



February 28, 2021



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 Maureen Sokolowski, President. 609/953-0021.

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Please subscribe to smlparish on YouTube

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and follow us on Twitter @SmlParish

Rite of Election

This weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, our community here at St. Mary of the Lakes will do a combined Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names for our catechumen: Gabriella Crepezzi, Julianne Crepezzi, Stephen Martin, and Stacey Profit, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, and our candidates: Dominic Amilcare, Maria Carlson, Christopher Cassai, Lorenzo DiVentura, Kristin Dougherty, Thomas Dougherty, Kelly Ferguson, Bret Goodman, Jordan Mulligan, Ryann Sheenan, and Ryan Valashinas, who will complete their Sacraments at the Vigil.

Ordinarily, parishes do the Rite of Sending and send their catechumen to the Cathedral to be chosen or elected by our bishop. This year, due to COVID restrictions, Bishop O'Connell has delegated this act to the local pastors, who will represent the Church in his place. The catechumens will be "elected" (chosen by name; chosen by God) for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation. The Church acts in God's name. The pastors will echo God's call of the Elect, but rather than focus on the "Elect," we focus on the marvelous action of God in the lives of the Elect.

During the Enrollment of Names, the candidates sign the Book of the Elect as a symbol of their election or being chosen by God.

Please continue to pray for our Elect and our candidates.



From the Pastor's Desk

Last weekend was our Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) throughout the Diocese of Trenton.

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

Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the ACA. The ACA gives us the opportunity to support the Church beyond our parish.

This year, St. Mary of the Lakes' goal is \$140,000. As in past years, 15 percent of the goal, or \$21,000 will be returned to St. Mary of the Lakes in the form of a parish rebate. Once we surpass our goal, 50 percent of all gifts will be returned to the parish.

Last year's generous response allowed our parish to exceed our goal by 9.2 percent with total received pledges of \$152,833 and this gives a total parish rebate of \$27,416.50.

We hope your generosity will allow for the same results this year and we thank you in advance for making a gift to this year's ACA!

Father Dan

SML Choir Surprised Hugh Fray for his 91st Birthday



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.

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. George Joseph Schenfeld / Fred Carmichael
 10:30 a.m. Donald Beavers / Chris & Elizabeth Macey
 12:00 p.m. Cliff Dickens / The Knittel Family
 Anthony Farrell / His Family

Monday, March 1

7:15 a.m. Purgatorial Society
 9:00 a.m. David Rodan / The Kramer Family

Tuesday, March 2

7:15 a.m. Theresa Haan / The Simalchik Family
 9:00 a.m. Gretchen Blansett / Jeannie Arkema

Wednesday, March 3

7:15 a.m. Ruth Vanzant / Peter & Gerry Schneiders
 9:00 a.m. William Bendy / Elsie Judge

Thursday, March 4

7:15 a.m. Frank Shelley / The Linett Family
 9:00 a.m. Kevin Mulligan / The Milano Family

Friday, March 5

7:15 a.m. Jeanne Marie Laracy / Pattie Schwartz
 9:00 a.m. Andriy Mytsik / Mike Corey

Saturday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Mary Killingsworth / Gene & Kathleen Rizio
 5:30 p.m. Jack Callahan / Harry & Anita Meshirer

Sunday, March 7 – The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Marilyn M. Nealis /
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS
 10:30 a.m. Monsignor Roger Roensch /
 Bill & Nadine and the Haines Family
 12:00 p.m. Mary Rudolph / Mr. & Mrs. Saraceni
 Donna Surman Valerie Jennison & Family

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:
 Deborah Kappler !

**Stations of the Cross,
 Benediction
 and Confession Updates**



There will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

There will be Confessions on Tuesday of Holy Week, **March 30**, at 7:00 p.m.

Please pray for the souls of
**Myron (Bob) Perkins, Thomas Guastavino,
 Maurice Allen Jr. and John Mockus**
 and keep their families in your prayers.

Long-term prayer requests (those over a year old) will not be published individually, but will be prayed for at each Mass, as will the following: Michelle Allen, Connie Aromando, Marty Ball, Keith Bodendorf, Ann Bober, John



Boyd, Michael Bryan, Cherie Burgio Sherri Colan, Dave Clor, John Deibel, David J. DiLullo, Sandra DiMaio, Matilda Docalovich, Theresa R. Dumas, Jim Endahl, Martin Farrell; Joseph Finizio, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Louis Giansante, Baby Emily Hereghty, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Jim Kester, Lee Knecht, Louis Kramer, Gail LaBarber, Gregory Law, Madison Luyber, 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, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Richard SM, Dianne Stippick, Leoncia Sullivan, Mary Ann Sullivan, Anna Mae Wade, 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; 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.

