



November 22, 2020



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: www.smlparish.org

Parish Email Address: Frontdesk@smlparish.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday at 7:15 a.m. and
Monday through Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.,

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*), 10:30 a.m. and noon

CLERGY AND STAFF

Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor, father_dan@smlparish.org

Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, rballacillo@smlparish.org

Deacon Ken Motylinski

Deacon Rich Lutomski

Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator

Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate

Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Maria Sobel, School Principal

Mary Pat Scordato, Director of Religious Education

Kevin Callahan, Minister of Evangelization and Marketing

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	(609 Area Code)
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 in the parish office and on our website at www.smlparish.org. Click on contact us/registration.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard in the altar server sacristy on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the parish office anytime or speak to one of the priests after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptisms may be scheduled at any time on any day, provided one of the clergy is available at the time you are requesting. Please call the parish office 609/654-8208, x110 as early as possible to make the 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 The Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 to one Adorer at a time.

MINISTERIAL VISITS The Sacraments are available to anyone confined to home or institution. Please contact the parish office if you know anyone who is unable to get to church.

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

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Increasing the Size of Your Cross by Furthering Your Faith

The Size of Your Cross

There are three dimensions to Christian spirituality, and these three dimensions are symbolized in the cross.

The vertical dimension of Christian spirituality, symbolized by the vertical beam of the cross, represents the relationship we have between yourself and God “above.” It’s the above part is why we call it “vertical,” even though God is in others and inside ourselves as well. People with a high vertical spirituality carry a tall cross, and invest most of their spiritual effort on improving or maintaining their relationship with God by praying regularly, going to Mass, learning more about God, and/or participating in religious events, rituals and traditions.

The horizontal dimension of Christian spirituality, symbolized by the horizontal beam of the cross, represents the way your faith motivates you to treat other people. People with a high horizontal spirituality carry a wide cross, and are always recognizing others in need, helping out, treating people with respect and kindness, and sticking up for the underdog. They actively form a strong moral conscience about what’s right and what’s wrong, what’s noble and true.

The internal dimension of spirituality represents the way your faith helps you deal with the stuff inside. People with a high internal spirituality invest most of their spiritual effort in coping with emotional issues, past hurts, and life’s ups and downs. People with a strong internal dimension often have hope even when things don’t go well. They don’t give up easily, and they calm down more quickly when they get frustrated or angry.

To begin this process, take the following self-assessment survey. On a scale of 1-5, indicate how true each of these statements is for you. 1 equals “not true”; 5 “very true”. (Note: not everything is supposed to be “very true” for you. Answer honestly so you can get a true picture of your spirituality.)

- _____ 1. The most important thing about my faith is keeping close to God.
- _____ 2. The most important thing about my faith is being a good person.
- _____ 3. The most important thing about my faith is that it helps me cope with life’s ups and downs.
- _____ 4. My faith motivates me to serve others.
- _____ 5. My faith brings me a lot of inner peace.
- _____ 6. I pray a lot, and prayer helps me feel closer to God.
- _____ 7. My faith helps me feel better when I am sad.
- _____ 8. Because of my faith, I try hard to be straight with people.
- _____ 9. For me, going to church is an important way to stay close to God.
- _____ 10. God and I are close.
- _____ 11. My faith guides my decisions about what’s right and wrong.
- _____ 12. My faith helps me stay hopeful.
- _____ 13. Because of my faith, I pay attention to when others need help.
- _____ 14. My faith helps me heal from emotional hurts.
- _____ 15. Nothing is more important to me than my friendship with God.
- _____ 16. My faith brings me a lot of happiness.
- _____ 17. I have a strong relationship with Jesus as my friend and savior.
- _____ 18. Living in a loving way is the most important thing about my faith.
- _____ 19. Because of my faith, I believe it is wrong to tell racist or dirty jokes.
- _____ 20. My faith helps me deal with my anger.
- _____ 21. I am always interested in learning more about God.

Score Profile (Vertical, Horizontal, Internal)

Vertical: Add up the numbers you gave for statements #1, #6, #9, #10, #15, #17, #21. Your vertical score is _____.

