



May 2, 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 Maureen Sokolowski, President. 609/953-0021.

Get our parish phone app at the App Store or Google Play by downloading myParish app

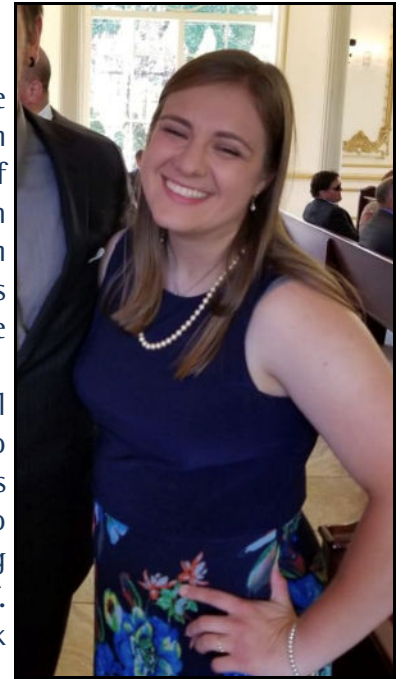
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and follow us on Twitter @SmlParish

## Hello St. Mary of The Lakes Parish Community

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Christina Kotowski and I will be joining St. Mary of the Lakes, as the new Director of our YES youth ministry. I'm a South Jersey native, growing up next door in Marlton. I am a graduate of Seton Hall University with a BA in Social and Behavioral Sciences with concentrations in Sociology and Catholic Studies. I was an active member in their campus ministry, leading bible studies, the Rosary and small groups. I was also blessed to be part of a Mission Trip to San Pedro, Belize and had the wonderful opportunity to attend the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

I'm a huge voice for all youth, and young adults, including our special needs community. I love being able to spend time with young people, and to meet them where they are. I'm very energetic and on fire for our faith, as well as today's young church. I will bring a youthful, passionate enthusiasm not just to the YES youth ministry, but also to SML as a whole. I look forward to working alongside so many great mentors and enthusiastic parishioners like myself. Please feel free to see me after Mass to say Hi. I would love to meet you! Thank you so much and God Bless! - **Christina Kotowski**



## First Holy Communion



## Church Study

Father Dan continues to offer an Intergenerational Church Study on the second Wednesday of each month with the next class **May 12** 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Sunday, May 2

7:30 a.m. Joseph Piarulli / The Schneider Family  
 9:00 a.m. Our Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Clare Vella / Dave & Nancy Mitchell  
 12:00 p.m. Rose Jacob / Harry & Anita Meshirer  
 Edward Bohi Sr. / The Loughlin Family

### Monday, May 3

7:15 a.m. Purgatorial Society  
 9:00 a.m. Betty Ann McCoy / The Stone Family

### Tuesday, May 4

7:15 a.m. Valerie Kuffermann /  
 Dave & Carolyn Karbasian  
 9:00 a.m. Peg Gaskill / Kathy DelRossi  
 Angelo DelRossi / Frank & Kathy DelRossi

### Wednesday, May 5

7:15 a.m. Phillapa Oppenheimer / The Vasturia Family  
 9:00 a.m. Bob Perkins / Claudia Aguilar

### Thursday, May 6

7:15 a.m. Bruce Martinez / The Czarniecki Family  
 9:00 a.m. Pauline Pace / Marilyn Crawford

### Friday, May 7

7:15 a.m. Janet Jennison (*living*) / The Jennison Family  
 9:00 a.m. Bob Perkins / Tina Orio

### Saturday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Janet Drain / Mr. & Mrs. Molz  
 5:30 p.m. All Mothers Living & Deceased

### Sunday, May 9

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

## Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day cards are available at all entrances of the church. To have your loved one placed on the parish Mass board, please place your offerings in the collection basket or bring to the parish office no later than noon *this* Monday, **May 3.**



Please pray for the soul of  
**Adrienne Malone and Ralph Fleming**  
 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, Karen Bilinski, Keith Bodendorf, John Boyd, Michael Bryan, Cherie Burgio, Sherri Colan, Dave Clor, John Deibel, 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, Walter Arthur Molineros, Carol and Steve Newman, Joseph Nguyen, Levi Oattes 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.



