



August 25, 2019



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

Kerry De Costa, Administrative Assistant

Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Amy Rash, School Principal

Mary Pat Scordato, Director of Religious Education

Kevin Callahan, Minister of Marketing and Evangelization

Carolyn Cuperwich, Music Coordinator

Linda Xerri, Parish Youth Minister

Harry Meshirer, Parish Bookkeeper

Ralph Gallo and Kevin Loughlin, Parish Trustees

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

ST. MARY OF THE LAKES ONLINE

Website Address: <http://www.smlparish.org>

Email Address: email@smlparish.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/smlparish

School Website: <http://www.smlschool.org>

Knights of Columbus: <http://www.Medfordknights.org>

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX

Parish Office	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 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. 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 has begun 24/7/365 in the new Adoration Chapel off Jackson Rd. Entrance. If you would like to be an adorer for an hour each week, go to sml.weadorehim.com

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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by downloading myParish app

Why am I here?

Why is Jesus important?

**I want a closer relationship
with Jesus but how?**

COME AND GET CONNECTED IN DISCOVERING CHRIST

2 Sessions will be offered:

**Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 23 TO Nov. 18, or
Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. Sept. 26 TO Nov. 14:**

Both include a life-changing retreat Saturday, Nov. 2

Enjoy a free meal, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series designed to revitalize your faith or bring your family and friends who have been away from the church and grow in your faith together.

2019 Discovering Christ Registration:

NAME(S): _____ AGE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Session: AM or PM (circle one)

Return bottom of form to the Parish Office, e-mail to discoveringchrist@smlparish.org,
or register on-line at www.smlparish.org.

Contact Christine with any questions at 609-654-8208 ext.113, or
cbrandt@smlparish.org.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 25

- 7:30 a.m. Deceased Knights of Columbus
9:00 a.m. Norman Rebel / Christine Brandt
10:30 a.m. Robert Sestric / Brenda & Robert Hardegen
12:00 p.m. Michael Grobelmy / His Wife & Daughter
6:00 p.m. John O'Connell / Eileen & Michael Carberry

Monday, August 26

- 7:15 a.m. Tina Fiore / Fr. Daniel Swift
Julie Lombardi (living) / The Casparro Family
9:00 a.m. Norman Rebel /
Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
Phyllis Crudo Badame / Joe Crudo Badame

Tuesday, August 27

- 7:15 a.m. William Torian / Bonnie Pszalgowski
9:00 a.m. Frances McQuillan / Sheila DiPatri
Margaret Bradley / The Weill Family

Wednesday, August 28

- 7:15 a.m. Carmella Iannetta / The Family
Nicholas DiMona III /
9:00 a.m. Lucille Rovani / Her Family
Frances McQuillan / Geri Tumolillo

Thursday, August 29

- 7:15 a.m. Col. Haly Dyson / Deacon Joe & Sue Tedeschi
9:00 a.m. Katherine Brodowski /
Kristine McLaughlin & Family
Victoria Wise / Nancy & Dave Mitchell

Friday, August 30

- 7:15 a.m. Bill Carroll / His Wife Fran
9:00 a.m. Eileen Grieb /
Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
Justin Lang / Paul Xerri

Saturday, August 31

- 9:00 a.m. Mathilde Skacel /
Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
Rosina L. Midili /
Alyssa Griffith & Michelle McHenry
5:30 p.m. Michael Grobelmy / His Wife and Daughter

Sunday, September 1

- 7:30 a.m. Dave Santaspirit / Bob & Tina Brandt
9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Coceano / Barb & John Kallelis
10:30 a.m. Jack McHugh / His Wife Helen
12:00 p.m. Alesandra Sirach / Brianna & Amanda McNally
6:00 p.m. Our Parishioners