Congratulations
 to all those who were baptized at
 St. Mary of the Lakes
 50 years ago in February 1971:
 John Duane Phile
 Brian William Sinick

Congratulations
 to all those who were married at
 St. Mary of the Lakes
 50 years ago in February 1971:
 Mr. & Mrs. John Saia

Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study

Father Dan continues to offer a hybrid adult scripture study “Jesus of Nazareth Part II – Holy Week: From the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection,” based upon Our Holy Father Emeritus Benedict XVI’s book by the same title, on Mondays, **March 1, 8, 15, 22** from 7:00-8:00 p.m..

Father Dan will teach hybrid in the Emmaus Center with 52 attending in-person and also on-line.

For **Meeting Link** to all the classes, click on the link or copy and paste the link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3a5ethm>

Meeting Number (access code): 182 995 2330

Meeting Password: Francis (3726247 from phones and video systems)

Please BYOB (bring your own Bible) if you like, as Father Dan will be teaching from the Bible on screen.

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.

There will be Confessions on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30, at 7:00 p.m.

Church Study

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

Father Dan will teach hybrid in the Emmaus Center with 52 attending in-person and also on-line.

For the next four classes on the second Wednesday of the month, click on the link or copy and paste the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2ybqx3p>

Meeting number (access code): 182 867 1434

Meeting password: Francis (3726247 from phones and video systems)

To join from a mobile device (attendees only):

+1-415-655-0001,,1828671434#3726247# US Toll

Some mobile devices may ask attendees to enter a numeric meeting password.

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.

Increase Your Cross

Vertical: Get up 30 minutes earlier every day this week to spend extra time reading the Bible, the Catechism, or some other spiritual work.

Horizontal: Read the Works of Mercy as Jesus describes them in Matthew 25:31-46. Then put this teaching into practice and choose an act of service you can perform throughout Lent. (from BustedHalo.com)

Core: Stop by the Adoration Chapel and spend time with the Lord, even if it’s only five more minutes. If you already go to Adoration, add another 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



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.

The daily 9:00 a.m. Mass is
simulcasted at www.smlparish.org

**“I can do things you cannot;
you can do things I cannot;
but
TOGETHER
we can do great things.”**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

DIOCESE OF TRENTON

609-403-7197 ■ dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal

Your help is needed. Please give what you can.



For more information or to donate, click on the link or copy and paste the link:
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>



ST. MARY OF THE LAKES

will be partnering with

A ROSE IN DECEMBER CUSTOM FLORAL SHOP

as it spearheads a community wide effort called, UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY, in support of OPERATION YELLOW RIBBON. **Between now and March 25**, our parish, school, PREP and YES Ministry will be collecting donations from the list below. Drop off your donations at any of the collection bins found at the JRE, PLE, SCHOOL or PREP OFFICE before March 25. On March 28, we invite all parishioners to attend the packing and send off event at A ROSE IN DECEMBER, 629 STOKES ROAD, MEDFORD between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For information regarding this service project, please contact yes@smlparish.org or call 609-654-8208.

Food List

Trail mix, Chips, Beef Jerky, Tuna;
Instant Oatmeal; Granola Bars; Bars (Cliff or Balance);
Gum; Powdered Drink Mix; Toothbrushes/Toothpaste;
Baby Wipes; Feminine Hygiene products; Travel size Body
Wash; Tissues (heavy duty); Candy (heat resistant).

GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS!



In a world of growing economic disparity and increasing individualism, Pope Francis says, "Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems."

This Lent join NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice to explore and reflect on federal policies that allow all people to thrive. Emerging from encounter with families and communities across the United States, the NETWORK Build Anew Agenda is a pathway to realizing our vision of a just and inclusive society.

Sign up to receive the weekly reflections at:
<https://networklobby.org/lent>

YES

**Invites All Teens In Grades 8-12
To Journey With Us This Lent**

Join us virtually on **February 28**, March 7 and March 14, at 7:00 p.m. on Webex.

Permissions slips can be found by clicking on the link or copying and pasting the link <https://tinyurl.com/y4omhdnh> to attend virtual gatherings.

Once received you will receive the meeting link.

For more information: yes@smlparish.org

YES will meet in the Emmaus Center on **March 21** at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to fill Easter Eggs and sort Operation Yellow Ribbon donations. All families are invited to help transport SML donations to Operation Yellow Ribbon drop off location (A Rose in December) beginning at noon on **March 28**. Meet outside the Emmaus Center to caravan to the drop off.

YES will host Service Sundays on **March 21 and 28**. Limited slots available due to room capacity restrictions per executive order. Absolutely NO WALK-INS can be permitted. Once the slots fill we can not take any more volunteers. Use the SignUpGenius at www.smlparish.org to register.

