



March 24, 2019



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#### 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](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org)  
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Deacon Joseph Tedeschi  
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Angela Santoro, Administrative Assistant  
Amy Rash, School Principal  
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 Ralph Gallo, 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](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 x110
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

**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. 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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. “Vincentsians” provide outreach and assistance to anyone in need throughout our parish region. Contact Joe Pasquarella, President. 609/953-0021.

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and follow us on Twitter @SmlParish

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by downloading myParish app

### From the Pastor's Desk

Currently, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is underway 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.

Last year's generous response allowed our parish to exceed our goal by 11 percent with total received pledges of \$155,405 and this gives a total parish rebate of \$29,140.

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!

Father Dan



### Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl is the agency's Lenten faith-in-action program which the Diocese of Trenton is asking all parishes/schools to participate in this Lent.

It offers an opportunity for families to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Throughout Lent, our parish has many opportunities for families to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our gospel call and go out and encounter those most in need.

In support of CRS Operation Rice Bowl, collection "bowls" are available at the doors of the church. We encourage you to take one home and fill it each week with a monetary offering that will then go directly to CRS. Filled collection "bowls" can be placed in the boxes at the JRE or returned to the Parish Office, PREP Office or School Religion Office during regular business hours. *If you prefer to give your donation by check, please place it in an envelope, and make it payable to St. Mary of the Lakes with the word "CRS Operation Rice Bowl" on the memo line and envelope.*

As your family prepares to take up this call to help those in need, the following prayer can be said for those who are supported by the mission of CRS: "God, You are the source of every blessing, May we be mindful of your presence now as we use these CRS Rice Bowls in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May they be instruments of encounter, bringing us closer to you, our God and to our neighbors both near and far. May these days in the desert inspire us to bring hope to the most vulnerable - those experiencing hunger, lack of economic opportunity and violence that force them to migrate. Throughout these 40 days of Lent, may we deepen our faith in you and our love for one another, as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter. Amen."

**Any questions about the CRS Operation Rice Bowl, please contact [yes@smlparish.org](mailto:yes@smlparish.org) or call the YES Office at 609-654-8208, ext. 111**

### High School Choristers in Diocese Invited to Audition for National Camp

High school students in the Diocese of Trenton are among those across the nation being invited to audition for the National Catholic Youth Choir's 2019 choir camp and anniversary tour.

"Serve Your Neighbor: The Good Samaritan Tour" will mark the 20th anniversary of NCYC, a group attached to St. John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. NCYC is seeking Catholic students who are currently enrolled in grades 8 through 12 in a private or public school to audition for the program that will run from **July 6-14** on the Collegeville campus. More than 60 choristers are expected to be selected. To encourage students from the Diocese to apply, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., has made funds available for two \$250 scholarships that would help to defray from the registration fee those selected from the Diocese would need to pay.

To apply, vocal recordings must be submitted; a recommendation form submitted from a music teacher/choir director or person that can speak to the student's work ethic and music background is also required.

**Visit [www.CatholicYouthChoir.org](http://www.CatholicYouthChoir.org) for scholarship details, application/audition information.**

**Please send all singer referrals to [ncyc@csbsju.edu](mailto:ncyc@csbsju.edu).**



## The Third Sunday of Lent Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 24

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. Juan Medrano Lozano / His Daughter  
 10:30 a.m. Nancy Swift / Mr. & Mrs. Louis DiVentura  
 12:00 p.m. Edward Murphy / Mary Beth Curcic  
 6:00 p.m. Marion Pensabene / Bill & Carol Waldron

### Monday, March 25

7:15 a.m. Catherine DiGrazio /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS  
 9:00 a.m. Nicholas & Victoria Polewchak /  
 Phil & Madeline Mitchell

### Tuesday, March 26

7:15 a.m. Deceased Members of SVdP /  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
 9:00 a.m. Frank O'Brien / The Campanaro Family

### Wednesday, March 27

7:15 a.m. Mary Ann Coceano / Cathy Wagner  
 9:00 a.m. John E. Southard / Ann Southard

### Thursday, March 28

7:15 a.m. Mary Ann Coceano / Pat Roskey  
 9:00 a.m. Ruth Anne Shea / The Shea Family