Please pray for the souls of
Bertha Capcino and Ruth Anne Fay
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, Sr. Dorothy Aloisio; Connie & Joseph Aromando, Marty Ball, Ephraim Block, Keith Bodendorf, Tom Breese Ciaccio, Michael Bryan, Ryan Clark, Sherri Colan, John Day, David J. DiLullo, Ronald DiMaio, Tracey Dougherty, Theresa R. Dumas, Mary Eisenhower, Jim Endahl, George Fina, Terry Finan, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Maxine Franks, Louis Giansante, Jen Grabowski, Louis Gribaudo, Laurans Hertz, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Mary Ann Klimaszewski, Ellen Kretzu, Gregory Law, Joanne Lecate, Peggy Luciani, Juan Mallgui Moya, Mark McFadden, Jeanne Murphy, Carol and Steve Newman, Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, Jacquelyn Pensabene, Stephen Porter, Kelsie Quinn, Bill Quigley, Sue Rebel, Garry Roettger, Kary Rosenberg, Richard SM, Jim Spille, Dianne Stippick, Leoncia Sullivan, Mary Ann Sullivan, Suzanne Termano, Jake Ulrich, James Vega, and Madeline.

2nd LT Christian Aguilar; 1st 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; Chief Warrant Officer Kevin James Haddon, USA; LT 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; LCPL Brett Koerner, USMC; PVT Nicholas Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; Christopher Macready, USMC; 2nd LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; 2nd LT Michelle Matthews, USMC; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USA; PO3 Allston Megill, USN; Sgt. Mark Mickinak, USMC; General Scot Miller, USA; SPC Brandon Ornowski, USA; 1st LT Victor Prato, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF.



Offertory Collections for Sunday, August 18 2019

Donations In Cash	\$2,198
Donations In Envelopes	\$17,495
Total Collection August 18, 2019	\$19,693
Total Collection August 19, 2018	\$24,256
Total Collection on August 20, 2017	\$22,226

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:
Kathy LaPrete



THIS IS MY BODY. THIS IS MY BLOOD.

One of the most troubling things I read all summer was the finding of a Pew Research Study released August 5 that only 31% or one-third of current, self-identifying Catholics believe that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass BECOME AND ARE the Body and Blood of Christ. This belief, described and known since the Middle Ages as “transubstantiation” in Catholic doctrine, has been and remains a core conviction of the Catholic faith since the Lord Jesus first spoke the words “This is my Body ... this is my Blood” at the Last Supper (Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). “Do this in memory of me.” 69% of Catholics surveyed, by contrast, believe the consecrated bread and wine only to be “symbols” of the Lord Jesus’ Body and Blood.

Where did this error regarding such a fundamental tenet of our Catholic faith come from?

The Pew Survey reveals that the Church’s teaching and belief in the Eucharist is stronger among those who attend Mass weekly, especially older Catholics, but even within these groups confusion and error exist to a troubling degree.

There is abundant evidence derived from the scriptures, the writings of the earliest Fathers of the Church, the pronouncements of Church Councils and leaders throughout the Church’s long history as well as the firm and constant belief of the Church’s faithful, to support this most important and central conviction of our Catholic faith. The Eucharist is the “Real Presence” of the Lord Jesus Christ, whether on the altar at Mass, in Holy Communion or reserved as the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. For the Catholic, this “mystery of faith” is unambiguous and not subject to doubt. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, citing the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church “Lumen Gentium, 11,” states with the deepest and most profound conviction, “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life ... For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch (CCC, 1324).”

How bread and wine actually become the Body and Blood of Christ at the priest’s words of consecration at Mass is a mystery of faith to be sure but a mystery that responds to the Lord Jesus’ own command, “Do this in memory of Me.” Mysteries defy scientific explanations – that is why they are called “mysteries” – requiring either the belief of faith or disbelief. In his magnificent Eucharistic hymn, “Tantum Ergo,” one of the Catholic Church’s greatest teachers, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), reflected “what our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith’s consent.” And, so, the Catholic Church has “grasped” from its very beginning and continues to do so to the present moment and beyond.

“This is my Body. This is my Blood. Do this in memory of me.”

“May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen (Divine Praises).”