Horizontal: Add up the numbers you gave for statements #2, #4, #8, #11, #13, #18, #19. Your horizontal score is _____.

Internal: Add up the numbers you gave for statements #3, #5, #7, #12, #14, #16, #20. Your internal score is _____.

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 22

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Anne Gehin /
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
 10:30 a.m. Stephen Porter / Linda Xerri
 12:00 p.m. Edward LeSage / The King Family
 James P. Stewart /
 His wife Debbie & children Holly, Matthew,
 Ryan & Jimmy

Monday, November 23

7:15 a.m. Louis Reen / Ava Meakim
 Christine (*living*) / Apna
 9:00 a.m. Betty Lou Corbo / Joyce Frenia
 Arthur Schuller / Maureen Schuller

Tuesday, November 24

7:15 a.m. Ephraim Block / Claire Basara & Family
 9:00 a.m. Bernice Pasquarello /
 Her Husband and Daughter
 Mary Ann Phillips (*living*) / Joseph Naccarato

Wednesday, November 25

7:15 a.m. Joseph DiStasi / The DiStasi Family
 9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary for All Souls /
 Suzanne O'Connor

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Peter & Sadie Corigliano / Tina Marie
 Thomas P. Griffen / The Xerri Family

Saturday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Dee Campbell /
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
 Warren Patrick Scheffer /
 Patrick, Melanie & Carolyn

5:30 p.m. Anne Bokeko / Helen Saylor

Sunday, November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Anne Gehin / Bob & Tina Brandt
 10:30 a.m. Vilma Zion / Mr. & Mrs. Louis DiVentura
 12:00 p.m. Stephen Porter / The SML Class of 2021
 Domenick S. Fortino / Mr. & Mrs. Malgier and
 Family

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:
 Bret and Stephanie Goodman & their children
 Katherine and Benjamin;
 Damon and Melanie Kopala & their children
 Jayciella, Jacob, Nathaniel,
 Eloise and Gabriel !

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, Connie Aromando, Marty Ball, Keith



Bodendorf, Ann Bober, John Boyd, Michael Bryan, Sherri Colan, Dave Clor, David J. DiLullo, Sandra DiMaio, Theresa R. Dumas, Jim Endahl, Joseph Finizio, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Joyce Frenia, Louis Giansante, Baby Emily Hereghty, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Jim Kester, Lee Knecht, Louis Kramer, Gail LaBarber, Gregory Law, Bob Lender, Rosemarie Lyczak, Joe Meile, Maria Minadeo, Richard Moken, Carol and Steve Newman, Joseph Nguyen, Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, Marilyn Peoples, Garrett Pittman, Rose Piontkowski, Bill Quigley, James Quigley, IV, Sue Rebel, Joel Rivera, Christine Rock, Garry Roettger, Richard SM, Joseph Stern, Jr., Dianne Stippick, Leoncia Sullivan, Mary Ann Sullivan, Anna Mae Wade, Thomas Walsh, Hudson Edward Wingate, Ava Zachery, Madeline.



1st LT Christian Aguilar, USA; 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; Cpl 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; Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Pinto; 1st LT Victor Prato, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF.

Offertory Collections for Sunday, November 15, 2020

Donations in Cash	\$1,421
Donations in Envelopes	\$24,692
Total Collection November 15, 2020	\$26,113
Second Collection-SVdP	\$4,661
Total Collection November 17, 2019	\$27,255
Total Collection November 18, 2018	\$26,167

Daily Mass Schedule Updates

There will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass only on both Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, and on Friday, November 27.

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is 24/7.
 The Adoration Chapel is open
 to one Adorer at a time.

Welcome Newly Baptized



Gabriel
Joseph
Kopala



Charlotte
Malone



Graefe
William
Jones



William
Frederick
Macey

Confessions

Confessions are heard in the altar server sacristy on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
If a line forms, please stand six feet apart. When making your confession, please stand by the barrier,
which is positioned six feet from Father Roy or Father Dan.

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. and noon.