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; 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.

### Sunday Offertory Collections (including e-giving)

April	2021	2020
Weekend 1	Easter Sunday	\$27,114
Weekend 2	\$35,717	Easter Sunday
Weekend 3	\$32,727	\$35,160
Weekend 4	\$32,459	\$30,600
Weekend 5	-	-
Monthly Total	\$100,903	\$92,874
Increase from 2020	\$8,029	
Easter Collection as of 4/30	\$77,098	\$67,828
Increase from 2020	\$9,270	



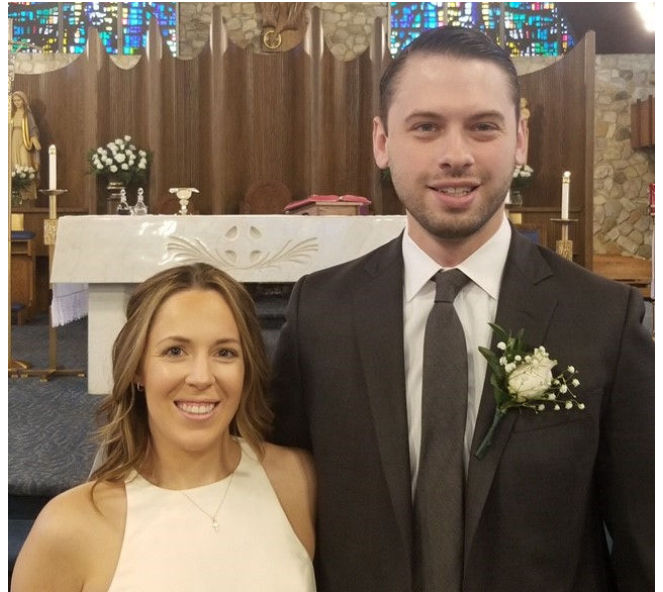
**Congratulations**  
to all those who were baptized at  
St. Mary of the Lakes  
10 years ago in May 2011:

Noah Charles Lotierzo  
Nicholas Ryan Wilt  
Brandon Maurice Bedel  
Kelsey Marie Beer  
Nevaeh Joan Grunther  
LiLiana Rei Santory  
Shayla Reilly Umansky  
Jacob Thomas Trinkle

**Congratulations**  
to all those who were married at  
St. Mary of the Lakes  
10 years ago in May 2011:

Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Golato  
Mr. & Mrs. David Katz

**Congratulations**  
Steve and Megan Schmitt



### Welcome Newly Baptized

Hadley Lind



Christian D'Ambra



### Increase Your Cross

**Vertical:** Go on-line and visit a Marian shrine (ex. Czestochowa, Fatima, Guadalupe, Kibeho, Lourdes, the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia). Find out about the apparition and ask our Blessed Mother's intercession to end the COVID-19 pandemic. [*Vatican News will be broadcasting the Rosary from a different Marian shrine every day in May at 6:00 p.m. Rome time (12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time).*]

**Horizontal:** Join Pope Francis in praying a Rosary, or at least a decade of the Rosary, every day during the month of May for the end to the COVID-19 pandemic. May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Instructions on how to pray the Rosary can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

**Core:** Pray the Litany of Trust (a free pdf version can be found at <https://sistersoflife.org/litany-of-trust/>).

YES is Supporting the  
SECULAR FRANCISCAN'S PROJECT OAK TREE

We are collecting donations for migrants and refugees released from Customs & Immigration. Please drop off the following items to the bins at JRE and PLE of church:

*Personal travel size hygiene items; lip balm; hairbrushes; hair ties;  
small-medium belts; shoelaces; new underwear and socks  
for children & adults (Sm-Med).*



Monetary donations are also being accepted.

*Please make check payable to St. Mary of the Lakes  
with memo line reading: "Migrant Donation"*

## Young Adults Ministry Invite

St. Mary of the Lakes is looking to begin another Young Adult Group in our parish. Invites are being mailed to all registered young adults ages 21-27. If you didn't receive an invite, please accept our apologies and considered yourself invited anyway.