If the faithful of the Catholic Church get this core belief wrong, what else could they hope to get right?



Continuing to Exceed Our Goal

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is ongoing 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.

To date, SML has pledged \$146,439 to top our goal of \$139,600. By reaching our goal, the rebate will be \$20,960 (15 percent of goal). By continuing to exceed our goal, the rebate will be \$20,960 + 50 percent of difference above \$139,600. Therefore, when all pledges are paid, St. Mary of the Lakes will receive a parish rebate of \$24,379.50.

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!

Eucharistic Adoration – Refection by St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. John says that he saw Our Lord girt up with a golden girdle, which supported His breasts: I saw One like to a son of man girt about the breasts with a golden girdle. (Apoc. 1, 12f.) Thus also is Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar, with His breasts all filled with milk; that is to say, with the graces which, in His mercy, He desires to bestow upon us. And as a mother, whose breasts are overcharged with milk, goes about seeking for children who may draw it off, and relieve her of its weight, so also does He call out to us, You shall be carried at the breasts. (Isa. 66,12.)

The Venerable Father Alvarez saw Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with His hands filled with graces, and seeking to whom He might dispense them.

O most beloved and only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, I know that Thou art the object most worthy of being loved. I desire to love Thee as much as Thou deservest to be loved, or at least as much as a soul can ever desire to love Thee. I fully understand that I, who am a traitor and so great a rebel to Thy love, deserve not to love Thee, neither do I deserve to approach so near to Thee as I now am in this church. I hear Thee say, My son, give Me thy heart. (Prov. 23, 26.) Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart. (Matt. 22, 37.) I understand that it is for this end that Thou hast spared my life, and not sent me to hell, that I might be converted and turn all my affections to Thee. Since, then, Thou art pleased that even I should love Thee, oh, yes, my God, I will do so.

Behold me: to Thee I yield myself up; I give myself to Thee; I love Thee. O God! All goodness, all love. I choose Thee for the only king and lord of my poor heart. Thou desirest it, and my will is to give it to Thee: it is cold, it is loathsome; but if Thou acceptest it, Thou wilt change it. Change me, my Lord, change me; I no longer have courage to live as I have hitherto done, ungrateful, and with so little love towards Thy infinite goodness, which loves me so much, and deserves an infinite love. Enable me to supply from this day forward for all the love which I have hitherto failed to bear Thee.

Ejaculation. My God, my God, I will love Thee, I will love Thee, I will love Thee!

24/7 Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up

We have begun using a website that helps us manage the Eucharistic Adoration schedule. You can access the website from your smart phone or computer at: sml.weadorehim.com

Just click “Sign Up” to create an account and set your preferences. Use the activation code: AVE MARIA to automatically register. You can also learn all you need to know about signing up and using the website by watching the video at: sml.weadorehim.com/help

If you had already signed up for an adoration hour previously, an account was set-up and you were sent a welcome email. If for some reason you didn't receive a welcome email, please email grahamcfarland@gmail.com with a valid email, cell phone and/or home phone number and we will update and resend.

The website is very easy to use and allows you to commit based on your schedule. The website is for everyone – whether you are committing to a weekly hour or just a specific hour during the week as a substitute.

The website makes it easy by:

- Automatically sending you email, text or phone reminders of your commitment
- Allowing you to request a substitute
- Allowing you to manage your commitment and preferences
- Seeing the opportunities to help out as a substitute adorers

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact
Natalie Stone at mazzunat007@msn.com or Diana
Kenworthy at dkenworthy1@gmail.com.

Emergency Buttons in Adoration Chapel

There are four active emergency buttons in the Adoration Chapel: by the door, to the left of the angel in light blue and lavender and on the back of each pew. If you need emergency assistance, press the button for two seconds.

