



January 17, 2021



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org)

Parish Email Address: [Frontdesk@smlparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org)

Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, [rballacillo@smlparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:Frontdesk@smlparish.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/smlparish](https://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](http://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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and follow us on Twitter @SmlParish

## A Message from Bishop O'Connell

As the new year begins, there are many issues in society that challenge our Catholic moral and social teachings. Opposition to abortion remains our "pre-eminent priority."

During the month of January when we acknowledge the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fateful Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, I invite the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Trenton to join one another in a common prayerful response:

- (1) pray the rosary daily for the rest of the month for an end to abortion in our country;
- (2) pray the newly created "Novena to St. Joseph" to end abortion (*below*) each day, **January 14 through 22**;
- (3) pray and fast to end abortion on the actual anniversary date, **January 22**, as parishes celebrate Masses for the legal protection of the unborn.

Since COVID precautions will restrict our usual participation in the annual March for Life in Washington on January 29, I will celebrate Mass online that day and many parishes will celebrate Masses in churches for all these intentions. As a Diocese, as parishes, let us pray for an end to abortion, for the legal protection of the unborn and in thanksgiving to God for the gift of human life.

Thank you,  
Bishop O'Connell



DIOCESE of  
TRENTON

### NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION

(January 14-22)

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us.

*Say the "Our Father," the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be" after the novena prayer.*

### A Call for Prayer & Fasting to End Abortion January 22

We, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, ask Catholics and people of good will to join us on Friday **January 22**, 2021, the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, in a Day of Prayer and Fasting to end abortion.

As we mark this tragic event in our nation's history, we remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and pray for the mothers and fathers left to suffer the tragic effects.

The Catholic Church is committed to protecting all life from conception to natural death. We will work vigorously to ensure the laws of our state and country protect and defend the intrinsic dignity of all people.

We humbly implore our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn, to intercede on our behalf that these efforts to end abortion are guided by mercy, compassion, and above all charity.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark  
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. Bishop, Diocese of Trenton  
Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan Bishop, Diocese of Camden  
Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney Bishop, Diocese of Paterson  
Most Reverend James F. Checchio Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen  
Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Bishop, Eparchy of Passaic  
Most Reverend Yousif Habash Bishop of Our Lady of Deliverance of Syriac Catholic Diocese

#### Pray for the Protection of the Unborn

Bishop O'Connell has called for us to pray and fast on Friday, **January 22** for an end to abortion. To that end, we will be having Eucharistic Adoration in the church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 8:00 p.m. Please continue to pray the Rosary every day for the rest of the month for an end to abortion as well as the St. Joseph Novena which can found on the website and in the bulletin (*above*).

## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, January 17

7:30 a.m. John McCann / John & Mary Deibel  
 9:00 a.m. Rick Ciocci / Cathy & Angela-Jo  
 10:30 a.m. Patricia Doherty / Peter & Gerry Schneiders  
 12:00 p.m. Leo Coceano /  
 Deacon Ken & Michelle Motylinski  
 Our Parishioners

### Monday, January 18

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Lloyd Aiken / RCIA  
 William Vandegrift / Ingrid Vandegrift

### Tuesday, January 19

7:15 a.m. Kellie Ann Pira / Michael Welsh & Family  
 9:00 a.m. Raymond J. Kent Jr. /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS

### Wednesday, January 20

7:15 a.m. William Greenough / The Karbasians  
 9:00 a.m. Lucille Rovani / Her Family  
 Arthur Schuller / Maureen Schuller

### Thursday, January 21

7:15 a.m. Candice L. Braun /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS  
 9:00 a.m. Robert T. Wozniak Sr. / The Wozniak Family

### Friday, January 22

7:15 a.m. Sean Prior / Mom & Dad  
 9:00 a.m. Betty Ann McCoy /  
 Sharon & Ernest DeStefano  
 Candice L. Braun / Ingrid Vandegrift

### Saturday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Jeremiah Connors /  
 Tina Marie & Valerie & Family  
 Candice L. Braun / Ingrid Vandegrift  
 5:30 p.m. Arthur Sharp / Mr. & Mrs. Louis DiVentura

### Sunday, January 24

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members KofC Council #6520  
 10:30 a.m. James O'Brien / The Loughlin Family  
 12:00 p.m. Jeremiah Connors / The Connors Family  
 William Steffen / Peter & Gerry Schneiders

### Mass Schedule Update

There will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass only on  
 Monday, January 18.