A Come and See will be held on Tuesday, **May 25** at 7:00 p.m. in the PREP Conference room at St. Mary of the Lakes School. Entering the campus from Route 70, please go through the double doors straight ahead of you.

*Hope to see you there!*



## 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](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.

*The daily 9:00 a.m. Mass is  
simulcasted at [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org)*



## Congratulations Kayla and Kevin Ulriksen on Confirmation



### Caring for Homeless Families An Active Ministry at St. Mary's

For over 20 years the parishioners of St. Mary of the Lakes Church have supported and cared for homeless families in Burlington County through our participation in Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN).

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have been unable to use our network of churches to provide shelter for families. To accommodate, we have placed our families in motels, and as you can imagine, this is costly and not an ideal setting for children.

The good news is, we have a new vision, a new strategy and even a new name. IHN is now Family Promise. We remain part of the National Family Promise network and we will continue to serve families in need by providing both shelter and family support. In addition, we will continue to maintain our Parish Ministry to support the program and to provide opportunities for volunteers.

Our plan for the future is to use an Apartment Shelter Program to provide temporary housing and to offer case management to assist our guests find permanent housing, job opportunities and financial stability.

#### *Here's how you can help:*

**Become Part of our Network** — Stay involved and learn about Family Promise volunteer opportunities. Get our free newsletter and read about programs and events. See how you can participate.

**Share your Expertise** — We could use your help if you know about low-income housing, social work case management, job opportunities or career counselling, social media networking, legal aid, event planning, fundraising etc. How can you help? Be part of our caring network of volunteers!

**Help us to raise funds to shelter families** — Go to our website at [www.fpburlco.org](http://www.fpburlco.org) to donate funds to support St. Mary's Week of Caring. We are sheltering families in motels at this time and we need your support. Spread the word by asking your networks to support Family Promise.

#### *To Participate:*

E-mail Marie Cox at [marie.cox1@verizon.net](mailto:marie.cox1@verizon.net) to get on our mailing list, to join our network of volunteers and/or to let us know how you'd like to help. You can also access our Family Promise Ministry Page on the St. Mary's Parish Website for more information.





# St. Mary of the Lakes

SCHOOL

*Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education*

## SMLS Making Dirt for Earth Day



## Clothing Drive



## What's in your closet?

**Don't Need It Anymore....Don't Throw It Away,**

***Donate It and Support Our School***

Our School is having a Used Clothing Collection!

We are collecting:

- Wearable & Usable Clothing (Men's Women's & Children's)
  - Shoes, Belts, Handbags, etc.
- Linens (Bedding, Curtains, Towels....)
- Stuffed Animals

Our School will receive money for every pound we collect!  
Please put all that you are donating into tightly tied plastic bags.

### Two drop off locations!

**St. Mary of the Lakes School at the storage unit by the gym**

**Starting 4/12/21**

**Monday-Friday 7:00AM-7:00PM**

**and**

**St. Mary of the Lakes Parish at the garage behind the Church**

**Starting 4/8/21**

**Monday- Friday & Sunday 7:30AM-4:00PM**

**Clothing Drive ends Friday, May 7, 2021**

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sponsored by the SML PTA

## PreK Picnic





# Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 14, 2021

Medford Lakes Country Club – Medford Lakes, NJ

**All Net Proceeds benefit**

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Family Promise of Burlington County, & First Way of Burlington County

*Please select your desired sponsorship level*

☐ **Event Sponsor: \$5,000.00**

Includes recognition on prominent signage displayed in the clubhouse and on the golf course, special recognition before, during, and after the event. Recognition on the K of C council website and recognition in the golf event booklet.

(4) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch, and dinner. (4) Additional complimentary event dinners.

☐ **Platinum Sponsors: \$3,500.00 & up**

Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (3) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch, and dinner.

(3) Additional complimentary event dinners.

☐ **Gold Sponsors: \$2,000.00 & up**

Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (2) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch, and dinner.

(2) Additional complimentary event dinners.

☐ **Silver Sponsors: \$1,000.00 & up**

Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (1) Complimentary golfer, to include golf, lunch, and dinner. (1) Additional complimentary event dinner.