Medford Township Police will automatically be notified and will respond. Let us pray no one will ever have to press the button.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Night

There are many hours available to adore Our Blessed Lord at night. In his book, *In Sinu Jesu*, (On the Chest of Jesus), Jesus gives the following messages to a Benedictan monk:

There are particular graces reserved for souls who keep watch before My Eucharistic Face during the night. Those who pray by night imitate My own night watches of prayer to My Father. (MT 14:23; MK 14:46-47; LK 6:12, 21:37)

Learn to adore Me by night.

Even in the night I wait for them (adorers). In the night hours it is possible to have an intimacy with Me that one cannot experience at other times.

To schedule an hour for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, go to sml.weadorehim.com

TUITION ANGEL

The Laker Fund – Become a Tuition Angel Give the Gift of Catholic Education to a Deserving Student

Help change a life by giving back. Invest in the future of our children by introducing them to Catholic principles and the gospel of Christ. Your tax deductible gift will provide financial aid to a student in need, transform a life and help build a strong community. Did you know that 98% of our students go on to college? That truly begins with you and your generous gift.

Donate online <https://www.smlschool.org/ways-to-give> or send your donation to:

St. Mary of the Lakes School
Attn: Advancement
196 Route 70
Medford, NJ
08055

Our Catholic school students thank you for your generosity.
100% of your gift will go directly to tuition assistance for a family in need.

"Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me." Matthew 18:5



SAINT MARY OF THE LAKES
PTA PRESENTS
THE 37TH ANNUAL
FASHION SHOW

SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, 2019 4PM TO 8PM

LUCIENS MANOR
81 W. WHITE HORSE PIKE.
BERLIN, NJ 08009

SMLS Fashion Show committee is searching for SMLS alumni who would like to model in our 2019 Fashion Show! We would love to display our alumni's talents and success. All applicants must have graduated from high school. If interested, please email Jill Schultz at Smlmodels2019@gmail.com



St. Mary of the Lakes

SCHOOL

Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education

Teachers Needed

St. Mary of the Lakes School is looking for a part time classroom assistant, a lunch/recess assistant and substitute teachers.

If interested, please contact: info@smlschool.org.

Looking for a caring and nurturing Pre-K Program?

St. Mary of the Lakes School's Pre-K 3 and 4 year old programs focus on the whole development of the young child. Our students participate weekly in Religion, Gym, Art, Music, Computers and Library classes. Our programs provide options for 3, 4, or 5 half or full-days and is staffed by certified teachers and full-time assistants.

Before Care and After Care is also available.



Why Consider

St. Mary of the Lakes School?

Choosing the right education for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Contact us for a tour to see why we are the Best Private School in Burlington County! Admissions can be reached at (609) 654-2546 x227 or admissions@smlschool.org

Considering Transferring your Child?

SMLS provides a Transfer Grant Program for new families with students in grades 1 through 7 for the 2019-20 school year. The grant is a tuition credit of **\$1,500.00 per student in his/her first year at SMLS and \$1,000.00 in his/her second year.** Please visit our smlschool.org/admissions for further information. Financial assistance will also continue to be available.



St. Mary
of the Lakes
SCHOOL

ENROLL NOW

Pre-K 3 - 8th Grade

609-654-2546

BACK-TO-SCHOOL UNIFORM EXCHANGE



We have many donated new and like new uniforms. You do not need to donate uniforms to participate. If you have any gently used School and/or Gym uniforms, please drop off washed uniforms in the bin in the school foyer by the Main Office.

Anyone in need of uniforms can come to school to pick up uniforms for the new school year.

School is open Monday–Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to Labor Day weekend.

The Uniform Exchange Room will also be open during the New Family Dinner on **August 28**.



St. Mary of the Lakes School New Family Dinner

All families newly enrolled at St. Mary of the Lakes School, SMLS invites you to join us for dinner and some fun!

August 28 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lakes School Auditorium



SMLS Welcome Back to School Ice Cream Social
SMLS Auditorium

Friday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m.

