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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
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Deacon Rich Lutomski
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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

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

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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
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St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021	

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2021

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday, April 1st Following Mass Good Friday, April 2nd Following The Commemoration Holy Saturday, April 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 28th Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Mass Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 29th - 31st at 7:15 and 9:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 1st The Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, April 2nd
The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m.
Stations with Veneration of the Cross
7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

There will be no blessing of the Easter food this year.

The Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4th 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Week and Easter Simulcast Schedule

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday

3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Mass all simulcasted live at www.smlparish.org

Covered Statues in Church



But when his brothers had gone up to the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus himself also went up, not openly but (as it were) in secret. The Jews were looking for Him at the feast and saying, "Where is he?"

John 7:10-11

From that day on they planned to kill him. So Jesus no longer walked about in public among the Jews, but he left for the region near the desert, to a town called Ephraim, and there he remained with his disciples.

John 11:53-54

The statues are covered during Passiontide (the Fifth Week of Lent and Holy Week) to commemorate the low profile Jesus kept during the weeks before His sacred passion.



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28

7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**

Ruth Anne Shea / The Shea Family 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Jim Brown / Joseph Ranno & Family 12:00 p.m. Marian Stack / Bob & Brenda Wardle Joseph Aromando / The Loughlin Family

Monday, March 29

7:15 a.m. Jane & Anthony Schiller / Judy & Pat Kiernan 9:00 a.m. Edward Diamond Jr. / Maureen Schuller

Tuesday, March 30

7:15 a.m. Kathleen & Gerald Miller, Winston Wright /

Judy & Pat Kiernan

9:00 a.m. Eileen (Grear) Koff /

Marylynn, Chris, Roseanne & Jackie

Wednesday, March 31

7:15 a.m. Mary & John Kiernan / Judy & Pat Kiernan

9:00 a.m. Rita Toscano /

> Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS Robert Wampler / Tim & Michelle Welsh

Thursday, April 1 – Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2 — Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3 — Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil / 8:00 p.m.

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday

All Parishioners Living & Deceased 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased All Parishioners Living & Deceased 10:30 a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased 12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross With Veneration



There are Stations of the

Cross with Veneration on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes: Cynthia Lewandowski!

Please pray for the soul of JoAnn Amiano and keep her family in your prayers.

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



Keith Bodendorf, John Boyd, Michael Bryan, Cherie Burgio, Sherri Colan, Dave Clor, John Deibel, David J. DiLullo, 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, Carol and Steve Newman, Joseph Nguyen, Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, Marilyn Peoples, Garrett Pittman, Bill Quigley, 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; 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.

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Learn about our faith. Anytime. Anywhere. Sign up for FORMED. Our parish code is **ZZFDVV**. Visit http://signup.formed.org/ Enter our parish zip or name Enter your name and email

Parish Giving

A gentle reminder to check your Parish Giving contributions periodically. Congratulations
to all those who were baptized at
St. Mary of the Lakes
50 years ago in March 1971:
Sally Anne Thies
Anne Marie Mingin
Karen Anne Cabot
Nancy Lynn Lex
Matthew Paul Minnium

Congratulations
to all those who were married at
St. Mary of the Lakes
50 years ago in March 1971:
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Allen Savidge

Welcome Newly Baptized Madison O'Neill!



REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **April 16–18** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Are you a Catholic who was married by a justice of the peace or a minister of another denomination?

As a married couple, you have already made a commitment to one another. Perhaps you'd like to consider taking your marriage to the next level by inviting Jesus to dwell within your relationship.

If you feel ready to begin the process of preparing for marriage in the Church, or if you would simply like to understand the process, please call the Parish Office at 609-654-8208 to register for this informative seminar.

The date is **April 19** at 7 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Father Dan will be presenting and we will have a question and answer session covering convalidation (what it is) and receiving annulments.

You'll be so glad you did!

Congratulations



Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty!

Increase Your Cross

Horizontal: Pray a novena for someone.

Vertical: Go to the Vatican website and read Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* for the Year of St. Joseph.