Everyone must wear a mask.

The Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass

is simulcasted at

www.smlparish.org



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Monday-Friday at 7:15 a.m.

and

Monday-Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone must

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The daily 9:00 a.m. Mass is

simulcasted at

www.smlparish.org

Church Study

Father Dan will continue to offer an online Intergenerational Church Study on the second Wednesday of each month with the next class **December 9** from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Due to the recent executive order, attending virtually is the only option for those interested.
A link will be posted on the website each month to attend virtually.

For the 12/9 Church Study, click on the link or copy and paste the link: <https://tinyurl.com/y23bz8ew>
Meeting number (access code): 126 176 4132
Meeting password: Francis

This course was inspired by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, who wrote, "I don't hear a lot of people today having trouble with God and I don't really hear a lot of people having trouble with Jesus. I hear everybody having trouble with the Church. In some way, we've got to reclaim the identity of Christ in His Church."

To that end, the course was written using Fulton Sheen's *The Mystical Body of Christ*.



RCIA Rites of Acceptance and Welcome

This Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Mass, St. Mary of the Lakes publicly will welcome fourteen men and women who have expressed a desire to be baptized in the Catholic faith or to become full members of the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please welcome:

Dominic Amilcare
Christopher Cassai
Maria Carlson
Gabriella Crepezzi
Julianne Crepezzi
Lorenzo DiVentura
Kristin Dougherty
Thomas Dougherty
Kelly Ferguson
Bret Goodman
Jordan Mulligan
Stacey Ross
Ryann Sheehan
Ryan Valashinas

We ask you to pray for all our catechumen and candidates as they prepare for full communion in the Catholic Church and join the RCIA team in instructing them by the example of your own faith-filled living.

Congratulations to all those who were baptized at St. Mary of the Lakes 50 years ago in November 1970.

Angela Castellino
Dolores DeLucia
Earl Thomas Ferguson III
Erik Robert Shenk
Jennifer Lynn Kryza
Joseph Edward Burdette Jr.
Michele Margaret Bowker
Trena Lynn Gramiak
Thomas Brendan Gramiak
Padrick Thomas McMenamin
Jeffrey Michael Padgett
Colleen Grungo
Karen Ann Kidder
Joshua Burton Nugent
Louis Damion Carrual
Jon Thomas Palombi

Congratulations to all those couples who were married at St. Mary of the Lakes 50 years ago in November 1970.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond J. Kidder

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FOR AN EVENT THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

REBOOT *with* CHRIS STEFANICK

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

To register, click on the link or copy and paste the link:

www.RealLifeCatholic.com

Casserole Collections

Those who wish to donate must follow the suggested guidelines from the CDC posted at www.smlparish.org along with our directive to not cook/deliver food if you or a member of your household are sick. Donated food must be frozen prior to delivery to the Emmaus Center.

The Emmaus Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for food collection.

Those entering must wear a mask. Please go directly to the Emmaus Center and place the frozen casserole in the LARGE WHITE CHEST FREEZER (below) which is located against the back wall of the Emmaus Center – closest to the backyard door. The freezer will be open – just lift up and place donation in the freezer.



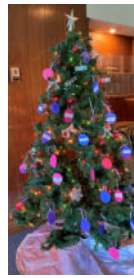
DO NOT PLACE ITEMS IN THE KITCHEN AREA FREEZER OR REFRIGERATOR.

There is no reason to stop in the Parish Office to tell us that you are dropping off food. The Office staff will check the freezer and monitor the donations daily.

For students who would like to earn community service hours, please contact Mrs. Xerri at ext. 111 for instructions on how to record your hours using the new Mobile Serve App.

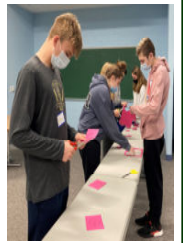
Rosary Prayer Groups

- Weekdays following morning Masses and after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday in the Church
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the Church



Advent Giving Tree

Although our tree will still be decorated with ornaments listing needed items, we are adding the list of items on both the parish www.smlparish.org and school www.smlschool.org websites for your safety and convenience.



