



December 8, 2019



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055
 Parish Website: www.smlparish.org
 Parish Email Address: Frontdesk@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
 Monica Procopio, 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: Frontdesk@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.

EUCHARISTIC 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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 and follow us on Twitter @SmlParish

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 by downloading myParish app

Eucharistic Adoration – Refection by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Verily Thou art a hidden God. (Isa. 45, 15.) In no other work of divine love are these words so fully verified as in this adorable mystery of the Most Holy Sacrament, where our God is entirely hidden. When the Eternal Word took flesh, He hid His divinity, and appeared as a man on earth; but remaining with us in this Sacrament, He hides even His humanity, and, as remarks St. Bernard, appears under the form of bread, to show thereby the tenderness of the love which He bears us: "The divinity is hid, the humanity is hid: the bowels of charity alone appear." O my Beloved Redeemer, at the sight of the excessive tenderness Thou hast for men, I am beside myself, my Lord, and know not what to say. In this Sacrament Thou goest so far for their love as to hide Thy majesty and lower Thy glory; Thou goest so far as even to consume and annihilate Thy divine life. And while Thou art on the altar Thou seemest to have nothing else to do than to love men, and to show them the love which Thou bearest them. And what gratitude do they show Thee in return, O great Son of God?

O Jesus, O too great lover of men, allow me to say so, for I see that Thou preferrest their advantage to Thine own glory. And didst Thou not know to how much contempt this loving design of Thine would expose Thee? I see, and before me Thou didst see it full well Thyself, that the greater part of men adore Thee not, neither will they acknowledge Thee for what Thou art in this Sacrament I know that these very men have gone so far as to trample on consecrated Hosts, that they have thrown them on the ground, into water, and into fire. And I see the greater part even of those who believe in Thee, O God, who, so far from repairing so many outrages by the homage of their devotion, either come to the church to offend Thee still more by their irreverences, or else abandon Thee on Thy altar, and sometimes even leave it unprovided with a lamp or the necessary ornaments!

Oh, could I, my most sweet Savior, but wash with my tears, or even with my blood, those unhappy places in which, in this Sacrament, Thy love and Thy enamored, heart have been so greatly outraged! But if so much is not granted me, I desire at least, my Lord, and determine, to visit Thee often, in order to adore Thee as I now adore Thee, and this in compensation for the insults which Thou receivest in this most divine mystery. Accept, O Eternal Father, this scanty honor, which I, the most miserable of men, now offer Thee in reparation of the outrages offered to Thy Son in the Most Holy Sacrament; accept it in union with that infinite honor which Jesus Christ gave Thee on the cross, and which he daily gives Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament. O my Sacramental Jesus, would that I could fill all men with love for the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Ejaculation. O amiable Jesus, make Thyself known, make Thyself loved!

24/7 Eucharistic Adoration Sign-Up

We are 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: AVEMARIA 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

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 adorer

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

Children Needed for Christmas Eve Mass

The 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve will be a Children's Mass. Children are needed to re-enact the following Gospel stories:

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- Joseph's Dream
- The Nativity
- The Angels and Shepherds
- The Three Kings



There will be two rehearsals (participants need to attend both rehearsals) for this Mass: Monday, **December 16** and Monday, **December 23** at 4:30 p.m. in the Church.

Three readers will be needed. Children who will be re-enacting the Gospel will not have speaking parts.

Any child who would like to participate in the Children's Christmas Mass is asked to sign the roster at the Parking Lot Entrance to the Church.

Advent Penance Service

There will not be morning Confessions on Saturday, **December 14** because of the first Advent Penance Service at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Eucharist.