Core: Go to confession this week in preparation for Easter. Confession schedules are on the website and in the bulletin (*below*).

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 **April 14** 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 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.

PREP Update

On April 17 and 24, 80 School and PREP children will receive their First Eucharist. We are extremely proud of our students. We are also thankful to and appreciative of all those who helped prepare them for their Sacraments.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Regular 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

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From the Pastor's Desk

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is ongoing throughout the Diocese of Trenton.

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

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

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.

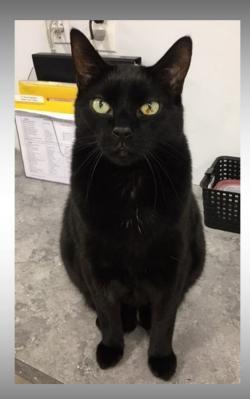
As of 3/22/2021, SML has pledged \$114,545. We thank you for making a gift to this year's ACA! Father Dan

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

Happy Belated Birthdays Tux and Chad



Tux February 24



Chad March 17



5 C H 0 0 L Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education



Welcome

Margaret Gouryeb

who joined the

SMLCCS Team

on September 14, 2020

as a PT Lunch/Recess
Assistant

Welcome
Scott Urban
who joined the
SMLCCS Team
on January 5, 2021
as a PT Teacher Assistant







Dine & Donate

Join Us MARCH 30TH to help Support
St. Mary of the Lakes School
*Dine-in or Take-out 11am-10pm (sponsored by SMLS PTA)

20% of all food sales will be donated to the cause.



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Fill the Trailer!

The trailer will be opened to the public and will <u>not</u> 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 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

Please assign me to a foursome I am a member of the foursome be	elow	7	
My Name:	Golf & Dinner o	□ Golf & Dinner combo (\$165 After April 15th \$175) □ Dinner only (\$45)	
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Cocktail Hour: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm inc	cluding Hot Appetizers caise, Grilled Salmon	15 per dinner – 6:45 pm start time) s. Buffet Dinner includes: Caesar Salad, Slice s, Chef Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables, Penne e Tea	
Payment must be received by I No Refunds after May 29 We will only include your registration received. No spots will be held with For questions, contact Don Bouchs	9, 2021 n when payment is ithout payment.	Make check payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6520 Mail registration form and check to: Joe Clauss 105 Park Court West	

Medford, NJ 08055

(GOLFER REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 144 GOLFERS)



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-toperson 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 or registering (see previous page) for golf, contact:

Don Bouchard at bouchdm@aol.com.

Council 6520 is also accepting sponsorships and donations online at:

www.medfordknights.org/golf.

Knights Selling Flowers on Palm Sunday

The Knights will be selling flowers on Palm Sunday after the Masses. Cost will be \$5 each, and you must have exact change as we will not be handling money. We will be set up at both exits, weather permitting.

Knights of the Month and Family of the Month

Dave Kohut (*right*), A 40-year member of Council 6520, who over the years has held many positions, this past month stepped up to oversee the Right to Life, Carnation and Rose Handout event. Dave volunteers for many different events, and his knowledge of the Knights is second to none. For this reason, we awarded the Knight of the month to Dave.



Jane and Fred Bresani both stepped in at the last minute to spearhead the "Marriage is a piece of Cake Event" for the Marriage Ministry, handing out slices of cake and organizing other married couples to assist them in some very frigid weather. The Bresanis are a great example of what the Family of the Month is all about.



Jim Wilhelmi (*left*) is a new Knight who has stepped up immediately to chair our Community Committee and also is taking charge of our efforts to rehab the Christian Caring Center. He has helped raise funds for installation of a new roof and siding to be installed this Spring. He continues to lead the charge in coming up with new ways to make things happen. For this reason, we awarded the KofM to Jim in January.

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 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.