All donations can be placed in the decorative box (right), which will be located next to the tree at the Jackson Road entrance.



Please do not place any purchased item under the tree this year!

Thank you for remembering those most in need in our community.

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

Questions contact yes@smlparish.org

REQUESTED ITEMS: Toiletries: men's and women's deodorant; body wash (15 oz) shampoo (15 oz), chapstick, lip gloss; purse size hand sanitizer; Large diapers size 5, 6 and up or Pull Ups

All donations will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



GIVING TUESDAY 2020

Giving Tuesday is a global day of charitable giving which follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The goal of Giving Tuesday is to foster community connection and generosity that allows you to bring about REAL CHANGE in your community. 100% of the monies raised through this campaign will go directly to the Catholic school that you specify in your donation.

ON GIVING TUESDAY, YOU CAN:

- ▶ MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE
- ▶ COMMIT TO VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AT A SCHOOL IN YOUR AREA
- ▶ SHARE A PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WITH US AND OTHERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



VISIT: www.LeadinFaith.org

TO LEARN MORE AND PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT!



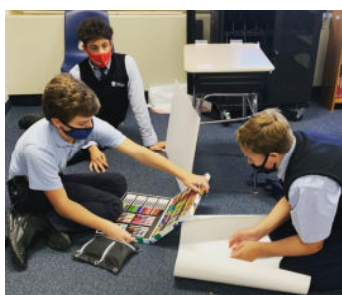
Pre K Service Project



7th Graders and 2nd Grade SMLS Buddies



8th Graders Working on Jesse Tree Posters



SMLS Employment Opportunities

Part Time Director of Advancement and Admissions

Reporting to the Principal, the Part Time Director of Advancement and Admissions, DAA, designs and implements a comprehensive, results-oriented development plan that includes annual fundraising, major and planned giving, campaigns and special events for St. Mary of the Lakes School. All responsibilities are to be in line with the Catholic mission of the Parish and School and candidate must be committed to promoting Catholic identity. The DAA reports directly to the Principal of St. Mary of the Lakes School with accountability to the Pastor. He/she is responsible for constituent relationships, managing data, engaging volunteers when needed and works collaboratively with the school and parish staff, and administrators.

The DAA should be a self-starter, entrepreneurial and creative while being an excellent and engaged team player. The candidate must have outstanding communication skills across a range of constituents.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume and salary requirements to: Maria Sobel, School Principal, at msobel@smlschool.org. Please include SML#2546 on the email subject line for your application to be considered. If interested, submit application (please click on the link or copy and paste the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y33veozb>
for employment application).

Full Time Language Arts Teacher

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School is seeking one full-time Language Arts teacher, grades 5-8 for the 2020-2021 school year. The successful candidate would serve as a 6th grade homeroom teacher responsible for teaching the core curriculum in Literature for grades 6th/7th. Also, the candidate is responsible for teaching religion in 6th grade. Candidates should have experience in teaching at the middle school level and be committed to a Catholic education. Minimum qualifications: NJ Teaching Certificate K-8th or Content Area Certification, knowledge of Google Classroom, fingerprinting/background check

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume and salary requirements to: Maria Sobel, School Principal, at msobel@smlschool.org. Please include SML#8208 on the email subject line for your application to be considered. Please click on the link or copy and paste the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y33veozb>
for employment application).

Reproductive Freedom Act Misnomer

The proposed New Jersey “Reproductive Freedom Act” (S3030 / A4848) is another legislative attempt to advance and expand the state’s “abortion agenda” in service to the widespread “culture of death” by eliminating the few remaining state regulations intended to protect the life and health of pregnant mothers. New Jersey already has some of the most permissive abortion legislation in the country. The “Reproductive Freedom Act,” if passed, would guarantee a woman’s right to an abortion anywhere in the State of New Jersey. That is the “freedom” it seeks to legislate.

Eleanor Roosevelt once wrote, “Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes great responsibility.” The freedom to deliberately terminate at will and with full legal protection the life of an unborn child in the womb brings with it a responsibility, an accountability, that is difficult to imagine, let alone justify.