SMLS Summer Office Hours

Monday -Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Main Office can be reached
at 609-654-2546 ext. 210 and
info@smlschool.org

Knights of Columbus



Have Fun and Socialize with Fellow Parishioners while You Bowl

Register now for the St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 fall bowling league for men and women. Games at Medford Lanes (665 Stokes Rd., Medford) on **Wednesdays** at 7:00 p.m., **Sept. 18 through Feb. 19**. The \$15 per person, per week fee includes three games and shoe rental. This is a great way to have fun and socialize with fellow parishioners. Invite your friends and family. You don't need to be a Knight to participate.

To register or for more information,
contact **Bill Mazzio** at williammazzio@yahoo.com
or **609-458-0704**.

*Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus
please contact **Scott Latimer** at 609-352-1281
or ScLatimer@aol.com*

"THAT MAN IS YOU !"

Has caught **FIRE** across the country.
It started over 15 years ago in one parish in
Texas.

This Fall over 600 parishes nationwide
will be running it.

Come find out why ...



YOU'RE INVITED:

6:00 a.m. on Fridays,

beginning **September 13**.

Pedata Hall, ST. JOAN OF ARC

For more info or to sign up

Go to: www.stjoans.org/tmiy/



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

*Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
Box 392 • Rancocas, NJ 08073*

609-877-0509

www.FHOP.org

FRIDAY MORNING RETREAT

THE INTERIOR CASTLE OF ST. TERESA

9 Fridays / 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 11	January 3	April 3
November 8	February 7	May 1
December 6	March 6	May 29

This year we will use St. Teresa's Interior Castle for our content each month. We will focus on one of her 7 dwelling places as a means of understanding and experiencing the dynamic of the spiritual journey. The morning will also include two 20 minute sessions of contemplative prayer, time for some quiet reflection and a 20 minute video on the Interior Castle by Keith Egan. Donation: \$225, includes book.

To register, call 609-877-0509.

**Please check www.FHOP.org for directions
and for our other offerings!**

Bulletin Sponsorship Opportunities

Promote your business and support your church in the St.
Mary of the Lakes Church weekly bulletin.

**Contact: Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 /
mjurosky@diocesan.com**

St. Vincent de Paul

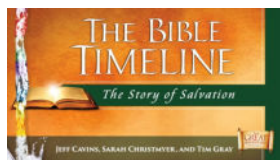


God Does Provide, Even Through a Stranger

A volunteer from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently had to make an emergency run to the store to buy bread for those who rely on food from St. Vincent's. His cart was overflowing with bread as he entered the checkout line. A young man ahead in line with his wife and two small children asked what it was for. The volunteer told him that the bread was for clients of St. Vincent's food pantry. The man then told the cashier that he would pay for the bread, a direct response to God's call to feed the hungry. Actions like this help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul minister to the poor and suffering in our area.

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

You Can Understand The Bible!



Sign-Up Dates are in September

The Bible is at the heart of our Faith and our relationship with God. Scripture informs our beliefs and inspires our devotions. It is the place where our Father meets with us and lovingly speaks to us. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline makes it easy.

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of Scripture and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. This study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and deep into each period of salvation history, where you will discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture.

The 24 week study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by group discussion. A study kit will be available. Each kit will cost \$36.

The Bible Timeline Study will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and it will start on **September 25**. Location will be in the Parish Meeting Room at the school. If you are interested in attending, the sign ups will be held after all the masses on **September 7, 8 and September 14, 15**. The registration table will be by the Jackson Rd. entrance.

Questions: leonorczarnecki@gmail.com

Dynamic Catholic Parish Champion

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 DynamicCatholic.com

Summer Reading Challenge for Adults

Have you wondered why your Parish Champion is doing this reading challenge? Partly because of this quote from Dynamic Catholic's "Rediscover Catholicism" study guide..

"Spiritual reading has been a crucial part of the Catholic experience for centuries, but with the growing demands and distractions of modern life people are reading less and less. Less than 1% of Catholics in the United States read a Catholic book last year. This is tragic, because so many people have so many questions about Catholicism at this time, and unless we are feeding our minds with great Catholic thought we will not be able to share our faith in a way that is articulate, bold, and inspiring."