### Thanks! Thanks! And Ever thanks!

To Carol Wagner and the McGough Family for watering the poinsettias during the Christmas season. They held up beautifully. God bless you!

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:  
 Charlie and Nicole Hixon

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, Carmen Calvanese, Sherri Colan, Dave Clor, John Deibel, David J. DiLullo, Sandra DiMaio, Matilda Docalovich, Theresa R. Dumas, Jim Endahl, Joseph Finizio, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Louis Giansante, Baby Emily Heregthy, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Jim Kester, Lee Knecht, Louis Kramer, Gail LaBarber, Gregory Law, 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, Philomena Robidoux, 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.



1<sup>st</sup> LT Christian Aguilar, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Kyle Brandt, USAF; Capt. Katherine Collins Kneram, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Waverly Hock, USAF; MAJ William Hock, USAF; Capt. Richard Jordan, USMC; ENS William Jordan, USN; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Michelle Matthews, USMC; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USA; PO3 Allston Megill, USN; General Scot Miller, USA; Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Pinto; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Victor Prato, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF.

### Giving Your "This" to Jesus

In his homily on January 10, Father Dan spoke of giving whatever is on your personal plate to Jesus. Here's the how to:

1. Choose a mantra (eg. Jesus I trust in You).
2. Repeat the mantra over and over.
3. With every "what if," "suppose," doubt or anxious thought, conquer it by saying to yourself, "Jesus, I trust in You."



A visual may help. To download a photo of the Eucharist, go to the [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org) homepage. Make the photo handy by using it as your screensaver.



## Church Study

Father Dan will continue to offer an online Intergenerational Church Study on the second Wednesday of each month with the next class **February 10** from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Due to an executive order, attending virtually is the only option for those interested.  
A link will be posted on [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org) each month to attend virtually.

## Discovering Christ

There's still time to register for Discovering Christ. This is a life-changing series for all who have participated. If you don't want to do it alone, family and friends can join you as we will be meeting virtually:

**Thursday Evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. or Friday Mornings from 9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

We will be running this course virtually unless COVID-19 restrictions permit in-person meetings.

For more information on this course contact Christine Brandt at:

[cbrandt@smlparish.org](mailto:cbrandt@smlparish.org) or 609-654-8208, ext. 113.

**Congratulations**  
to all those who were baptized at  
St. Mary of the Lakes  
40 years ago in January 1981.

Justin Raymond Wahl  
Celeste Mavourneen Schell  
Dominick Anthony Priole  
Megan Elizabeth Walser  
Douglas Henry King  
Courtney Susan Monahan  
Bryan Patrick Anton

**Congratulations**  
to all those who were married at  
St. Mary of the Lakes  
40 years ago in January 1981.  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Keenan Martin

## Welcome Newly Baptized !



Alexis Irene  
Makrimos

## Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is 24/7.

The Adoration Chapel is open to one Adorer at a time.

## 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](http://www.smlparish.org)



### Daily

A daily Mass is offered  
Monday-Friday at 7:15 a.m.

and

Monday-Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone must

wear a mask.

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# LET'S DO THIS!