The State of New Jersey has already legislated its disregard for human life from conception to natural death many times, last year approving the “Death with Dignity Act” to help accelerate the end of life. The current proposed legislation, under the guise of “reproductive freedom,” shifts that disregard to the earliest, most vulnerable stages of human life in the womb. How many such deaths has that “freedom” brought in the United States since Roe v. Wade? How many more deaths will this legislation bring about in New Jersey? With the freedom to terminate innocent human life in the womb, who bears responsibility? Whose life is next?

YES Making Bags for Joseph House Camden



The Immaculate Conception Rosary Tuesday, December 8, *after* the 9:00 a.m. Mass St. Mary of the Lakes Church

At the moment of her birth Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit, and yet again at the moment when the Angel Gabriel came to announce that she would be the Mother of the Savior. The Blessed Mother has always been part of God’s plan. On May 17, 1846, the bishops of the United States proclaimed **Mary**, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, the principal patroness of the United States of America. At this time in our nation’s history, when our religious liberty is being threatened, each of us has a responsibility to share in this special feast of the Immaculate Conception and to ask that we remain, “One Nation Under God.”

Plan to join the Legion of Mary in the 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary, hymns and prayers to Our lady of the Immaculate Conception

Join the Legion of Mary for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 12, *after* the 9:00 a.m. Mass

“Listen, put it into your heart, my youngest and dearest son, that the thing that frightens you, the thing that afflicts you, is nothing: do not let it disturb you? Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need something more? Let nothing else worry you or disturb you” - *These words spoken to Juan Diego by Our Lady of Guadalupe*



Let these words console you and bring you the same peace that was shared so long ago.
Join the Legion of Mary and Share in the Chaplet and prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe on this special feast day.

Knights of Columbus

Get Your Christmas Dedication Trees



The Knights of Columbus are still accepting reservations and donations for their annual Christmas Dedication Tree fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the Knights charitable activities and SML school.

You can memorialize or honor a loved one with a Christmas dedication tree that will line the church grounds. The Knights will adorn your tree with Christmas lights and a laminated card with your honoree's name. You have the option of placing personal decorations on the tree as well.

To reserve a tree, download the order form, please visit: www.medfordknights.org. Complete the form and deliver it to the parish office by Tuesday, **December 1**, with a check for \$150 made payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6520. Credit card and PayPal options are also available.

Mark your calendar for the tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, **December 6**.

If you have any questions, please call Bill Scheffold at 856-912-1301.

Checks Presented to Charitable Organizations

St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council hosted its 13th annual charity golf tournament at Medford Village Country Club, raising \$55,500 for 1st Way of Burlington County, Family Promise of Burlington County, and Medford's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Awarded Star Council

Knights of Columbus St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520 was awarded the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top honor for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of growing membership, promoting Knights of Columbus insurance benefits, sponsoring Catholic faith formation programs, and volunteering time through service-oriented activities.



New Third Degree Ceremony

This Sunday, **November 22**, the new 3rd degree ceremony will be held *after* the 12:00 noon Mass, with Father Roy presiding as Chaplain and it is open to the public. Parishioners and family are invited to stay and witness the event.

Put Your Faith into Action: Become a Knight of Columbus

If want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then join the Knights of Columbus Council 6520. As a member of the Knights, you'll be part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. Membership is open to men age 18 or older who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Church, and are in good standing with the Church.

For more information, contact Scott Lattimer at slattimer@aol.com or visit: www.medfordknights.org.