There will be afternoon Confessions at SML. *The second Advent Penance Service is on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc.*

Second Sunday of Advent Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. David Santaspirit /
Deacon Ken & Michelle Motylinski
- 9:00 a.m. Kristine Hackney /
Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
- 10:30 a.m. Vincent McGovern / The Haines Family
- 12:00 p.m. Our Parishioners
- 6:00 p.m. Deceased Knights of Columbus Council 6520

Monday, December 9

- 7:15 a.m. William F. Thorton / Jacquelyn M. Pensabene
- 9:00 a.m. Richard Inacker / His wife Theresa

Tuesday, December 10

- 7:15 a.m. Thomas M. Brown / The Iula Family
- 9:00 a.m. Frances McQuillan / Kathy Barolin
Gail Mickelson / Brenda Wardle

Wednesday, December 11

- 7:15 a.m. Gail Mickelson / Carol Wagner
- 9:00 a.m. Mark Coffey / Jim & Marian Incognito

Thursday, December 12

- 7:15 a.m. Peggy Gaskil / Rita Wallace & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Frances McQuillan /
Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS

Friday, December 13

- 7:15 a.m. Catherine Capocci / Mr. & Mrs. Ken Duffy
- 9:00 a.m. Charles Bartzfield / The Schroeder Family

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. Michael Buonocore / Kyle & Caitlin Brandt
John R. Lesniak / Hannah & Sean Lesniak
- 5:30 p.m. Ronald Maver / Jim & Kathleen Meehan

Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. Frances McQuillan / Harry R. Murphy Jr.
- 10:30 a.m. Robert Breitzman / The Haines Family
- 12:00 p.m. Jack O'Brien / His Family
- 6:00 p.m. Richard C. Goos / Tricia Goos & Family



Wedding Bann
Dan Barth and Janine Papasso
Second Announcement

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:
**Marie Guldin; Zachary and Gabrielle Wilkolaski & Nora
and Wesley; Tracie-Jo Crowthers and
Thomas Jereb & Mason Jereb !**

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: Frank Acchione, Michelle Allen, Connie & Joseph Aromando, Marty Ball, Keith Bodendorf, Tom Breese Ciaccio, Michael Bryan, Ryan Clark, Sherri Colan, Concepcion Collazo, Barbara Comfort, John Day, David J. DiLullo, Tracey Dougherty, Theresa R. Dumas, Mary Eisenhower, Jim Endahl, Robert Fascia, Tony Femiano, George Fina, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Louis Giansante, Ana L. Gonzalez, Nicholas Grasso, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Dave Koch, Louis Kramer, Ellen Kretzu, Kathy Kuchova, Gail LaBarber, Marlene Lattanzi, Gregory Law, Joanne Lecate, Peggy Luciani, Rosemarie Lyczak, Milvia Maceira, Juan Mallgui Moya, Mark McFadden, Maria Minadeo, Ignacio J. Molina-Guillermety, Carol and Steve Newman, Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, Bill Quigley, Kelsie Quinn, Cynthia G. Quinones, Norma Evelyn Ramos-Collazo, Sue Rebel, Ted Rich, Garry Roettger, Richard SM, Anna Romano, Patricia Roskey, Dianne Stippick, Leoncia Sullivan, Mary Ann Sullivan, Jake Ulrich, Paul V., James Vega, Elizabeth Wakefield, Grace Wakefield, Ryan, 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; 1st Sgt Vincent Roettger, USA; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF.

Offertory Collections for Sunday, November 24, 2019

Donations In Cash	\$2,180
Donations In Envelopes	\$28,026
Total Collection November 24, 2019	\$30,206
Total Collection November 25, 2018	\$26,767
Total Collection November 26, 2017	\$30,651
Second Collection - Human Development	\$3,615
St. Vincent de Paul	\$148

Offertory Collections for Sunday, December 1, 2019

Donations In Cash	\$3,158
Donations In Envelopes	\$29,622
Total Collection December 1, 2019	\$32,780
Total Collection December 2, 2018	\$26,390
Total Collection December 3, 2017	\$30,913
Second Collection—Christmas Flowers	\$3,408
Parish Giving for November	\$23,572
St. Vincent de Paul	\$49

**Second Collection
on Christmas
For MLK Day of Service**

There will be a second collection on Christmas for the Martin Luther

King Third Annual Day of Service event at the school hosted by our Y.E.S. ministry. Last year, over **200 parishioners** gathered on the National Day of Service to make over **2,000 bagged lunch meals**, which were distributed to area social service agencies such as Cathedral Kitchen, Joseph House, Christian Caring Center, St. John's Hospice, New Jerusalem and Oaks Integrated.