### Friday, March 29

7:15 a.m. Nicholas Graham /  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pagliuso  
 9:00 a.m. Thomas Donahue /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS

### Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Thomas J. Carberry /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS  
 5:30 p.m. Margaret Muhlberger /  
 Peggy & Dave Mayo

### Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Brightly Dougherty / Her Grandparents  
 9:00 a.m. Thomas Carberry / Frank Rovani  
 10:30 a.m. Our Parishioners  
 12:00 p.m. Edward M. Murphy /  
 Brenda & Bob Hardegen  
 6:00 p.m. Lorraine Kester /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS

Please pray for the souls of  
**Leonard Basileo, Mark Harnish,**  
**Stanley "Lee" Morton and Pamela Beden-Poling**  
 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:



Michelle Allen, Charlie Arnold, Joseph Aromando, Marty Ball, Ephraim Block, Keith Bodendorf, Michael Bryan, Sherri Colan, Brooke Conklin, Lauren Domingo, David J. DiLullo, Ronald DiMaio, Theresa R. Dumas, Joseph Dymond, Jim Endahl, George Fina, Terry Finan, Robert Fitzgerald, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Eileen Fuzer, Louis Giansante, Jen Grabowski, Louis Gribaudo, Ed Grieb, Vincent Henry, Laurans Hertz, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Mary Ann Klimaszewski, Gregory Law, Jeanne Murphy, Carol and Steve Newman, Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, Ann Petrelli, Jack Pisano, Stephen Porter, Donna Pritchett, Bill Quigley, Kelsie Quinn, Sue Rebel, Garry Roettger, Kary Rosenberg, Richard SM, Jim Spille, Leoncia Sullivan, Suzanne Termano, Jake Urich, Madeline.



2nd LT Christian Aguilar; 2nd LT Kyle Brandt, USAF; Capt. Katherine Collins Kneram, USA; 1st LT Erin Corcoran, USA; CAPT Kevin Emmons, USA; BG Steve Gilland, USA; MAJ Suzanne Gillern; PVT CM Sean Grannan, USA; LTJG Jeremy Griffin, USN; LTJG Sean Hickey, USN; 2nd LT Waverly Hock, USAF; MAJ William Hock, USAF; Capt. Richard Jordan, USMC; ENS William Jordan, USN; 2nd LT Rachel Kelly, USAF; LT Commander Matthew Knepper, USN; Capt. Patrick Kneram, USA; PFC Brett Koerner, USMC; PVT Nicholas Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; Christopher Macready, USMC; 2nd LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USN; General Scot Miller, USA; SPC Brandon Ornowski, USA; 1st LT Victor Prato, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; CAPT Matthew Sturgis, USA; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF.

### Offertory Collections for Sunday, March 17, 2019

Donations In Cash	\$4,254
Donations In Envelopes	\$21,899
Average Envelope Gift	\$30
Total Number of Envelopes	855
Second Collection – St. Vincent de Paul	\$5,660
St. Vincent de Paul (Poor Boxes)	\$148



Wedding Bann  
**Andre Sabalette and Jaclyn Andrew**  
 Second Announcement

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:  
 Danielle Gallo; Tara and Eric Stewart-Becker;  
 Christopher and Tara Turse & Charles!



## 24 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession



The Diocese of Trenton is invited to celebrate "24 Hours for the Lord," an extended period of confessions and Eucharistic adoration on Friday-Saturday of the Third Week of Lent, **March 29-30**. This year's theme, suggested by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization is "Compassion." Last year, 10 parishes of the Diocese – at least one in each county Vicariate – hosted a "24 Hours" with various adaptations determined by the parishes.

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Lenten Message reads: Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew. One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration.