St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520 Knights of Columbus



NOTICE OF 2021 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Three Education Scholarships (\$1,000, \$500, \$500)

Graduating High School Seniors in the Class of 2021

St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is offering three scholarships for daughters, sons and grandchildren of members of Council 6520. The \$1,000 scholarship is the Leo & Mary Ann Coceano Memorial Scholarship in honor of two amazing educators and a faithful Knight of Columbus.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

Each candidate must be at least one of the following:

- a child, stepchild, grandchild of a currently paid-up member of St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520
- a child, stepchild, grandchild of a deceased member of St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520 who was not in arrears at the time of his death

Other conditions that must be met:

- the candidate must be a candidate for graduation from a recognized 4-year high school, or its home-schooling equivalent, during the term ending in June 2021, or a current undergraduate at a trade school or college.
- a 1,500-word essay on one of the following topics:
 - Where do you find Jesus in today's world? or
 - What non-famous Catholic person inspires you the most? (The Pope and Mother Teresa would be examples of "famous" Catholics and cannot be used)
- the application **must** be received no later than **February 28, 2021**, using the form and essay at: www.medfordknights.org.

Each scholarship winner must attend a college or trade school to receive payment. Payments will be made to the winner, not the school directly.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**



2020 Christmas Dedication Tree Reservation Form

*Because the trees must be ordered in advance, no reservations can be accepted after
Tues., Dec. 1.*

All proceeds benefit the Knights charitable activities and SML school.

If you have any questions, please call Bill Scheffold at 856-912-1301.

(Please submit **ONE** form per tree order)

PLEASE PRINT HONOREE'S NAME AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CLEARLY

HONOREE's INFO:

Please have the plaque which will be placed on the tree read as follows:

(Select the most appropriate)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Personal Greeting _____

Please check that apply: ☐ Veteran or Spouse ☐ First Responder ☐ Health Care Worker

REQUESTOR(s) INFO:

Requested By _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Phone _____

PAYMENT INFO:

Donate \$150 by credit card, PayPal, or check made payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6520

You may drop off or mail your completed form(s) with payment to the parish office
or

You may email your completed form(s) to billscheffold@yahoo.com
and drop your check off at parish office

If you want to complete the transaction totally on-line, please click on the link or copy and paste the link:
<https://medfordknights.org/christmas-trees-1> and follow the instructions on the web page.

Come to the Tree Lighting on Sun., Dec. 6. - The Tradition Continues





St. Mary of the Lakes Brick Fundraiser



We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to engrave a brick with your special message of hope to be permanently displayed on a walkway entering the church.

The Knights of Columbus are selling bricks that will be placed along the walkways and in the shape of two (2) Crosses, which will be placed entering the church from the back parking lot. Not only can you help us and the church, but you have the opportunity to leave an impression that will last forever. You can have the bricks inscribed with the names of your family, an anniversary, a special event or a deceased loved one by getting a brick to commemorate their legacy. It's also a great way for people to always see your businesses and be reminded of your support among the community.

Time is limited, spaces are filling up, don't miss your chance to get a brick and leave a legacy that will last a lifetime. The cost is \$125 for a 4x8 brick and \$175 for a 8x8 brick. Add \$25 for clip art and mini replica bricks are available for an additional \$35. Samples of the bricks can be found by the Parking Lot entrance.

Please click on the link or copy and paste the link: www.4everbricks.com/donors/SML/ for an order form or visit www.smlparish.org to see a photo of the sample brick and minibrick.

You can make your check payable to St Mary of the Lakes Church and drop off at the parish office.



Fill the Trailer !

The trailer will be opened to the public and will not be staffed. Individuals may drop off at their convenience keeping with the local social distancing rules.



Food Dropoff

The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul Society are collecting food to restock the pantry and feed the local hungry.



Thanks for doing your part by staying home; however, if you want to do more & need to venture out, please help us out!



ChristLife Discovering Christ

Are you searching for a more meaningful,
purpose-filled life?
Do you yearn to trade the "noise" and pain
in your life for peace
through prayer?
Do you want to develop a personal
relationship with Christ?



Discovering Christ offers answers to these questions and so much more. Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that invites participants to personally encounter Jesus Christ through video teaching, testimony and small group discussion. Each session includes a delicious meal. A day retreat is offered during the course of the seven weeks.

Discovering Christ will be offered on Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. or Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning **January 7**. Mark your calendars now! Whether we can gather in person or meet on-line, contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org, or at 609-654-8208 ext. 113.

Christ is knocking. Will you answer?