☐ **Bronze Sponsors: \$500.00 & up**

Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (2) Complimentary event dinners.

☐ **Booster: \$100.00 & up**

Includes recognition in the golf event booklet.

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Use tournament registration form to list golfers.

Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

Make check payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 6520**

Mail check and form to: Joe Clauss 105 Park Court West, Medford, NJ 08055

For questions regarding sponsorships please contact Don Bouchard at 609-654-8853 or [bouchm@aol.com](mailto:bouchm@aol.com)

Email company logo/artwork to Steve Motylinski at [steve.motylinski@verizon.net](mailto:steve.motylinski@verizon.net)

If you have questions on logo/artwork please contact Steve Motylinski at 609-668-8794

**DEADLINE IS MAY 14, 2021**



# Knights of Columbus

Make it a Date Night While Benefiting the Less Fortunate



St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is hosting its 14<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf tournament on Monday, **June 14** at Medford Lakes Country Club. Net proceeds benefit Medford's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Family Promise of Burlington County, and 1<sup>st</sup> Way of Burlington County. These three organizations provide critical services like food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance, and counseling to the needy in our area.

Don't want to golf? Dinner-only tickets are available so you can make it a date night. For \$45 you can enjoy a cocktail hour with hot appetizers, dinner, and dessert. Awards, gift baskets, and multiple raffles offer opportunities to win great prizes. To register, contact Don Bouchard at [bouchdm@aol.com](mailto:bouchdm@aol.com).

Council 6520 is also accepting sponsorships and donations online at:  
[www.medfordknights.org/golf](http://www.medfordknights.org/golf).



## 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.



### DO:

- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

## 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!



## Put Your Faith into Action: Become a Knight of Columbus

If you want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then join the **Knights of Columbus Council 6520**.

Medford's Knights of Columbus are involved in many charitable activities – from children's events to collecting food for the hungry. All the good works of the Knights are informed by our four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. You can focus on one event, such as our annual charity golf tournament, or get involved in several programs. Your volunteer time is up to you. Members attend meetings as their schedules allow.

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](mailto:sclattimer@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.

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/](http://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 **75 percent** on breaking ground for our **second** 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!

BRICK FUNDRAISER  
St. Mary of the Lakes

Our Goal is to sell 225 Bricks  
to fill the Cross!

# **168** Sold; As of: **4-29-2021**

Percentage Sold: **75\***

To Order your brick go to:  
<https://medfordknights.org/bricks-1>

For questions call:  
Peter Perno 609-678-6940



# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2021

## 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 4/26/2021, SML has pledged \$137,903.

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>

## YES in Action



## Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is 24/7.

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

## CARITAS CORNER FOR SPECIAL NEEDS



### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### TLC SOCIAL ADULT GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Ages 18-39

Friday, May 28 – Patriotic Theme – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

### HEART TO HEART

#### PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

For more information for TLC or Heart to Heart, contact Maria Paparo at [ria222902@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:linda.mueller@stjoans.org)

### CARITAS ENLIGHTENMENT

*"Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your Heart so beautiful, so pure, so Immaculate so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as you loved Him, and serve Him as you served Him, in the distressing disguise of the poorest of poor."*

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

## REQUEST FOR PRAYER CARDS

Do you have extra prayer cards, pamphlets or prayer booklets lying around that you no longer need?

The Legion of Mary is collecting your extras for a priest who distributes them to prison inmates in Pennsylvania.

He needs your help.

We deeply appreciate all donations to be left at the Front Office of the Church or directly to any Legion of Mary member.

Thank you!

## 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)



### THE WELCOMING PRAYER

**Tuesday, May 11 / 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Welcoming Prayer invites us to welcome each moment of our life, especially the more difficult ones, because God is present within it. We are to give over our over-identification with belonging and security, affection and esteem, and power and control in order to let God transform the false self into the true self that God desires. God's grace accomplishes it all. It is God's desire and God's work to set us free! Donation: \$25, with lunch and materials; Zoom \$20.

### PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD THE MYSTICISM OF POTS AND PANS

**Tuesday, May 18 / 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

This morning retreat will help us recognize God's Presence and action within and around us as we go about our ordinary tasks. Living in an awareness of God's presence is a cure for the loneliness and distractedness of our times and helps us to "Pray always." You will receive Brother Lawrence's classic, *The Practice of the Presence of God* for good summer reading. Donation: \$35, with lunch and book; Zoom \$20.

To register, call 609-877-0509.

## "COME JOIN US IN PRAYER"

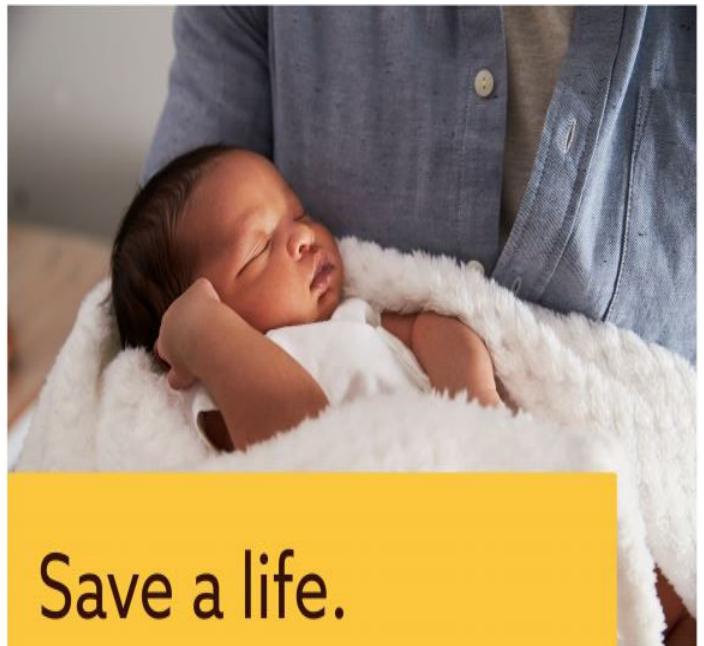
- **Rosary:** after all morning Masses - Monday through Saturday
- **Miraculous Medal Novena:** after 9 a.m. Mass on Monday (approximately 9:30 a.m.)
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Prayer:** after 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Saturday
- **Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ:** after 9 a.m. Mass on Thursday

## FEED MY SHEEP CASSEROLE MINISTRY

We are once again able to collect casseroles for the Feed My Sheep Ministry. Please drop off homemade pre-frozen casseroles Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Students may record up to three hours for service in the mobile serve app.

Questions contact: [yes@smlparish.org](mailto:yes@smlparish.org).

## Burlington County Diocesan Respect Life Committee



# Save a life. Contact Congress.

#### WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

#### HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

#### WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

#### TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)!

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To sign the petition to oppose the Hyde Amendment's repeal, please go to:

<https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>



## 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.**



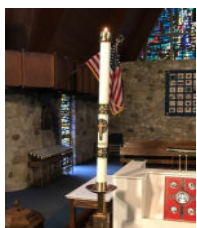
## A Coronavirus Prayer

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.**

## 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*

## St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

### Sunday, May 2

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

### Monday, May 3

- Men's Gospel Reflection Group / 6 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Renewed in Jesus Group / 2 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- KofC Officers Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

### Tuesday, May 4

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

### Wednesday, May 5

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

### Thursday, May 6

- Bible Study / 10 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- KofC Chairman Meeting / 7 p.m. / Emmaus Center

### Friday, May 7

### Saturday, May 8

### Sunday, May 9—Mother's Day

- AA Meeting / 7 p.m. / Auditorium

### 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.

## VIRTUS Training Session

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF  
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

**VIRTUS**Online

Monday, **May 17**, 2021

Emmaus Center

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This session is for St. Mary of the Lakes staff, volunteers,  
and parishioners only. Everyone *must* register online at  
[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). *No walk-ins will be permitted.*

All must wear a mask and if possible, bring your own pen/  
notebook. All participants will be socially distanced for  
your safety and ours.

*Session is limited to 30 participants.*