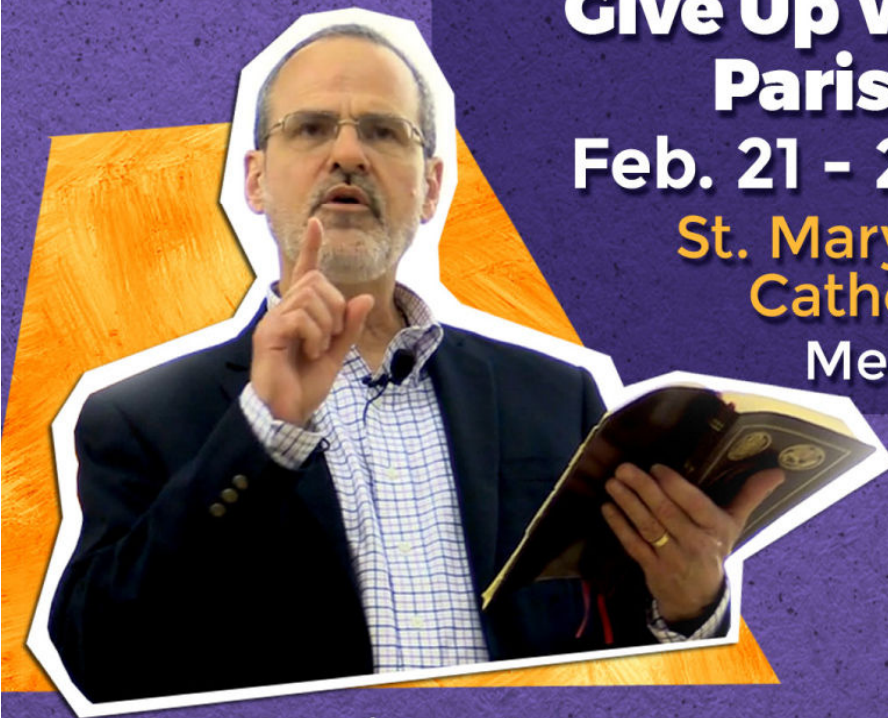
## #GiveUpWorryForLent

### Give Up Worry for Lent Parish Mission

Feb. 21 - 23, 2021 • 7 PM

St. Mary of the Lakes  
Catholic Church

Medford, NJ



*Gary Zimak*

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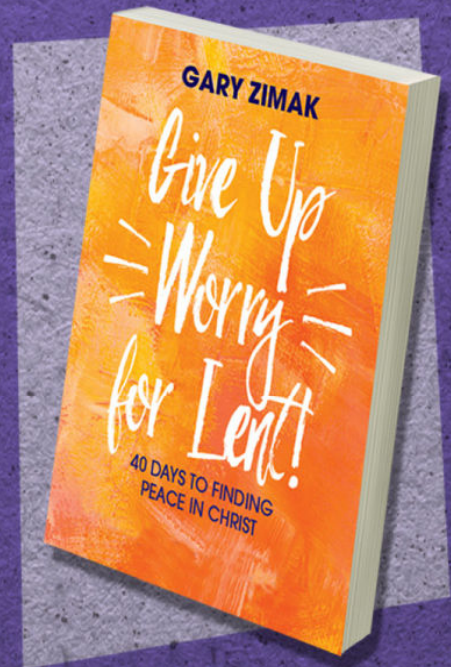
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The St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church Marriage Ministry supports all Catholic married couples in their hard work necessary to live the sacrament as Christ intended; with fidelity, permanence and openness to life.



One of our primary objectives is promote a marriage-building culture for support and enrichment for married couples in our Parish.



To that end , we are planning to provide marriage information and resources on a Monthly Basis in hopes to achieve this objective. This is our inaugural input.



### Marriage Prayer

Father, just as you show us compassion, we ask that you give us the ability to recognize when each other is in a time of need. We recognize that we are joined as one and we are called to love and support each other in our respective time of need. Give us the words to say and the needed actions to support each other properly.



### Recommended Books:

21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage by Allen Hunt



Love is Patient, but I'm Not by Christopher West



### Recommended CDs:

The Most Important Word in Your Marriage with Allen Hunt

5 Things Women Need to Know about Men with Allen Hunt

Books and CDCs are available for purchase at

[www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

### THINKING ABOUT JOINING

If you would like to join the Marriage Ministry Core Team and help plan or lead future events please email DEBRA and KEITH KENT [debkeith2@comcast.net](mailto:debkeith2@comcast.net) Our team meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm virtually, for now!






# St. Mary of the Lakes

SCHOOL

*Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education*



**Virtual Information Sessions**

Elementary Grades 1st - 4th  
January 21st, 2021 7:00pm

Middle School Grades 5th - 8th  
January 25th, 2021 7:00pm

Early Ed. PreK 3, PreK 4 & K  
January 27th, 2021 1:00pm & 7:00pm

This year in lieu of a traditional Open House we will be having Virtual Information Sessions in the weeks leading up to Catholic Schools Week.

Go to [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org)  
to register for the sessions below:

**Elementary School Virtual Session Registration**

**Middle School Virtual Session Registration**

**Early Education Virtual Session Registration-1:00 p.m.**

**Early Education Virtual Session Registration-7:00 p.m.**

**Take a break from cooking!  
Dine-in or Take-out**



408 Stokes Road, Medford, NJ 08055

**Wednesday, February 3rd  
11am - 10pm**

**\*Come support St. Mary of the Lakes School!**

**\*Be sure to bring this flyer when dining in or picking up your order.**

**\*Reservations are needed for 6 or more people.**

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mary of the Lakes School.  
Sponsored by SMLS PTA



## SMLS Employment Opportunity

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School has an immediate opening for one part time bookkeeper.