Checks should be made payable to St. Mary of the Lakes Church - with Y.E.S. in the memo line.



**ANNUAL MARCH for
LIFE
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24,
2020**



All are welcome to join five area parishes, as we march to demonstrate our commitment for LIFE. Buses will depart from the St. Mary of the Lakes parking lot after the 7:15 a.m. Mass. The cost for adults is \$20 and for students \$15. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have parental permission. For those unable to walk in the march, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Sandwiches from Murphy's in Medford will be provided for the ride home. Your choice of Roast Beef, Turkey or Veggie. Please bring a bag lunch for the ride down. We will make only a brief stop at either the Maryland or Chesapeake House rest stop.

**For more information or to reserve your seat
please contact: Gene Kotowski 609-238-6807 /
eugenekotowski@aol.com**



**Now Is The Time !
Stand up for LIFE from
CONCEPTION to
NATURAL DEATH !**

Some people argue that faith has no place in politics. However, some of the most important movements in our history – the abolitionist movement, the civil rights

movement – were born as religious movements. Defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from conception until natural death is at the top of our Catholic morals convictions. It is time that Catholics shine a bright line of separation between themselves and all the politicians who defend the abortion rights regime of Roe v. Wade.

*Prayers, sacrifices, awareness, and example
are needed on a daily basis.*

**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!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, December 10** at 10:30 a.m. in the School's Parish Meeting Room. **Any questions call Rosemary Peters at (856) 574-4098.**



Join the Littlest Disciples

Date: Friday, December 13

Time: 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Place: St. Mary of Lakes Church

Program: Children will participate in service projects benefiting children and families in need.

And have s'more fun by the bonfire pit! Please bring one household paper product or pre-school book to support the works of the Daughters of Charity of the Most Precious Blood.

RSVP to Laura Roettger,
lea82@yahoo.com



*Once in our world, a stable had something
in it that was bigger than our whole world*

B.H. Lewis



Lending Library

There are some new items at the Lending Library! Just some of the great new books include Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait by Fr. Leo Maasburg, Walking with Purpose by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, and The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly.

The Lending Library also has a large selection of talks on CD and DVDs. Please take some time before or after mass to take a look! The Lending Library is located at the Jackson Road entrance of the church.



**Blessed are the flexible ...
for they shall not
be bent out of shape.**

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

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Attributed to Pope Clement XI (1700-1721)

who, among other things, decreed the Feast of the Immaculate Conception be a holy day of obligation.

Lord, I believe in you: increase my faith.

I trust in you: strengthen my trust.

I love you: let me love you more and more.

I am sorry for my sins: deepen my sorrow.

I worship you as my first beginning, I long for you as my last end, I praise you as my constant helper, And call on you as my loving protector. Guide me by your wisdom, Correct me with your justice, Comfort me with your mercy,

Protect me with your power.

I offer you, Lord, my thoughts: to be fixed on you;

My words: to have you for their theme;

My actions: to reflect my love for you;

My sufferings: to be endured for your greater glory.

I want to do what you ask of me: In the way you ask, For as long as you ask, Because you ask it. Lord, enlighten my understanding, Strengthen my will, Purify my heart, and make me holy. Help me to repent of my past sins And to resist temptation in the future. Help me to rise above my human weaknesses And to grow stronger as a Christian.

Let me love you, my Lord and my God, And see myself as I really am: A pilgrim in this world, A Christian called to respect and love All whose lives I touch, Those under my authority, My friends and my enemies.

Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, Greed by generosity, Apathy by fervor. Help me to forget myself And reach out toward others. Make me prudent in planning, Courageous in taking risks.

Make me patient in suffering, unassuming in prosperity.

Keep me, Lord, attentive at prayer, Temperate in food and drink, Diligent in my work, Firm in my good intentions. Let my conscience be clear, My conduct without fault, My speech blameless, My life well-ordered.