JOIN A SML CHOIR

"He who sings, prays twice." - St. Augustine

The SML Choirs are starting up in September:

- The Children's Choir (grades 2-5) will meet Mondays in the church, 5-6 p.m., starting **Sept 9**.
- The Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will meet Mondays in the church, 6-7 p.m., starting **Sept 9**.
- The Church Choir will meet Wednesdays in the church at 7 p.m. starting on **Sept 4**.

We're looking for new members and returning members for all of the choirs. You can get a sign-up form from the choir loft after mass, or simply come to rehearsal and sign up then.

For more information, please call Choir Director Carolyn Cuperwich: 609-654-8208 ext. 119

National Catholic Youth Conference



The National Catholic Youth Conference will take place **November 21-23** in Indianapolis. This conference is open to all high school students in grades 9-12. The conference is an opportunity for the young church to gather together with teens from across the USA for workshops; prayer reflections; service projects and to encounter Christ like you never have before!

The three day conference culminates with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and a Concert at Lucas Oil Stadium! In the past, over 23,000 young people have attended the event. SML YES ministry will be attending this year and the cost for teens to attend will be \$500. The deadline to register along with your *non-refundable* \$500. fee is **August 23**.

To register your teen please
contact: yes@smlparish.org or call Linda Xerri @
609-654-8208, ext. 111

Right to Life Rosary

For anyone suffering sadness or guilt from an abortion, please consider seeking healing and forgiveness. Both are available to you through the guidance and counseling offered by:



1. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (*see below*)
Call: 732-536-6871

2. Options For Women
Counselor Donna Master
Call: 856-795-0048

3. Father Dan Swift
Trained Project Rachel Chaplain
Call: 609-654-8208

As a pro-life people, we offer our prayers. Our Respect Life Ministry keeps you in prayer that you may be healed body, mind, and soul. Come join us at the CHWC 500 Kings Hwy. N. In Cherry Hill. We pray the rosary there every Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon. The blessings are yours!

YES Service

Opportunities

Sept/Oct



Event	Date	Location	Time
Game Night	Sept 22 nd	Church Lawn	7:00 pm
Feed My Sheep Casserole Ministry	On-going	Parish Office Drop Off	9:00 am-4:00 pm M-F
Float Decoration	October 25th	School Lot	5:00pm
Halloween Parade	October 26th	School Lot	6:00 PM
Trunk or Treat	October 27th	Church Lot	9:00 am-1:00 pm
Dismantle Halloween Float	October 27 th	Church Lot	1:00 pm

Contact [yes @smllparish.org](mailto:yes@smllparish.org) to volunteer

You can show *your* support for St. Mary of the Lakes on:

Facebook

Please first *Friend* us on Facebook at [smlparish](https://www.facebook.com/smlparish) and post your support on our home page. Also, when you see a SML post, please *like* the post and *comment* on the post. You can also share our posts with friends and family and ask them to also *Friend* us.

Google

Please go to Google and type [smlparish](https://www.google.com/search?q=smlparish) and click on St. Mary of the Lakes Church. Then click on Reviews Tab and scroll down to Rate and Review on Google and touch the star for the rating.

You will then need to sign in with your Google Account.

Becoming Catholic



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for those 16 years of age and older who are interested in becoming Catholic.

Those who are baptized (Catholic or non-Catholic) and have the desire to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation, who have never been baptized or are interested in gaining a clearer understanding of the Catholic faith, are asked to consider RCIA. Catechetical instruction is taught by our RCIA Team on Sunday mornings from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. beginning **September 15**. At the Easter Vigil those who are comfortable in receiving the sacraments will become full members of the Catholic Church.

If interested, contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org or by calling 609-654-8208 ext. 113

Virtua Memorial Hospital Pastoral Care



Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day of the week. Following a training and orientation process, an EMHC may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them friendship, spiritual comfort and Holy Communion.