### Overview

The School Bookkeeper is responsible to the School Principal and Business Administrator to manage the school's financial recordkeeping. Record and monitor school tuition payments. Monitor financial aid applications, notify families & record tuition awards. Create purchase orders, order school supplies/books, reconcile school class bank account monthly, oversee vendor contracts, record & track school expenses, attend room parent meetings & communicate school financial policies and procedures, assist with the preparation of the school budget. Assist with grant applications. Prepare analysis and reports as requested by School Principal or Business Administrator.

### Job Qualifications

This individual must have excellent problem solving, communication, interpersonal skills and ability to maintain confidentiality. Proficiency in WORD and Excel; knowledge of QuickBooks a plus. Must be a self-starter, well organized; perform multiple tasks simultaneously and ability to meet deadline dates. Bachelor's Degree in accounting/business/finance is preferred. Work experience in accounting with successful coursework in Business/Accounting may be considered in lieu of a degree.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume and salary requirements  
by **January 31, 2021**, to:

Susan Kraemer, Business Administrator, at  
[skraemer@smlparish.org](mailto:skraemer@smlparish.org)

Please include SML#8208 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/y2s4989s>  
for employment application).



**CAMDEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
CHERRY HILL, NJ

### Upcoming Admissions Events

**8th Graders:** CCHS is still accepting applications for the Class of 2025. To apply, click on the link or copy and paste the link: [www.camdencatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdencatholic.org/admissions).



"EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU."  
MARK 1:27

# The Search



SATURDAY  
FEB. 06. 2021  
LIVE ON  YouTube  
REGISTER AT  
[WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC2021](http://WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC2021)

\*Registration coming soon



## Diocesan Youth Conference

Registration and more information at [www.dotyouth.org](http://www.dotyouth.org) | 609.403.7182  
Diocese of Trenton | Dept. of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

To register, please click on the link or copy and paste the link: [www.DOTYOUTH.org/DYC2021](http://www.DOTYOUTH.org/DYC2021)



### Casserole Collections

Those who wish to donate must follow the suggested guidelines from the CDC posted at [www.smlparish.org](http://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 (*right*) 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.

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](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com)

### Young Adult Ministry SOAR



SOAR, Serving Our Amazing Redeemer, is a ministry for young adults ages 21-35 who long to grow in their relationship with the blessed Trinity and the community through service, prayer/Scripture study and fellowship. If you are interested in joining them on any of these adventures or would like more information, contact Lauren at [lrusso1317@gmail.com](mailto:lrusso1317@gmail.com).

### Ring in the New Year with YES

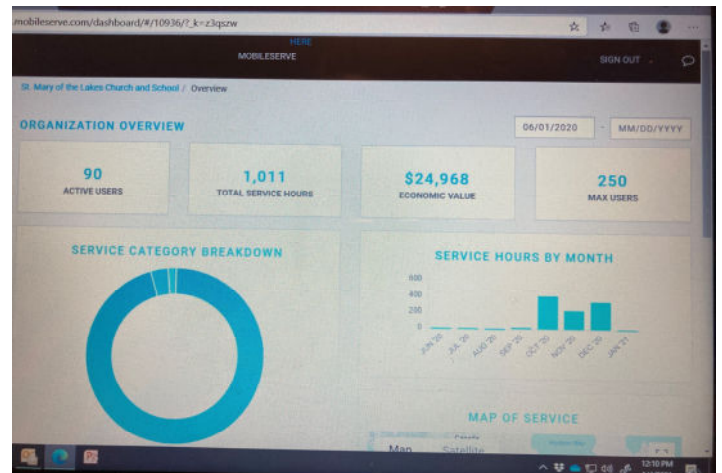
Join us for a Virtual Pajama Party and Trivia Night on **January 17** at 7:00 p.m.

Grades 8-12 are invited to attend.

Parental permission form for on-line gatherings can be found by clicking on the link or copying and pasting the link <https://tinyurl.com/y4omhdnh> and emailed to [yes@smlparish.org](mailto:yes@smlparish.org).

The link for Webex meeting will then be forwarded to you. Those who have previously submitted permission forms need not resubmit. Look for the meeting link in our GroupMe chat.

### YES Confirmation Service Hours



Our confirmation candidates have been actively engaged in many corporal acts of mercy during the holiday season!