All 6th, 7th graders are invited to help 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.

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.

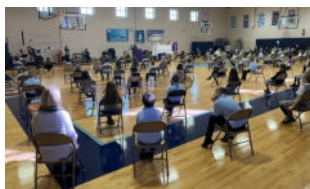


St. Mary of the Lakes

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Ash Wednesday Mass



St. Mary of the Lakes

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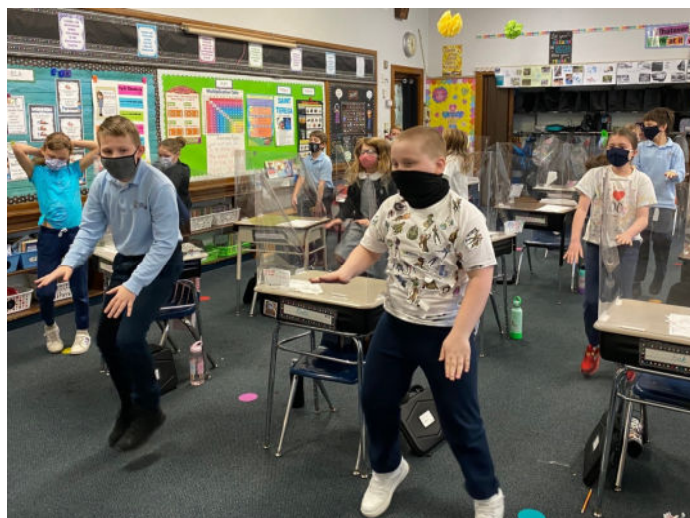
www.smlschool.org

Open enrollment for the 2021-22 school
year begins in February

WWW.SMLSCHOOL.ORG

For more information or to schedule an in-person
tour contact Admissions@smlschool.org

100 Days of School





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520

14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament All Net Proceeds Benefit: *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* *Family Promise of Burlington County* *1st Way of Burlington County*

Monday, June 14, 2021 9:30am - 8:30pm 12:00 pm Shotgun Start

Registration 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Medford Lakes Country Club – Medford Lakes, NJ

Golf registration includes golf w/ cart, lunch, beverages on the course, and buffet dinner.
4-person scramble format with prizes for top teams, closest to the pin, longest drive & hole-in-one car

- ☐ Please assign me to a foursome
☐ I am a member of the foursome below

My Name: _____ ☐ Golf & Dinner combo (\$165 After April 15th \$175)
Address: _____ ☐ Dinner only (\$45)

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other members of my foursome:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ I also need #_____ Buffet Dinner-only tickets. (\$45 per dinner – 6:45 pm start time)

Cocktail Hour: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm including Hot Appetizers. Buffet Dinner includes: Caesar Salad, Sliced Marinated Flank Steak, Chicken Francaise, Grilled Salmon, Chef Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables, Penne w/Vodka Sauce, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Ice Tea

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment must be received by May 14, 2021

No Refunds after May 29, 2021

We will only include your registration when payment is received. No spots will be held without payment.

For questions, contact Don Bouchard 609-654-8853

(GOLFER REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 144 GOLFERS)

Make check payable to Knights of Columbus
Council 6520

Mail registration form and check to:

Joe Clauss
105 Park Court West
Medford, NJ 08055



Knights of Columbus



Charity Golf Tournament Needs Your Support to Help the Less Fortunate

St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is hosting its 14th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, **June 14** at Medford Lakes Country Club. One of this year's beneficiaries is Medford's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization that allows women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. During the last fiscal year, the Medford Conference helped more than 29,400 men, women, and children with spiritual assistance and food, clothing, and financial help for rent and mortgage, auto insurance, utilities, health care, and other expenses valued at about \$385,000. Outreach included 1,521 telephone calls, 662 food deliveries, and 66 home visits.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals to help St. Vincent's continue to provide critical services.

Golf registration is \$165 (\$175 *after April 15*) and includes greens fee, golf cart, lunch, beverages and snacks on the course, cocktail hour with hor d'oeuvres, dinner, and dessert. The tournament is a scramble format for 144 golfers and begins with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. Dinner-only tickets are also available for \$45. Awards, gift baskets, and multiple raffles offer opportunities to win great prizes.

For questions about sponsorships (see previous page) or registering for golf, contact Don Bouchard at bouchdm@aol.com.

Council 6520 is also accepting sponsorships and donations online at:
www.medfordknights.org/golf.



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
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Pay it Forward

Emmaus Center St. Mary of the Lakes Church

40 Jackson Road, Medford, NJ

3/20/21

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Contact information: Bill Mazzio
williammazzio@yahoo.com 609-458-0704

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

sclattimer@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.