Put me on guard against my human weaknesses. Let me cherish your love for me, Keep your law, And come at last to your salvation. Teach me to realize that

this world is passing, That my true future is the happiness of heaven,

That life on earth is short, And the life to come eternal.

Help me to prepare for death with a proper fear of judgment, but a greater trust in your goodness. Lead me safely through death to the endless joy of heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concert for Life

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6520
To benefit The Helpers of Gods Precious Infants of NJ
"Building a Culture of Life and Family "
A Night on Broadway

Join us for an evening of entertainment while supporting an organization devoted to helping women in crisis. Helpers offers a comprehensive program of mentoring, educating, and providing social services, housing, job placement, and prayer for their clients.

- When: **January 25, 2020**
- Where: St. Mary of the Lakes Church
- Time: There will be a buffet dinner in the Emmaus Center immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass [limited to the first 100 people]. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Church and is open to the entire parish.

Cost: \$35.00 Concert and Buffet / \$25.00 Concert only
For information call Al DiFrancesco 609-839-2991



Taize Prayer Service Rescheduled

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the material preparation the season. Come to our: Advent Taize Prayer Service, Monday, **December 16**, at 7:00 p.m. in the SMLS Chapel (196 Route 70).

Taize prayer was founded in Taize, France by a group of consecrated men and is based on meditation and chants made up of a few words, repeated again and again, making possible a prayer that is meditative and accessible to everyone who takes part.

Bring your friends and family and join Sr. Judy and Sr. Regina as they lead us in prayer to reorient our Christmas preparations to include the peace our minds and hearts need as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

The Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra

The Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra, which includes members of Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish in Gibbsboro, will sing at "The Joy of Christmas" at the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall in Philadelphia on Friday, **December 13**. Tickets are now available for the Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra's "The Joy of Christmas" by visiting www.kimmelcenter.org or calling 215-893-1999.

St. Mary of the Lakes

Christmas Choir Festival

Sunday, December 15

3:30 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Lakes Adult Choir
St. Mary of the Lakes Children's Choir
St. Mary of the Lakes Youth Choir

The Christmas Tree
Lighting Ceremony is at
4:45 p.m.
(immediately after the
Christmas Choir Festival)
outside the Church.



School Choir Thanksgiving Mass



**Congratulations to our SMLS
Students of the Month for November !**



These outstanding students are recognized for exceptionally demonstrating the character pillar of "Fairness."

We look forward to our pizza party celebration in February for the Students of the Month from October to January.

Substitute Teachers Needed

St. Mary of the Lakes School is looking for substitute teachers and substitute assistants. Interested applicants should send their resume to info@smlschool.org

**ST MARY OF THE LAKES
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
196 ROUTE 70 MEDFORD, NJ
DECEMBER 7TH, 9AM - 3PM**

**Come on out and get your shopping done with 50+ vendors!
There will be a 50/50 and basket raffles,
games, food & pictures with SANTA!!
Featuring a variety of vendors for your holiday shopping**

Vendors attending:

- NL Harty Art and Design
- Ray Watson Handmade Birdhouses
- Whimsea
- Grazing Goat
- Rise Chiropractic
- One Bead At A Time
- LuxyBow
- Jules Gemz Custom Quenchers
- Pinelands Garden Club of Medford
- Auntie M's Creations
- Mohawk Trail Candles
- McPaul Bead Scones
- Mel's Hands
- Paparazzi
- Arbonne
- Pampered Chef
- Gull Cove Soaps LLC
- Thirty-One
- Lilla Rose
- LuLaRoe
- Color Street
- Young Living
- Tastefully Simple
- Scentsy
- Pine Cone Flames
- Mary Kay
- KG Bees
- More to Come

Interested in being a vendor at the Christmas Bazaar?
Contact julietterrell@comcast.net or
carmazur3@gmail.com

Grocery Cards for Your Holiday Food Shopping

Don't forget to purchase your ShopRite, Murphy's and ACME Grocery Cards through the Parish or School Office for all your holiday food shopping or gift giving!