In 2019, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take place from Friday, March 29 to Saturday, March 30. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

**St. Mary of the Lakes will offer 24 Hours Adoration, which will begin here after the 9:00 a.m. Mass Friday, March 29, and will conclude with Benediction before the 9:00 a.m. Mass Saturday, March 30.**

**Confessions will be heard from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29.**

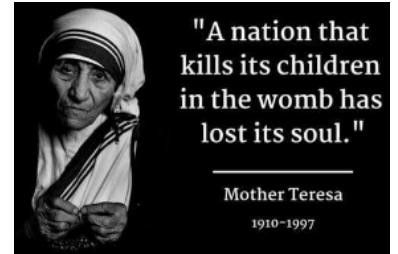
## In Honor of the Feast of the Annunciation Please Pray for Our Local Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Options – Pregnancy Care Center  
1500 N. Kings Highway – Suite 110  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
856-795-0166  
<http://www.optionscherryhill.org/>

"Life is the most beautiful gift of God."  
- Mother Teresa

Pregnancy Care Center  
108 W. Merchant Street  
Audubon, NJ 08106  
856-547-0055

1st Way of Collingswood  
528 Richey Avenue  
Collingswood, NJ 08107  
856-854-8100



**Need to find a location somewhere else?**

**Call 1-800-848-LOVE**

**Want to join the Pro-Life Committee of SML?**  
**Call the Parish office for details at 609-654-8200**

## Children's Books in Church

The section of the Church closest to the Rectory has children's books in the racks to occupy our wee ones during Mass.



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## Last Sunday's Mass Mob Children's Mass



## Easter Second Collection for YES

A second collection for all Easter Masses will support YES Outreach efforts. Money collected will go towards the Covenant House Sleep Out for Poverty Event on **April 12** and the Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip scheduled for **June 24-28**. Thank you !



## ICNU Moments

Good disciples are always looking for ICNU (I see in you) moments, "I see in you" a need for Jesus! If you are having a conversation over the back fence, and your neighbor shares a grief or hardship, that's an ICNU moment to say, "If I were facing that difficulty, I would find strength in Jesus . . . and find Him at St. Mary of the Lakes." And see where that leads. It may go nowhere, but if it were to go somewhere . . . a nice follow up might be, "Why don't you come to Mass with me next Sunday?"

If saying something similar would be pushing "your" envelope, then an easier approach might be to spread the word regarding "Mass Mobs" that will be offered at St. Mary of the Lakes in March.

## Mass Mob Mass will be offered on:

**This Sunday, March 24 at 12: 00 p.m.** with Redemption, our contemporary music group.



Name tags will be provided and congregants will be encouraged to introduce themselves to each other at the beginning of Mass. A ministry minute will be provided after announcements.

Although Mass attendance at St. Mary of the Lakes has been on the increase for the last four years, there is still roughly 75 percent of registered parishioners who do not attend Mass weekly, so the harvest is abundant for ICNU moments.

More information will follow regarding Mass Mobs, but in the meantime, be on the lookout for ICNU moments.

## Friend us on Facebook at [smlparish](#)

When you see a SML Mass Mob **post** please "*like*" and "*comment*" with asking your friends and family to join us and then "*share!*"

## Follow us on Twitter @SmlParish

When you see a SML Mass Mob **tweet** please "*like*" and "*reply*" with asking your friends and family to join us and then "*retweet!*"





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

**FRIDAY APRIL 12, 2019-SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019**

**St. Mary of the Lakes School Gym & Grounds**

**Sign In begins at 8:00 pm/Sign Out at 8:00 am**

**Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate**

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**STUDENT NAME:**\_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:**\_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT CELL (PARENTS):**\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I will attend and pledge to Sleep Out to raise awareness of teen homelessness. Please count me in to participate and reserve my "cardboard" box.**

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**Please return this form to [yes@smlparish.org](mailto:yes@smlparish.org) or drop off at School, PREP or Parish Office by April 8, 2019 so we can plan accordingly. I am pledging \$\_\_\_\_\_ in support of Covenant House. Checks payable to St. Mary of the Lakes. **PARENTS MUST SIGN THEIR CHILD IN/OUT OF EVENT. THOSE NOT SLEEPING OUT, MUST BE PICKED UP BY 11:30 PM!****

### SMLS Student Wins President's Volunteer Service Award



Sixth Grade student, Grace M. won the President's Volunteer Service Award for her charity, Shells of Hope. Grace collects clothes, blankets, toys and food for the Women and Children's Shelter in Pemberton. She has collected approximately 400 bags of donations to date.

**Congratulations Grace!**

### Read Across America Week

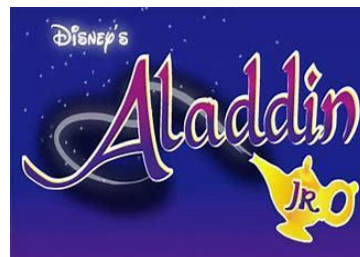


SMLS celebrated Read Across America Week with guest readers and a PJ day to cozy up with a good book!