The 16-hour Training Course will be offered in the conference center at the Virtua Memorial Hospital, 175 Madison Ave., Mount Holly, N.J. on **Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18** from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. with continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

If you want to find out if volunteering is for you before signing up for the course, please phone or email for an information package with details of the course and the process of volunteering in the hospital.

Please phone Chaplain Marge McGinley at: 609-914-6365 or Email: mmcginley@virtua.org

"Come To Me"

Jeremiah 29:12

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

OUR MISSION:

To join together weekly (in person or in spirit) and bring to God the needs of our parish, our world and all who have asked us to pray for them.

OUR MINISTRY:

Intercessory prayer is about praying for and with others. Our goal and commitment is to "surround our parish in prayer." We will supply a list of requests once a week to those who offer to join us in prayer. *We will share first names only (or no name) to protect the privacy of those we hold in prayer.* As a member of Jeremiah 29:12 you can:

- Pray each week at home alone or with family and/or friends.
- Pray in your already established prayer groups
- Pray in our new Adoration Chapel
- Simply, join our weekly email prayer chain: one email ... many prayers

If you want to pray for others or if you need prayer support, reach out to us.

Email: CometoMe@smlparish.org

Call: 609-953-8670 (*please leave message*)

YES

Welcome Back BONFIRE



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 p.m.

Hot Dog Roast & Smores

CHURCH PARKING LOT

(if it's raining, event will be held at school)

ALL TEENS IN GRADES 6-12 ARE INVITED

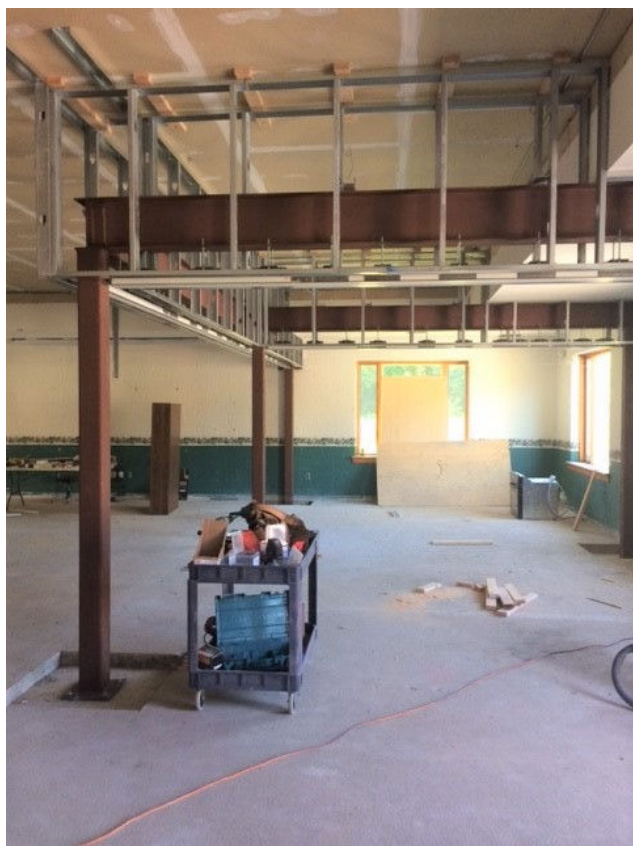
Bring a friend or two, or three~
Say YES to YES!! *Luke 1:38*



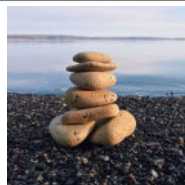
Info contact:

yes@smlparish.org

Emmaus Center Construction *Continues...*



Alzheimer's Association Seminar by the Shore Dementia Conference *September 12 -13* Atlantic City Convention Center



Seminar by the Shore is designed for family members, caregivers and professionals who support people who are living with Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia.

Special Features include:

- Nationally known speakers
- Workshops on a variety of topics for both caregivers and professionals including: Finding Hope and Humor in Caregiving, Caregiver Depression & Grief, Paying for Long Term Care, Legal Issues, Effective Communications, Early Diagnostic Tools, and more.
- Respite care will be available on the 13th (advanced registration required)
- Continuing education credits for professionals – see brochure for details.
- Virtual Dementia Tour, Art Show, Free Parking and much more.