Purchase Gift Cards and Support St. Mary of the Lakes
St. Mary of the Lakes PTA is now offering online gift cards for all your holiday giving! Purchase your gift cards today and a portion of your purchase supports our school!

Visit www.smlschool.org for further details and to purchase your online gift cards today!



Charleston Wrap Extended to December 9

Shop Charleston Wrap online for over 1,500 items and support St. Mary of the Lakes School PTA.

Including premium foods, home decor, kitchen linens, over 200 exclusive gift wrap designs & more!

To shop the Online Charleston Wrap Store visit www.smlschool.org/charleston-wrap.

Thank you for your support!

Looking for the Perfect Christmas Gift for ...
Your Children ... Grandchildren ... Friends or Neighbors

We have it for you!

St. Mary of the Lakes 2020 Carnival Christmas Gift Packs



A Gift Pack of 4, Ride All Night wristbands and a \$25 food voucher (a \$145 value) all for only \$100 !
Limited Quantities Available

The 2020 Saint Mary of the Lakes Carnival June 23 to June 27, 2020

The wristband vouchers can be redeemed on any one night, along with the \$25 food voucher.

Purchasers will receive a certificate to present as the gift in lieu of tickets and voucher which are not available until the Carnival opens. The certificate is redeemable upon presentation at the 3rd annual St. Mary of the Lakes Carnival, June 23-27, 2020.

Order online through the link on the parish website: www.smlparish.org

Please feel free to contact Maria King with any questions: mking@eventcrazy.com or 609-313-7982

New Nativity Set in Church



The Nativity Set that has graced our main altar at Christmas has served us well, but it had seen its day. One of the kings had a hole in his sleeve. Another king had a peg leg made of a roll of wrapping paper cardboard. Mary and Joseph had spider veins. The donkey needed a new . . . You get the point. After Christmas, a new Nativity set was purchased. The figures purchased (Holy Family, Gloria Angel, Shepherd, Three Wise Men, Ox and Donkey, and Sheep) are in the photo (above). Anyone interested in memorializing the Nativity Set is asked to contact Father Dan at father_dan@smlparish.org.

The cost will be \$18,000.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

Poland & Prague

APRIL 29 - MAY 8, 2020



Join the Diocese of Trenton on
this beautiful 10-day pilgrimage and
celebrate 100 years since the birth of St. John Paul II!

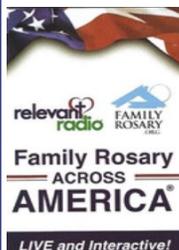
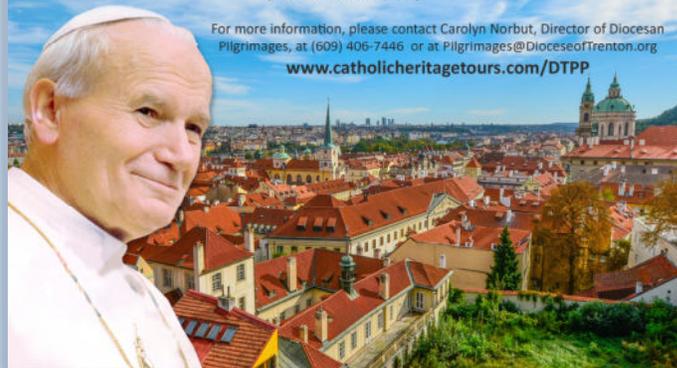
Join Fr. Marian Kokorzycki and visit Krakow, Czestochowa, Niepokalanow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Prague, and much more! Walk in the footsteps of Pope St. John Paul II as you visit the places where he lived and prayed. Also, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy where Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina, pray before the miraculous image of the Black Madonna, place your petitions before the Holy Infant of Prague, and render homage to St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Wenceslas, and more. Benefit from the companionship of fellow travelers, enjoy the safety and ease of group travel, and celebrate daily Mass with priests of the Diocese!

Pilgrimage Price: \$3,300 pp in double occupancy

Includes roundtrip air from Newark (EWR), first-class accommodations, most meals, private motor-coach transportation, and professional guided sightseeing. Land-only: \$2,505 pp. Space is limited. Call today!