### School Mass on Feast of St. Joseph



### SMLS Theater in the News



Join us for the St. Mary of the Lakes School  
Production of Aladdin Jr.

#### Showtimes:

April 5 at 7:00 p.m.

April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

For tickets visit [smlschool.org/theater](http://smlschool.org/theater)

### Aladdin On Broadway Cast Member Visits SMLS



Travis Osborne, a current cast member of Aladdin on Broadway came to SMLS to work with our cast of Aladdin! What a great opportunity for our students as they prepare for their own Aladdin Production!

### Go Green for the Missions Day



### SMLS 5K & Color Run/Walk

May 4 at Freedom Park

5K Check in 8:00 a.m. / Start Time 9:00 a.m.

To register online visit [www.smlschool.org/events](http://www.smlschool.org/events)







**St. Mary of the Lakes KOC COUNCIL 6520  
presents Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!**



**When?** Sunday, April 14, 2019  
Seating 1: 10:15 a.m. / Seating 2: 11:45 am

**Where?** St. Mary of the Lakes School Auditorium

**Breakfast, egg hunt, music and pictures  
with the Easter Bunny!**

**Please detach and return your RSVP to Linda Xerri in the YES Office  
(Parish) or call ext. 111 or [lxerri@smlparish.org](mailto:lxerri@smlparish.org)**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_







## Knights of Columbus

### Charity Golf Tournament ... needs your support to help expectant mothers

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 12<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament on Monday, June 10, at Medford Village 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 adoption guidance.

1st Way believes in the sanctity of life, all life, the life of the mother as well as the life of the baby. 1st Way provides free resources which support life affirming choices. This is accomplished through a loving, non-judgement approach with peer counseling, education, and practical services. Over the past year, 1st Way has served over 2,600 families.

**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.

**Golf registration** is \$165 (\$175 after April 1) and includes greens fee, golf cart, lunch, hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour with hot appetizers, dinner, and dessert. The tournament is a scramble format and begins with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. Dinner-only tickets are also available for \$45. A silent auction, raffle, and tombola offer opportunities to win great prizes.

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

### Soup & Stations: Parish-wide Lenten meal followed by Stations of the Cross

St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is hosting a Lenten soup meal for all parishioners on Friday, **March 29**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

Bring your appetite for soup, bread, and refreshments. Stations of the Cross follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

*Vivat Jesus!*

### Beware of Email Scam

An email scam is being perpetrated on numerous parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and one parish in the Diocese of Trenton. The scammers use the pastor's name/email address or some slight variation of it to solicit funds from parishioners in the form of gift cards or cash donations. Father Dan does not solicit gifts for St. Mary of the Lakes using email.

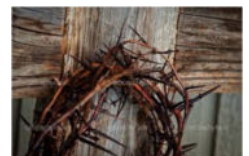
**Please delete the email if you receive one.**

### Sisters of St. Joseph Renew Vows



Sisters Regina and Judy renewed their vows as Sisters of St. Joseph and received a gift from Father Roy on behalf of SML. The SSJ Associates also renewed their promises last Tuesday on the Feast of St. Joseph.

### When life is not a bed of roses ...



... remember who wore the thorns.

Men come join us.  
Fridays at 6:00 a.m., Pedata Hall at St. Joan's  
Sign up or just show up  
[www.stjoans.org/tmiy/](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy/)

## VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF  
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.



VIRTUS is a national program designed to equip adults with the tools to recognize inappropriate behavior towards children and vulnerable adults. The Diocese of Trenton requires anyone over the age of 18 who participates in one or more ministries to attend a 3-hour VIRTUS session every four years. Therefore, every adult who currently volunteers for SML Church, School, and/or PREP and has not previously attended a VIRTUS session, or who has not taken a refresher course within the past four years, must attend a class in order to participate. VIRTUS Training Sessions are offered at parishes throughout the Diocese.

St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the following class on:

**March 28, 2019, at 6 p.m.  
in the PREP Conference Room**

**Pre-registration is MANDATORY at:**

**virtusonline.org.** Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. **No Walk-ins will be accepted.** Please note when registering for your VIRTUS account to use your **Legal Name**, be sure to include any information on your account as applicable (i.e. driver's license or passport name must match).

