



August 22, 2021



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

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



#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday–Friday 7:15 a.m. and Monday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.

(*simulcast*) **at School Chapel**

Saturday **at Church:** 5:30 p.m.

Sunday **at Church:**

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

Linda Xerri, Director of Religious Education

Kevin Callahan, Minister of Evangelization and Marketing

Carolyn Cuperwich, Music Coordinator

Christina Kotowski, 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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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
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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](http://www.smlparish.org). Click on contact us/registration.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Confessions are heard on Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass at School and at 4:30 p.m. at Church. You may also call the parish office to make an appointment for a different time.

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to their child’s Baptism. Please call the parish office 609/654-8208, x110 as early as possible to make the necessary 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 off the Jackson Rd. Entrance is open 24/7.

**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

Please subscribe to [smlparish](https://www.youtube.com/smlparish) on YouTube

# The Renovation of the Sanctuary

*Please look here in the bulletin for photographs each week from the Renovation of the Sanctuary as the construction continues ...*



Our Lady of Mercy in Les Irois  
where daily Mass altar is going.

## New Homes for Existing Altar Furnishings

As you know, Father Dan has been working with Father Jean Felicien to transport the existing altar, tabernacle table, tabernacle, pulpit and daily Mass altar to Haiti. All but the daily Mass altar will be transported to Our Lady of Fatima Church in Govaives. As you know the altar top weighs 5,000 pounds! Father Jean was able to secure another vendor to transport the altar top! Praise Jesus!

The daily Mass altar will be transported to  
Our Lady of Mercy Church (which is under construction)  
in Les Irois.

*Please keep these transports in your prayers.*



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday, August 22 *(at Church)*

- 7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. Joseph Aromando /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS  
 10:30 a.m. Betty Martin /  
 Clergy, Staff & Parishioners of SMLCCS  
 12:00 p.m. Clair & Jim Ward / Their Children  
 Patrick Madison /  
 Jeff Pensabene & Loretta Mooney

### Monday, August 23 *(at School Chapel)*

- 7:15 a.m. Joe, Eleanor, Paulie Skahan / Tom & Marylynn  
 9:00 a.m. Mary Wrazen / The Cugliotta Family

### Tuesday, August 24 *(at School Chapel)*

- 7:15 a.m. Dr. Kimberly J. Isola / The Hicks Family  
 9:00 a.m. Tina Hoffman / Gary & Maureen Pancoast

### Wednesday, August 25 *(at School Chapel)*

- 7:15 a.m. Dr. Kimberly J. Isola / Wanda & Bill Haines  
 9:00 a.m. John & Wendi Glavicic / John & Carol Wagner

### Thursday, August 26 *(at School Chapel)*

- 7:15 a.m. Dr. Kimberly J. Isola / Tina Orio  
 9:00 a.m. Helen Marie Bogdan /  
 The Braugh & Wittenberg Family

### Friday, August 27 *(at School Chapel)*

- 7:15 a.m. Dr. Kimberly J. Isola /  
 John & Carolyn Degnan & Family  
 9:00 a.m. Richard Osler / Maxine & Pete Franks  
 Matthew 'Bo' Keating / John & Helen Petruska

### Saturday, August 28

- 9:00 a.m. Lucille Rovani / Her Family *(at School Chapel)*  
 Carmella Iannetta / Phyllis Robino  
 5:30 p.m. Ed Bohi / Dr. & Mrs. Dwyer *(at Church)*

### Sunday, August 29 *(at Church)*

- 7:30 a.m. Our Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. Ben Cooper / The Rakoczy Family  
 10:30 a.m. Steffie Dzwil / John & Maureen Ferry  
 12:00 p.m. Patrick Madison / Jack Pensabene

#### Mass and Confession Updates

The 7:15 a.m. Daily Masses for Monday - Friday and the 9:00 a.m. Daily Masses for Monday - Saturday are offered in the School Chapel. Please enter the building using the entrances on either side of the Chapel. All other entrances to the school will be locked.