For more information, please contact Carolyn Norbut, Director of Diocesan Pilgrimages, at (609) 406-7446 or at Pilgrimages@DioceseofTrenton.org

www.catholicheritagetours.com/DTTP



Advent is here, time for new traditions. The family rosary is a beautiful way to share some family time...
8 p.m. is the perfect time to gather together as a family and start a wonderful tradition...

Relevant Radio—640 AM

YES MINISTRY WELCOMES YOU TO THE

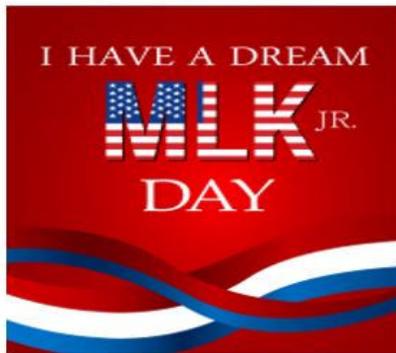
4th Annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Meals Marathon**

National Day of Service Event

Monday January 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. – Noon

SML SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Please join our YES Ministry as we unite as a parish family to make bagged lunches for area shelters and soup kitchens.

Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4babad29aafe3-mlknational> or contact yes@smlparish.org to find out how you can help those in need in our community and beyond!

Upcoming YES Events

Contact yes@smlparish.org to Volunteer

- Dec 15: Help Ladies AUX/KOC with Ornaments at Tree Lighting 5:00 pm (EC)
- Dec 22: There is no meeting— No meeting again until January 5 at 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center



YES
Bake Sale



YES at National Catholic Youth Conference at Indianapolis



BURLINGTON COUNTY DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The Burlington County Diocesan Respect Life Committee was founded in 2016 by the Trenton Diocese to foster the growth of Respect Life in parishes of Burlington County. We work through the parishes and are in sync with the efforts of the Respect Life leadership of our diocese. Each of the 19 parishes selects a parish representative to lead the effort in their church.

One asset available to our county is the NJ Catholic Bishops web site at www.njcatholic.org. The seven bishops of N.J. meet regularly and make joint pronouncements, many which are published on their web site. N.J. has recently announced new legislation which joins the healthcare bill (A5508/S3804), which would expand insurance coverage for abortion inducing drugs and eliminate the religious employers' exemption contained in New Jersey public law. The N.J. bishop's web site www.njcatholic.org provides a good summary of the proposed laws and the effects on our lives. As a N.J. Catholic citizen, you have the right and duty to let your elected officials know when your long-held Catholic beliefs differ from proposed state laws. Thank you for your action.

THE SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO SIMBANG GABI COMMITTEE

Presents

SIMBANG GABI 2019



“Simbang Gabi” or Mass at Night is a Filipino faith tradition. It is a nine-day novena of praise, songs, meditation and worship in commemoration and anticipation of the birth of our savior **Jesus Christ.**

This year, the Committee and our Pastor Father Dan Kirk have decided to bring and share this faith tradition with other Churches in the Burlington County areas. The idea is to start the first Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church on **Dec. 7** and rotate the other novena Masses with the neighboring Parishes starting Sunday **Dec. 8 to Dec.14**. The concluding grand Celebration Mass and “Barrio Fiesta” party will be celebrated on **Sunday, Dec. 15, 5:00 PM** at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. All are welcomed including the participating Parishes in the rotation.

*Mass at St. Mary of the Lakes will be
Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FR. DAN KIRK 856-829-3322

FR. ROY BALLACILLO 609-654-8208

MALIGAYANG PASKO SA INYONG LAHAT!!!
PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!!!



Knights of Columbus

Christmas Trees Decoration and Lighting Ceremony

Another Decorating Day will be available on **December 14** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the Knights of Columbus will be at the Church to assist people in finding their tree location or answer any questions. There will be site maps located in the front and Jackson Road Entrance. The tree lighting ceremony is **Sunday, December 15**, at 4:45 p.m. (*immediately after the Christmas Choir Festival*). Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, too.