For registration or more information visit: <https://alz.org/delval/events/seminar-by-the-shore> or call our 24/7 Helpline: 800-272-3900

Going to Rutgers in **R** New Brunswick?

The Catholic Student Association at The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St.
12:00 p.m. Busch Student Center, Rm. 120ABC
11:00 a.m. St. Peter's Church
6:00 p.m. St. Peter's Church
(*St. Peter's is in between the Catholic Center and Barnes & Noble*)

Daily Mass

7:30 a.m. St. Peter's Church
12:15 p.m. The Catholic Center Chapel
(*located inside the Catholic Center*)

Opening Activities

Monday Sept. 2: Luau, 6 p.m., The Catholic Center
Wednesday, Sept. 4: CSA Night, 8 p.m., The Catholic Center: Welcome to Rutgers!!
Friday, Sept. 6: BBQ, 5 p.m. at the Livingston Student Center Plaza, Come Hungry!

Check us out at the Involvement Fair, Sept. 2!!

Visit us online at www.rutgerscatholic.org
www.stpeternewbrunswick.org

Also check us out on Facebook:
Rutgers Catholic Student Association

Sign Up for Weekly Newsletter Email Blast

If you haven't received an email blast, please send your name and email address to: Frontdesk@smlparish.org



Glory to God Prayer Group

During construction of the Emmaus Center, the Glory to God Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of **Marianne Perkins**.

**Contact Marianne (609) 760-9221/
marnperk@gmail.com**

Welcome Monica !



Please welcome Monica Procopio to St. Mary of the Lakes Parish Office as an Administrative Assistant. Monica brings a wealth of administrative experience to this position having been the Human Resource Executive Assistant to the Leadership Team at American Water. Prior to American Water, Monica was the Project Coordinator/Administrative Assistant for Comcast. Monica and her husband, John, are parishioners here at St. Mary of the Lakes.

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

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



The Diocese of Trenton requires anyone over the age of 18 who participates in a Parish ministry to attend a VIRTUS training session every four years to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Note that this is a change from the previous VIRTUS requirement. What this means is that every adult who currently volunteers for SML Church, School, 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 as soon as possible.

VIRTUS Training Sessions are offered at parishes throughout the Diocese. During the months of September and October, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the following sessions: **9/12** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (*The September 12 Virtus Session at 6:30 p.m. will be a re-certification class for those who have previously attended a Virtus class - those who have never attended Virtus will need to choose another session listed.*) in the Parish Meeting Room (PMR) at the School; **9/19** at 10:00 a.m. in the Prep Conference Room (PCR) at the School; **10/10** at 10:00 a.m. in the PCR; and **10/17** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the PCR.

Pre-registration is mandatory at virtusonline.org. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. Email questions to frontdesk@smlparish.org.

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, August 25

- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR

Monday, August 26

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group Meeting / 6 a.m. / JRE

Tuesday, August 27

- Parish Finance Council / 7 p.m. / Fr. Dan's Office

Wednesday, August 28

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / CRW
- New Family Welcome / 5 p.m. / SA
- Cantor Rehearsal / 6 p.m. / Church

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR

SML Room Abbreviations

CRL = Conference Room Left
CRR = Conference Room Right
CRW = Conference Room Whole
JRE = Jackson Rd. Entrance in Church
PCR = Prep Conference Room
PMR = Parish Meeting Room (*located in the back of St. Mary of the Lakes School*)
SA = School Auditorium

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary began in Ireland on September 7, 1921 by Founder Frank Duff and has grown to be the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church with over 2 million active members around the world. Rooted in devotion to the Blessed Mother, it is an excellent way to share the Catholic faith and encourage spiritual growth. We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

**If you are interested in joining us, please call
Claudia Aguilar at 609/953-9128.**

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