*Saturday confessions will be at the School after the 9 a.m. Mass and at 4:30 p.m. in the Church.*

The Daily Mass Schedule for **August 30 to September 4** is Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:15 a.m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:  
 Lisa and Angela DeKlerk



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, Pete Franks, Louis Giansante, Baby Emily Hereghty, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Lee Knecht, Louis Kramer, Gail LaBarber, Gregory Law, Madison Luyber, Rosemarie Lyczak, Josh McFadden, Maria Minadeo, Walter Arthur Molineros, Carol and Steve Newman, Joseph Nguyen, Levi Oattes Rita O'Connor, Colette Parisi, Marilyn Peoples, Rose Piontkowski, Garrett Pittman, Harvey Pitts, Georgie Pollis, Bill Quigley, Donna Raman, 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, Aurea Williams, Hudson Edward Wingate, Ava Zachery, Madeline.

1<sup>st</sup> LT Christian Aguilar, USA; Capt. 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; MIDN Abigail Lutz, USNA; 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.



#### PREP REGISTRATION

We are continuing to accept registrations for students in Grades 1-8 for PREP. We are also in need of one 1<sup>st</sup> grade and one 4<sup>th</sup> grade catechist on Wednesday afternoon.

Please contact [lxerri@smlparish.org](mailto:lxerri@smlparish.org) with questions or to volunteer.

## Holy Communion For the Homebound

If you are homebound, or if you know somebody who is homebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion weekly, please contact the Parish Office at [frontdesk@smlparish.org](mailto:frontdesk@smlparish.org) or Father Roy at [rballacillo@smlparish.org](mailto:rballacillo@smlparish.org)

# The Mass from the Liturgy of the Eucharist to the Conclusion

- I. The Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place at the altar and is therefore the center of our attention and activity.
  - A. The Preparation of the Gifts requires the following sacramentals (elements):
    1. An altar cloth, which represents a sign of reverence for the altar
    2. A corporal, to catch the "Body" particles
    3. A purificator, which is used to purify the chalice
    4. Bread, which is made from flour, water and no yeast
    5. Wine, which is unadulterated and pure, and water. John 19:34 tells us that when Jesus side was pierced on the cross, water and blood flowed from his side. This is the reason why wine is mixed with water. It also emphasizes the humanity and divinity of Christ.
  - B. Prayer over the Gifts
  - C. The Eucharistic Prayer gets its origin from the Jewish blessings at table. It contains the following parts:
    1. Dialogical introduction
    2. Preface - a prayer of praise
    3. Sanctus or Holy, Holy, Holy . . .
    4. Epiclesis, which is the first of three times the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts
    5. Account of institution (Matthew 26:28), also known as the consecration and transubstantiation, which include second and third Epiclesis at each consecration
    6. Prayer of offering
    7. Intercessions for the living and the dead
    8. Concluding praise of the Trinity
    9. Amen
  - D. Our Father (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4), which functions as a prayer before the meal, since the fourth century.
  - E. The Sign of Peace, which has its origin since the first century, includes the priest's prayer for peace, the priest's prayer for peace, the priest's wish for peace in the community and the community's answer and the actual gesture of peace.
  - F. Agnus Dei, or the Lamb of God
  - G. The reception of Holy Communion
    1. Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. (John 1:26) Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:9)
    2. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed (Matthew 8:8).
    3. Originally, one was only permitted to receive Communion on the tongue, for fear that crumbs of the Eucharist would stick to the hand, and also to ensure reverence. Today, one has the choice to receive Communion on the tongue or in the hand, as that is the way Christ distributed his body at the Last Supper.
  - H. Silence after Communion
  - I. Prayer after Communion is usually a prayer of thanksgiving that the Eucharist will help us to be fruitful
- II. Conclusion
  - A. Announcements
  - B. Blessing
  - C. Dismissal
  - D. Veneration
  - E. Exit

Maria Iannuzzi  
David Birks  
Robert DeWitt  
Kristi Schwartz  
Colleen Henry  
Brian Halbach  
Katrina Vaughan

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Trainer  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Leming  
Mr. & Mrs. James Dulin  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Segreto  
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Kaufman  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Krantz  
Mr. & Mrs. John Dunn  
Mr. & Mrs. Ross MacLager

DIOCESE *of*  
TRENTON

The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is **September 15**.