**Email questions to [frontdesk@smlparish.org](mailto:frontdesk@smlparish.org)**



### St. Vincent de Paul For Easter Gifting

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been most fortunate to have St. Mary of the Lake's families assist us in our outreach to the people in need. We are asking that your program will be helping again this year with Easter gifting for 150 families. Our gifting dates are **April 11, 12, 13.** Home Delivery is **April 14**, therefore, our final deadline for any donations will be **March 31.** You can use the Donation containers for St. Vincent Donations located in the front and rear of the church.

This year is a little different for our children. Because of allergies to peanuts the parents would prefer to buy the Easter candy they know is safe for their children to eat, therefore, St. Vincent's has decided to give the families a Resurrection package with a gift card so the parents can make the children's Easter Sunday a safe one. We are asking for Walmart gift cards, in the amounts from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Each family will receive a gift card for their children.

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

**If you or someone you know needs assistance,  
call SVdP at 609/953-0021**

## RCIA - THREE SCRUTINIES

The Elect, those preparing for all three Sacraments of Initiation at Easter, will be participating in three "Scrutinies" on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Lent. When we hear the term "scrutiny," we might be tempted to think that we are scrutinizing those preparing for baptism. The real scrutinizer is the living Word of God.

The purpose of the scrutinies is twofold. They are prayers of freedom for the elect by the community (and indeed, for the parish community as well) to:

- **Enlighten:** Scrutinize and uncover healing for what is weak and sinful in ourselves, our world, and our Church; what keeps us from the love of God; and determine what areas of our hearts are in need of conversion
- **Purify:** Ask God to liberate us from the power of evil and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good, that enables us to remain faithful to God's abiding love. As our entire community is called to journey with our Elect, we recognize the need we all share for freedom from sin and its effects.

**Please pray that they and we will be given a sense of what is in need of healing in our lives, experience the forgiveness of Christ, and share in the freedom and joy of the Gospel.**



NEW JERSEY  
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

**ACTION  
ALERT**

On Monday, **March 25**, A1504/S1072, the Aid in Dying bill will be voted on in both the Senate and the Assembly.

This assisted suicide bill is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by cost.

The facts are clear – in California, in Vermont, and in Oregon – states that have passed assisted suicide bills – insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage, but offered them low cost drugs to end their life.

**Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you **oppose A1504/S1072.****

Go to the link below to log in and send your message:

**[https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/nUQIH1MpRYeSeeHhw\\_Rcbw](https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/nUQIH1MpRYeSeeHhw_Rcbw)**



## iMercy : The Divine Hotspot 2019 Lenten Mission

*"If the devil can't make you bad,  
he'll make you busy."*

Take a break from the busyness of life and come to our parish Lenten mission. Rest in the Lord and be reminded just how much He loves you and wants you to know it!

Join us the evenings of **April 8, 9 and 10** at 7:00 p.m. in the church for the iMercy Lenten Mission offered by Father Bill Garrott, O.P., with the praying of the Rosary starting at 6:40 p.m.

Father Garrott will be offering the 9:00 a.m. daily Masses on April 8, 9, and 10. Father Garrott's morning homilies will not be the same as his evening talks.

### The mission's evening schedule:

**Monday, April 8: The Father Blesses**

**Tuesday, April: The Son Heals**

**Wednesday, April 10: The Spirit Strengths**

Bring your family! Bring a friend or neighbor!  
Come by yourself and be among family and friends!

## Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study



Father Dan's four-week adult scripture study "Jesus of Nazareth Part II - Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection," based upon Our Holy Father Emeritus Benedict XVI's recent book by the same title, continues on Mondays, **March 25 and April 1** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

To register, please contact St. Mary of the Lakes Parish Office at **609/654-8208 x110** or email [parish.office@smlparish.org](mailto:parish.office@smlparish.org).

**Please BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible)**

If you need a Bible, New American Bibles will be sold for \$6.00 at the class.