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!





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.

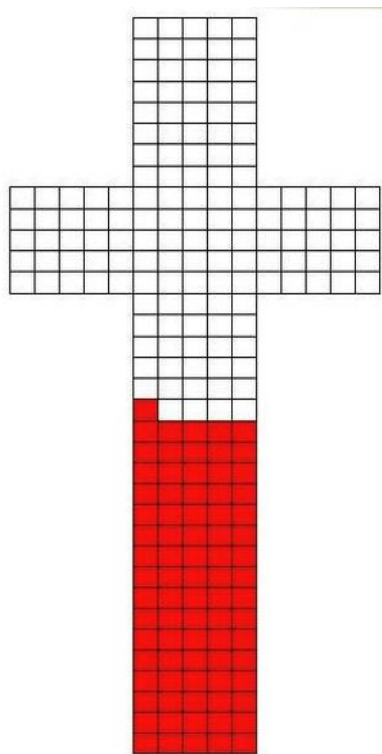
The Knights of Columbus are selling bricks that will be placed along the walkways and in the shape of two (2) Crosses, which will be placed entering the church from the back parking lot. Not only can you help us and the church, but you have the opportunity to leave an impression that will last forever. 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.

Spaces are filling up (*see chart below*), 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.

Dedication Brick Sale Update



225 Bricks Needed To Fill Cross

GOAL:
225
SOLD TO DATE:
81
PERCENT COMPLETE:
36%



The Knights would like to thank you for the sale of 24 additional Dedication Bricks after our presentation at Church recently.

We are almost at the halfway point on breaking ground for our first of two Dedication Crosses and we would like to start in the Spring-Summer 2021.

Please take a moment to go online at medfordknights.org/fundraisers or pick up your order form in the Church.

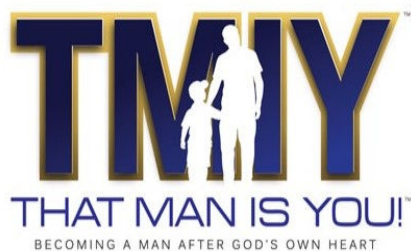
Please consider honoring your loved ones permanently in this special way.

As always, the Knights appreciate your support!

Marriage Ministry's *Marriage Is a Piece of Cake*



text
tweet
FaceBook
Try the "Good Book".



Men, Join us virtually, via Zoom

Click or copy and paste link for more information:

www.stjoans.org/tmiy

St. Vincent de Paul Hours



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is open Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that masks are required to enter our store.

For more information or if you or someone you know needs assistance, call SVdP at 609/953-0021.

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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



**ZOOM ONLY - LENTEN SERIES
LET'S LISTEN TO POPE FRANCIS
4 Tuesdays / 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
March 9, 16, 23, and 30**

Are you looking for some good Lenten Reading? Let's read the Pope's new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. We will take the challenge and read it together, about 40 pages a week. We can do it! Anybody in? Please order your own copy. Lenten Offering for Francis House: \$50.

**LENTEN SERIES
A WRITING RETREAT
4 Tuesdays / 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
March 9, 16, 23, and 30**

How is my life a revelation of God? Enjoy this 4-part Lenten series which will incorporate prayer, individual time with writing prompts and group time to share and motivate each other in how to express with the written word what lies within each person's sacred story. Please order your own copy of *Writing the Sacred Journey* by Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew. Donation: \$60.
To register, call 609-877-0509.

BEST LENT EVER Resources

Everything you need to help others have the BEST LENT EVER!

Please check the parish website at www.smlparish.org for online Lenten Resources.

Also, available are Little Black Books from the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan in the foyers of the Church.

Please take one home for Daily Devotionals during Lent.

Casserole Collection Temporarily Suspended

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners who are donating to the Feed My Sheep Casserole Ministry! However, at this time, we ask you to hold off on your donations. Our freezer space is now at capacity and the two organizations where we deliver the food are fully stocked!

We will post again when we can once again accept casseroles.

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is 24/7.

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



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

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>

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, February 28

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

Monday, March 1

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 5:45 a.m. / Virtual
- Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study / 7 p.m. / Emmaus Center and on-line
- KofC Officers Meeting / 7 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Matthew Study / 7:00 p.m. / Webex

Thursday, March 4

- Bible Study / 10 a.m. / Emmaus Center

Friday, March 5

- Stations of the Cross and Benediction / 7 p.m. / Church

Saturday, March 6

- KofC Officers Retreat / 8 a.m. / Emmaus Center

Sunday, March 7

- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- YES Lenten Small Group / 7 p.m. / Webex

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.



Palms for Ashes

Please bring in any old palms and place them in the baskets/bins by the doors of the church.

Thank you !