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RED SHOES, SISTINE CHAPEL, CARDINAL, OATH,  
PONTIFF, POPE BENEDICT XVI



**SUNDAYKIDZ**



# Increase Your Cross

**Vertical:** Learn the parts of the Mass as well as the meanings behind them. Scott Hahn's *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth* is a great start in doing this.

**Horizontal:** Invite a friend to dinner.

**Core:** Choose a book to help you read the Bible. Two good ones are: *Walking With God: A Journey Through the Bible* by Tim Grey and Jeff Cavins (Ascension, 2010) and *Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History* by John Bergsma (Ave Maria, 2012). Or listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year podcast.



## Migrant Packing Party



## KICK OFF BBQ

If you're in the 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade you're invited to join us at 7 p.m. on **September 19** on the church grounds for a BBQ. Come join us to kick off the new school year with some good food, games, activities, and friends.

There will be T-shirts available with YES registration.



# St. Mary of the Lakes

SCHOOL

*Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education*

## Employment Opportunity School Maintenance Staff

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School seeks one full time custodial/maintenance staff member. The work consists of specific daily cleaning and sanitizing duties including but not limited to bathrooms, classrooms, and offices; cleaning from floor to ceiling. In addition, this position includes various jobs as they pertain to the maintenance of buildings and grounds, and set-up and breakdown of school functions.

The hours for this position are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Schedule will include some overtime and potential work on holidays.

This position reports to the Facilities Manager.

Compensation is commensurate with experience.

Benefits and paid time off are provided.

If interested, please submit letter, application (please go to the [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org) homepage.

for employment application) and salary requirements

to: Bill Scherf, Facilities Manager

at: [wscherf@smlschool.org](mailto:wscherf@smlschool.org). Please include SML# 8208 on the email subject line for your resume to be considered.

## Catholic Charities Guardian Angel Benefit of Hope



Each year Catholic Charities serves over 100,000 people in the diocese. This annual event honoring community partners, who help to inspire and give hope to so many, is scheduled for **September 9** from 6-7:30 p.m..

Due to covid19, the Gala will again be virtual, and all parishioners are invited to attend at no cost. On September 9, click on [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/Gaboh2021](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/Gaboh2021) to hear a former client's inspiring success story, enjoy the entertainment, join the silent action, and honor Catholic Charities' friends from each county in the diocese.

Catholic Charities assists with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know of a parishioner needing help, please contact us at [www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org](http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org) or call 800-360-7711.

## Collecting Sneakers

The Christian Caring Center is in need of boys and girls sneakers in all sizes.

Donation boxes will be in the Parking Lot Entrance of the church *this* weekend.

The CCC will be gifting families on **August 25, August 26 and August 27** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*no appointment necessary*) at the Christian Caring Center at 378 Lakehurst Road, Browns Mill – please bring identification and proof of children residing in you home.

Thank you for your support of the Christian Caring Center (St. Vincent de Paul will not be doing a back to school program this year).

*Checks may be made out to the Christian Caring Center, memo: sneakers*

## YES is Supporting Catholic Charities and 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:

1. Individual / single serving crackers, gold fish, wheat thins, popcorn, rice krispies treats, trail mix...
2. Undergarments - sports bras, underwear and socks for all genders, all ages (must be brand new).
3. Pants (leggings and sweat pants only – NO jeans, pants with buttons or zippers.
4. Tops (sweatshirts, sweaters, cardigans, t-shirts and coats only) – NO blouses.
5. Shoes (athletic shoes/tennis shoes, slip on shoes, and flip flops only) – NO formal shoes and/or heels.
6. Pajamas (tops and full length pants only) – NO shorts, nightgowns, or nightdresses.
7. Baby and toddler clothing, all sizes, all genders.
8. Toys for children, all ages, all genders.

