / RDR
- Environmental Awareness Meeting / 12 p.m. / EC
- Lenten Parish Mission / 7 p.m. / EC

Wednesday, February 21

- Legion of Mary Apostolate of the Rosary / 9:30 a.m. / CR
- Bible Study / 10:15 a.m. / EC
- 75th Anniversary Social Committee / 7 p.m. / CR
- Adult Choir Practice / 7 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- School Board Meeting / 7 p.m. / EC

Thursday, February 22

- Adoration / 9:30 a.m. / Church
- Prayer and Bible Study / 10 a.m. / EC
- Literary Guild / 1 p.m. / CR
- Miraculous Medal Novena / 6:30 p.m. / Church
- Reposition of Blessed Sacrament / 7 p.m. / Church
- KofC Social Meeting / 7:30 p.m. / EC

Friday, February 23

- Parish Volunteer Dinner / 6 p.m. / Indian Springs
- Station's of the Cross / 7:30 p.m. / Church

Saturday, February 24

- Confessions / 9:30 a.m. / Church
- Confessions / 4:30 p.m. / Church

Sunday, February 25

- RCIA Snow Day / 8:30 a.m. / CR
- Children's Church / 10:15 a.m. / CR
- YES Stations of the Cross / 4 p.m. / Church
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR
- YES SR. Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / EC

SML Room Abbreviations

CR = Conference Room EC = Emmaus Center FFL = Faith Formation Library JRE = Jackson Rd. Entrance

PCR = Private Conference Room PMR = Parish Meeting Room RDR = Rectory Dining Room

SA = School Auditorium



St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School Presents

A Time of Grace
Lenten Mission—Retreat 2018

Sunday, February 18 to Tuesday, February 20
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
In the Church
With Jon Leonetti

We are very excited about having Jon Leonetti present this Lenten Mission-Retreat. We hope this retreat will bring the whole parish together and provide an opportunity to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions we all face and to recharge our faith, slow down, and relax, so an inner change can occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to deepening one's faith.

Mr. Leonetti is a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through Jon's keynote presentations and parish missions, thousands of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love.

Jon's two books — Mission Of The Family and Your God Is Too Boring— are published and featured in Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic book program. They have been endorsed by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, New York Times Bestselling author Immaculee Ilibagiza, Mark Hart, Brandon Vogt, Tom Peterson and more.

Jon believes that our deepest longing for happiness and wholeness is fulfilled in the encounter with Jesus Christ. Through prayer, the Sacraments, family life, and the help of Mary and the saints, Jon wants to cultivate an intimate relationship with Jesus, and help others do the same.

With this message Jon has been featured and interviewed by the nation's top Catholic websites, blogs and radio shows, helping Catholics in all walks of life to fall in love and stay in love with the living God.

If anyone needs a ride to the mission, please call the parish office at 609-654-8208 ext. 110.

Welcome New Catholics













Rite of Sending to the Rite of Election

This weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, our community here at St. Mary of the Lakes sent our catechumen, Brian Henderson and Steve Newman, to the Rite of Election at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold with Bishop O'Connell. All catechumens of our diocese, and all the dioceses

in the world, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, are presented to their bishops for "election" to the Sacraments.

During the Rite of Sending at the parish, the candidates sign the Book of the Elect as a symbol of their election or being chosen by God. This book is included in the celebration at the Cathedral where all the parishes presented both their catechumens and their names enrolled in the Books of the Elect.

At the Rite of Election, the catechumens are "elected" (chosen by name; chosen by God) for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation. The Church acts in God's name. Bishop O'Connell echoes God's call but rather than focus on the "Elect," we focus on the marvelous action of God in the lives of the Elect.

Please continue to pray for our Elect, Brian Henderson and Steve Newman, and our candidates: Ossman Cossio, James Gibson III, Stewart Hawkins, Courtney Hartwell, Debra O'Reilly, and Ryan Sander.

Joe's Friends

Are you interested in being a link between homebound parishioners and our church community?



Joe's Friends is a group that strives to

be the link. What do you need to do? Make a short weekly phone call to someone to chat about the week, church, etc. All you need is a phone and several spare minutes per week.

Do you know someone who could benefit from a call or would you like to volunteer to be a caller?

Call Marta DeGisi (609) 654-1256