Parents who have not yet registered their children for PREP this year should contact the PREP Office at smlprep@smlparish.org as soon as possible. Do not let Covid stand in the way of your child's religious education!

Offerings at Francis
House of Prayer
Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
84 Walnford Road •
Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 / www.FHOP.org



ADVENT RETREAT DAY
Monday, November 30 / 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Advent is such a special season of grace, often lost in the shuffle of the Christmas rush! We will travel through Advent this year with Joyce Rupp's Boundless Compassion. It is a perfect companion for this busy and stressful season. Donation: \$35, includes book and lunch.

To register, call 609-877-0509.

SML School 50/50 Raffle Update

There are only 2 weeks until the Drawing. We now have over \$14,000 in the bank of which \$7,000 goes toward the prizes (1st prize is presently worth \$3,500 and the other ten second prizes are worth \$350 each).

Please return your purchased tickets ASAP as
December 6 will be here very soon.

Returns (in an envelope marked RAFFLE RETURNS) can be placed in the collection basket through Sunday, **November 29** or dropped off at the parish office until Friday, **December 4**.

**Tickets are \$5.00 each OR
a booklet of six tickets for \$25.00.**

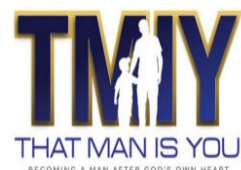
**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH CHANCE DRIVE
TO SUPPORT OUR RETIRED SISTERS
AT ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA**

Due to the corona virus,
we will be selling chances on-line only.
\$5.00 a chance
\$20.00 for a book *OF 5*
GRAND PRIZE - \$10,000
FIVE PRIZES - \$500

TO VISIT CHANCE DRIVE PAGE, please click
on the link or copy and paste the link:
<https://tinyurl.com/y5xkvo6z>

DRAWING: DECEMBER 6

This "Virtual" program is
NO TURKEY.
It's the REAL DEAL!



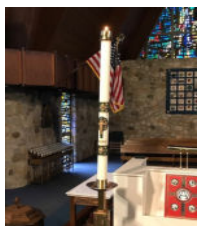
Come find out why !!!
"Click-in" to one of our sessions.
Pick from December 2, 4 or 5.
(we're taking Thanksgiving weekend off)

For more info or to sign up, please visit:
www.stjoans.org/tmiy

Virtual Prayer Book

For a link to the St. Mary of the Lakes Virtual Prayer Book, please click on the link or copy and paste the link:

<https://smlparish.org/virtual-prayer-book>



Light a Virtual Prayer Candle

We invite you to light a prayer candle for any intention.

The large Easter Candle is lit during Mass offered inside St. Mary of the Lakes Church to symbolize and commemorate all the virtual candles requested via the internet.

To Make Prayer Intention and Light Your Candle, please click on the link or copy and paste the link:

<https://smlparish.org/virtual-prayer-candle>

You may include an offering with your Sunday gift

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. May victims regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Hear our prayer, O Divine Physician. Hear our prayer.

Amen.



Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, November 22

- RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcome / 9:00 a.m. / Church
- KofC 3rd Degree Exemplification / 1 p.m. / Church
- YES / 7 p.m. / Online
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, November 23

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 6:15 a.m. / Church Parking Lot/Emmaus Center for inclement weather
- Bereavement Meeting / 10 a.m. / Conference Room
- Renewed in Jesus Group / 2 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, November 24

- Glory to God Prayer Group / 7 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, November 25

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Matthew Study / 6:00 p.m. / Webex

Thursday, November 26 –Thanksgiving Day (Parish Office Closed)

Friday, November 27

(Parish Office Closed)

Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29

- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2020

Each year, the Bishop seeks the support of our parishes, our clergy, Catholic education and social services.

SML has pledged \$151,258. Our parish goal was \$140,000. By reaching our goal, the rebate will be \$21,000 (15 percent of goal). By continuing to exceed our goal, the rebate will be \$21,000 + 50 percent of difference above \$140,000, which is currently \$26,629.

Thank you for your generosity!