Keep up the good work and continue to be  
“Jesus to and for others”!

### 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.**

# Knights of Columbus

## Christmas Tree Removal

The KofC thanks all who came out to help with the Christmas Tree Removal last Saturday! The response to our call for help was incredible and we had volunteers from not only the Knights, but from many ministries within our parish. Emails were sent to all of our Parish and School Confirmation Candidates and they showed up eager to lend a hand! There were over 50 tweens/teens from both school and PREP. Our sincere thanks for being part of such a great effort!



Vivat Jesus!



## 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](http://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.

## Join the Knights

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

For more information, contact Scott Lattimer at [slattimer@aol.com](mailto:slattimer@aol.com) or visit [www.medfordknights.org](http://www.medfordknights.org).





## 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/](http://www.4everbricks.com/donors/SML/) for an order form or visit [www.smlparish.org](http://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!





Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

St. Mary of the Lakes parish will once again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. "Rice Bowl" collection boxes can be found at the doors of the church beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 17**.

Once you fill your bowl, please place it in the collection bin at the Parking Lot entrance or return it to the Parish Office during regular business hours.

*If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to St. Mary of the Lakes Church.*

**Come to Me...**

**Jeremiah 29:12**

Do you need prayer for yourself or a loved one?  
Can you help us pray for others?

Please call 609-953-8670  
Or email  
[cometome@smlparish.org](mailto:cometome@smlparish.org)

## Offerings at Francis

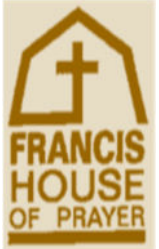
### House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

84 Walnford Road •

Allentown, NJ 08501

609-877-0509 / [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org)



### MERTON & THE SPIRIT OF RESTLESSNESS

Tuesday, January 19 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Merton describes himself in this way: "Paradoxically I have found peace because I have always been dissatisfied...if I were to settle down and be satisfied with the surface of life...it would be time to call the undertaker!" We will delve into Merton's restlessness and our own to find the peace and freedom hidden within it.

Donation: \$25 with lunch, Zoom \$20.

### IN-PERSON ONLY

### WOMEN'S OVERNIGHT RETREAT

### REIMAGINING LIFE, ADJUSTING TO CHANGE

January 21 – 22 7 PM Thursday – 4 PM Friday

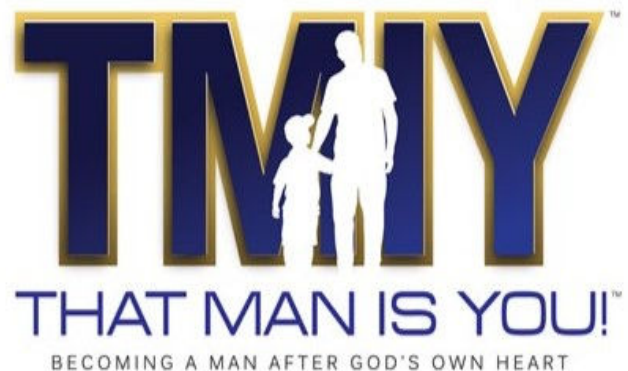
This retreat is for women over 50 who are adjusting to change in their lives. There are times in our life journey when we are visited with sudden or unwanted change. We will accept God's invitation to re-imagine our lives and become aware of what brings hope and energy to this second half of life. What am I passionate about now, and what is true for my authentic self?

God is still creating me! Commuters welcome.

Donation: \$100, meals and workbook included.

To register, call 609-877-0509.

## Forbidden Fruits create many "Jams."



Work on not getting stuck.

Men join us "virtually" on Zoom.

Click or copy and paste link for more information:

[www.stjoans.org/tmiy](http://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, January 17

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- YES Ring in the New Year / 7 p.m. / Webex

### Monday, January 18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Parish Office Closed)

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 5:45 a.m. / Virtual Meeting

### Tuesday, January 19

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

### Wednesday, January 20

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

### Thursday, January 21

- Bible Study / 10 a.m. / Webex
- KofC Golf Committee Meeting / 7 p.m. / Emmaus Center

### Friday, January 22

### Saturday, January 23

### Sunday, January 24

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

## Increase Your Cross

**Vertical:** Find out what 16 documents came from the Second Vatican Council.

**Horizontal:** Go to one extra Mass during the week

**Core:** Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be with your family.

## 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.