## YES Lenten Small Group



## Formed for March

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS**  
EXPERIENCE THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN A WHOLE NEW WAY

### Listen:

- "The Fourth Cup" by Scott Hahn
- "Could God Ever Love Someone Like Me? : The Sacrament of Reconciliation" by Fr. Mike Schmitz
- Kids: "Max and Benedict: A Bird's Eye View of the Pope's Life"

### Read:

- Meditations for Lent
- Pardon and Peace: A Sinner's Guide to Confession by Fr. Francis Randolph
- More God. Less Guilt. Because Catholic Guilt is Not Catholic! By Dan Tarrant
- Kids: The Secret of the Shamrock (Chime Traveler 1) by Lisa Hendry

### Study:

- Into the Desert : A Lenten Study on Prayer

### Watch:

- Ignatius of Loyola
- Kids: Bro. Francis: Forgiven: The Blessings of Confession



## Parish Champion

Dynamic Catholic

Dynamic Catholic is an organization with a mission to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

To keep our parish aware of these resources Barbara Potts signed up to be a part of Dynamic Catholic Institute's (DCI) Parish Champion Outreach.

### What is a Parish Champion?

- Barbara will pray for Father and our parish intentions
- Share with Father and parish council FREE DCI resources we can use as a parish
- And distribute a FREE case of 44 books or 50 CD's to parishioners periodically. (As quantities are limited, you can order free books and CD's with S&H, on their site below)

If you would like to be a part of Barbara's prayer team, contact her at [bacp@comcast.net](mailto:bacp@comcast.net) / 609-859-0317 or the parish office 609-654-8208.

To learn more about Dynamic Catholic's Mission and why they offer this outreach, visit [www.DynamicCatholic.com](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com).



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The painting of the mural in the Adoration Chapel continues !

### Misty ... The Seeing Eye Dog



Misty is a one year old, black Labrador Retriever in training to be a Seeing Eye guide dog for the blind. She has been with the Field family since seven weeks of age and will remain with them until she is around 16 months.

The Fields are teaching Misty basic manners and commands and are exposing her to a variety of social situations and experiences to prepare her for her future work with the blind. The Seeing Eye is a philanthropic organization whose mission is to enhance the independence, dignity and self confidence of blind people through the use of Seeing Eye dogs.

**Misty will start attending *this* Sunday evening Mass at 6 p.m. on March 24.**

### Rosary Prayer Groups

- Weekdays following morning Masses *except* Thursday and after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday in the Church
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Church
- Wednesday Morning, 9:30 a.m., Legion of Mary in Rectory Dining Room

## St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

### Sunday, March 24

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / PMR
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR
- YES Lenten Small Group Grades 8-12 / 7 p.m. / Church
- ECRM Small Group / 7 p.m. / School Chapel

### Monday, March 25

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 6 a.m. / JRE
- Sharing Christ / 10 a.m. / PMR
- ECRM Small Group / 1 p.m. / RDR
- Carnival Committee / 7 p.m. / RDR
- Lenten Small Group / 7 p.m. / School Chapel
- Scripture Series with Fr. Dan / 7 p.m. / PMR

### Tuesday, March 26

- Bereavement Group / 10 a.m. / RDR
- Choir Rehearsal / 7 p.m. / Church
- Lector Workshop / 7:30 p.m. / SA

### Wednesday, March 27

- Confirmation Rehearsal / 6 p.m. Mass / Church
- Parish Finance Council / 7 p.m. / RDR

### Thursday, March 28

- Benediction follows Exposition at the end of the 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by all day Adoration / Church
- Prayer and Bible Study / 10 a.m. / RDR
- Miraculous Medal Novena / 6:30 p.m. / Church
- Reposition of Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 p.m. Novena / Church
- Sharing Christ / 7 p.m. / PMR

### Friday, March 29

- ECRM Small Group / 10 a.m. / RDR
- Soup and Stations / 6:30 p.m. / School Chapel

### Saturday, March 30

### Sunday, March 31

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / PMR
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR
- YES Lenten Small Group Grades 8-12 / 7 p.m. / Church
- ECRM Small Group / 7 p.m. / School Chapel

### SML Room Abbreviations

FMR = Flex Meeting Room (*Rectory*)

JRE = Jackson Rd. Entrance

PCR = Prep Conference Room

PMR = Parish Meeting Room (*located in the back of St. Mary of the Lakes School*)

RDR = Rectory Dining Room

SA = School Auditorium