Questions, call Bill Scheffold at 856-912-1301.

Vivat Jesus!

Mission of Honor Program

On behalf of the N.J. Mission of Honor Program and American Veterans and KofC Council 6520, we are extremely grateful to the parishioners of St Mary of the Lakes for their amazing support. The Veterans Day second collection brought in \$8,400 to support the honorable interment of orphaned and abandoned remains of American Veterans.



Pictured is the check presentation by Fr. Dan, Mickey Zawacki, PGK of KofC Council 6520 and Jerry Skorch, Vice-Chairman & State Chaplain of the N.J. Mission of Honor Program.

Flower and Sign Sales Benefit Knights Charitable Activities

The Knights of Columbus will be selling flowers and "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs and magnets at all Masses on **December 14 and 15**.

Poinsettias will be available for just \$5.00 each. And for only \$5.00 each for your car and yard, you can remind those around you of the true reason to celebrate the Christmas season.

All proceeds benefit the numerous charitable activities of the Knights. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Blanket and Coat Drive for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

The Knights of Columbus are collecting new or gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and new, dark colored socks. XXL and XXXL coat sizes, waterproof clothing and blankets are especially needed. You can place items in the bins at the Jackson Road/Patio entrances of the church before **December 16**. The Knights will take the donations to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen and give them to adults and children on **December 21**.

S.M.A.R.T.

Desserts and Volunteers Needed for Trenton Soup Kitchen – Saturday, December 21

St. Mary of the Lakes will be preparing and serving Christmas Dinner for 450 guests at St Mary's Cathedral Diocesan Soup Kitchen at 151 N. Warren St. in Trenton.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend. Please be at the Trenton Soup Kitchen at 11:15 a.m. If you are unable to attend, we have a Dessert Drop off on Friday, December 20, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Emmaus Center. Please bring your favorite cookies, brownies, or other finger foods.

Cookies are the Favorites!

Directions to the Soup Kitchen are available at the Emmaus Center during the Dessert Drop-Off. For those who plan to attend, there also will be a 7:15 a.m. Mass celebrated at St. Mary of the Lakes Church on December 21 prior to our departure to Trenton. This is an annual tradition for St. Mary of the Lakes Parish and an excellent opportunity for Community Service hours.

Come celebrate the Christmas Spirit

Please contact Barbara or Rick Gillespie at 856-985-8330 with Cookie drop off questions, or Tom Plantulli 609-654-0958 with Trenton Soup Kitchen input.

The sign-up link for the SMART luncheon:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BABAD29AAFE3-smart3>

Make a Fleece Blanket for the Homeless

Please join the SML Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, **December 14**, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the SML School as we make fleece blankets for the homeless who will be served Christmas Dinner at the St. Mary's Cathedral Diocesan Soup Kitchen. No sewing experience is needed. Materials and instructions will be provided. This event is open to everyone in the parish. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544abac2aa2fd0-smlfleece> so we know how many volunteers we can expect that day.

St. Vincent de Paul



Items needed for SVDP food pantry

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about. By donating food to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you can help prepare the way of the Lord and make the real meaning of Christmas come alive to those in need. Please take a shopping bag at the church exits. Fill it with some of the items listed below and bring it to Mass *next weekend*.

This month the food pantry is in special need of spaghetti sauce (jars and cans), canned fruit, pasta, canned vegetables, cereal, meals in a can (e.g., SpaghettiOs), apple juice (half gallon), jelly, boxed potatoes, tuna fish, boxed juices and snacks (for school aged children).

SVdP Advent Giving Trees

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

During Advent we are called to wait in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to bless our lives. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to make a tax-deductible donation to help children in need in our area celebrate God's love this Christmas.

The trees near the altar have envelopes with suggested donations from \$5 - \$50 based on the number of children in a family. Put your check in the envelope (made payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul), seal it, and place it in the collection or in the gray box marked St. Vincent's. You also can drop off the envelope at the Caring Center on Jones Road or mail it to SVDP at PO Box 1131, Medford, NJ 08055 by **December 23**.