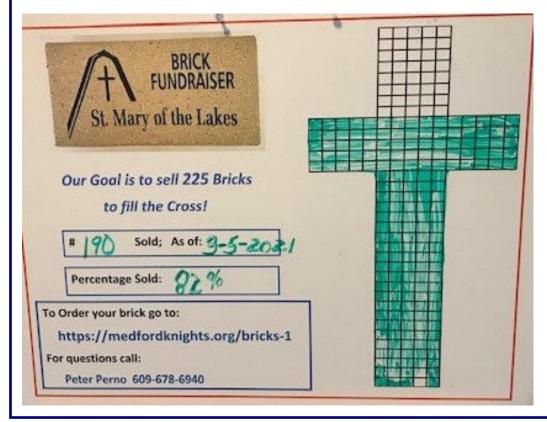
The Knights of Columbus are selling bricks that will be placed along the walkways and in the shape of two (2) Crosses, which will be placed entering the church from the back parking lot. Not only can you help us and the church, but you have the opportunity to leave an impression that will last forever.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

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

Dedication Brick Sale Update



We are at **82 percent** 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 to the 4everbricks link above 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!





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 is again 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.

Sisters of Saint Joseph Celtic Golf Raffle 2021

Win a trip for two to Ireland! Tickets for our annual Celtic Golf Raffle are now available! For more information and to purchase chances to win, click or copy and paste link:

https://tinyurl.com/y740qqsb



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton has been tasked by the New Jersey Department of Health to remove barriers and improve access to COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and education in underserved communities.

Parish outreach is a key component of the initiative, which focuses on Latino and Black residents.

Learn more at:

https://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/covid-19community-outreach/

Questions? Contact Catholic Charities Community Nurse Educator Lauren DeVries at (609) 819-6690 or

ldevries@cctrenton.org

YES Service Sunday

















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.

St. Vincent de Paul



Second Collection for SVDP this Weekend

The second collection on March 27 and 28 is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity enables St. Vincent's to help men, women, and children with food and financial assistance for housing, auto insurance, utilities, health care, and other expenses.

If you donate through www.parishgiving.org, you can include "St. Vincent de Paul" in your list of contributions. Just go to the My Contributions section and select St. Vincent de Paul from the drop down menu.

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



CARITAS CORNER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS MONTHLY EVENTS

TLC SOCIAL ADULT GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Ages 18-39

****No March TLC Meeting***
Friday, April 23, Spring Earth Day Celebration,
7:30 p.m. via Zoom

HEART TO HEART PARENT/ CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



Wednesday, **April 14**, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom For more information for TLC or Heart to Heart, contact Maria Paparo at **ria222902@gmail.com**

SPECIAL DISCIPLES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

For more information contact Linda Mueller at 856-983-7575 or **linda.mueller@stjoans.org**

CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENT

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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



SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES FROM COWARDICE TO COURAGE IN THE LIFE OF OSCAR ROMERO

Sunday, March 28 / 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

What a story to hear and film to view as Holy Week begins! How am 1 being invited to move from cowardice to courage in my life? Jesus did that. So did Oscar Romero. Donation: Love Offering.

IT'S ABOUT "TIME"

Tuesday, April 13 / 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Time is a gift from God, every second of it. Let's examine our use of it. Can it be our friend, enjoying every bit of it? Does it hang heavy, fly by or drag along? How can we befriend it, savor it and glorify God in the way we use it.? Some people procrastinate, others ruin their relationship with time by anxiously rushing. Does your relationship with "time" need a little attention? Take some "time" with it. Donation: \$25, with lunch and materials; Zoom \$20.

To register, call 609-877-0509.



Place your bet on the Man riding the donkey

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Men, come join us on-line "virtually" via Zoom, click or copy and paste link:

www.stjoans.org/tmiy

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.

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.



Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer



My Jesus,

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

1 love You above all things, and 1 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.

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.

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

- •YES Donation Packing / noon / Emmaus Center
- •AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Auditorium

Monday, March 29

•Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 6 a.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, March 30

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

Wednesday, March 31

•Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center

Thursday, April 1 — Holy Thursday

(Parish Office closed)

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

Friday, April 2 — Good Friday

(Parish Office closed)

•Stations of the Cross with Veneration / 7 p.m. / Church

Saturday, April 3 — Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 4 — Easter Sunday

•AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Auditorium

Adoration

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