You also have the option of taking a decoration from the tree at the Jackson Road entrance and purchasing the item written on it. Please place your unwrapped gift under that tree by December 8.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and God bless you for your continued support. Rest assured that St. Vincent's all-volunteer staff practices wise stewardship of donations.

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

Oplatek,

The Christmas Wafer

Christmas Wafers are available at the doors of the Church for as long as supply lasts for those who participate in the Polish, Solvastian and Lituianian custom.



Parish Office Snow Closing Policy



The Parish Office snow closings follow the school. If school is closed, the parish office is closed. If school has a delayed opening, the parish office has a delayed opening.

When the Governor declares a state of emergency, SML always follows his directive and the parish office and school are closed, and Masses/confession are cancelled.

Otherwise, Father Dan will decide if Masses/confession are cancelled based on the condition of the parking lot and sidewalks.

Father's decision will be noted in the greeting when you call the parish office as well as posted on the parish website.



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
84 Walnford Road
• Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 /www.FHOP.org

THE CHALLENGES & BLESSINGS OF WAITING Monday, December 16 / 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m

Advent is a time to reflect on what it means to wait—for God to appear in our lives in a new way, for our lives to unfold on many levels. In today's world of constant motion, waiting for what is to come has become more difficult than ever! Spend the day looking at the many levels of "waiting" in our lives, and see how God wishes to accompany us in that space of "not yet." Donation: \$25.

To register call 609-877-0509



SVdP accepting gifts at SMLS Jesse Tree

Community Sunday Open House



Advent Vespers (Evening Prayer)

December 10 and 17

Daily Mass Chapel in the Church

Join deacon candidate, Tom McDonald, for Vespers this Advent season on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the daily Mass chapel in the church on Jackson Road. Vespers, or Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. The Liturgy of the Hours fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" by sanctifying hours of the day through prayers of praise and petitions for the world. The prayer takes approximately 25 minutes. Handouts with the prayers of the day will be provided. Vespers is a wonderful way to give thanks to God for the day and offer up the work of the day as a sacrifice

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, December 8

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / CRW
- Breakfast With Santa / After 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses / EC
- YES Christmas Caroling / 5 p.m. / EC
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR

Monday, December 9

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group Meeting / 6 a.m. / JRE
- Children's Choir Practice / 5 p.m. / Church
- Youth Choir Practice / 6 p.m. / Church

Tuesday, December 10

- Bereavement Group / 10 a.m. / CRW
- Prayer Shawl Ministry / 10:30 a.m. / EC
- Sisters of St. Joseph Meeting / 6:15 p.m. / EC
- Advent Vespers / 7 p.m. / Church

Wednesday, December 11

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / CRW
- Cantor Rehearsal / 6 p.m. / Church
- Carnival Committee Meeting / 6 p.m. / PMR
- The Bible Timeline / 6:30 p.m. / PMR
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7 p.m. / Church

Thursday, December 12

- Thursday Prayer and Bible Study / 10 a.m. / CRW
- KofC Social / 6 p.m. / EC
- Cub Scout Meeting Pack 108 / 6:30 p.m. / SA

Friday, December 13

- Bears Den / 6:30 p.m. / EC
- Littlest Disciples Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Church

Saturday, December 14

- KofC Ladies Auxiliary Make A Blanket / 9 a.m. / SA
- Baptism Prep / 10 a.m. / CRW
- Penance Service / 10 a.m. / Holy Eucharist
- Filipino Community Simbang Gabi / 7 p.m. / Church

Sunday, December 15

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / EC
- Christmas Concert / 3:30 p.m. / Church
- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony / 4:45 p.m. / Church
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / PMR

SML Room Abbreviations

- CRL = Conference Room Left
- CRR = Conference Room Right
- CRW = Conference Room Whole
- EC- Emmaus Center
- JRE = Jackson Rd. Entrance in Church
- PCR = Prep Conference Room
- PMR = Parish Meeting Room
- SA = School Auditorium
- SC = School Chapel