Monetary donations are also being accepted.

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

## Calling all SMLS Alumni!

Do you have an old yearbook laying around?  
Do you have a fond memory of a championship won, or major achievement that happened at the school during your time here?

We would love to highlight it on our Throwback Thursday Social Media feature.

Please send a photo of the yearbook pic or event and a brief description to [Marketing@smlschool.org](mailto:Marketing@smlschool.org)



### Pray for Vocations Program

St. Mary of the Lakes has resumed the ministry entitled, *Praying for Vocations*. Families are asked to take an icon of Mother of the Eternal High Priest and prayer cards home with them after Sunday Mass available in the sacristy.

The family will pray together for vocations every day for a week.

The icon should be returned to the sacristy the following Sunday so it can be taken by the next family.

To participate, please sign up on the sacristy bulletin board.

Remember to sign out the icon so we know who has them.

For information, contact [Frontdesk@smlparish.org](mailto:Frontdesk@smlparish.org) or call 609-654-8208 x110

*Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.* – Pope Francis

### Holy Land October 2022 Pilgrimage

Father Dan will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2022. Brochures with more specifics are available at the Parking Lot Entrance. Or for a brochure to the Holy Land, please go to the [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org) homepage.



*Holy Land:  
Sea of Galilee  
Nazareth  
Dead Sea  
Bethlehem  
Jerusalem  
with Father Dan*

*October 17 – 27, 2022*

*Cost: \$4,100 (based on double occupancy)*

*Brochures at the Parking Lot Entrance*

To register, please cut and paste or go to the link:  
<https://www.the-catholic-journey.com/1022SwiftHL>

### A Faith Exploration Experience. Adult Initiation – R.C.I.A.

Are you wondering how to become a member of the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who is considering becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Or, perhaps you are a baptized Catholic, who for whatever reason, never received your First Holy Communion and were never Confirmed.

You are invited to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) here at St. Mary of the Lakes Church. The R.C.I.A. is a process for those 16-years-old and up that helps adults look at their relationship with God and discover how the Catholic Church can help to support that relationship.

If you know someone who would like to become part of this process, or if you, yourself, would like more specific information, please contact Christine Brandt at [cbrandt@smlparish.org](mailto:cbrandt@smlparish.org) or 609-654-8208 ext. 113.

### Prayer and Bible Study

Are you available Thursday mornings and would like to take a deeper dive into your faith? As women of faith, we meet every Thursday morning (following the 9 a.m. Mass) in the Emmaus Center. Our focus is both prayer for our families and community, as well as bible study, discussion and application to our daily life. This fall we will be studying the

Gospel of Mark and the Book of Esther. Join us!

*"Perhaps you were born for such a time as this."* – Esther 4:14

Questions? [rweill92@gmail.com](mailto:rweill92@gmail.com)



## Discovering Christ

Are you searching for a more meaningful, purpose-filled life?

Do you yearn to trade the "noise" and pain in your life for peace through prayer?

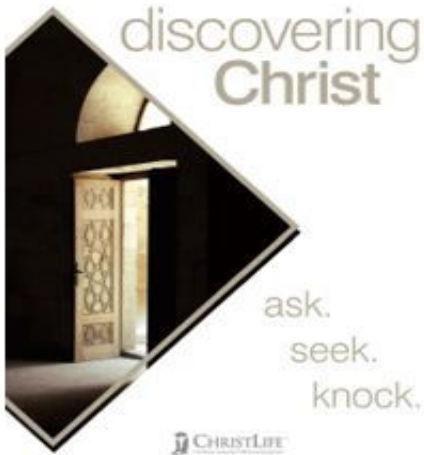
Do you want to develop a personal relationship with Christ?

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

A day retreat is offered during the course of the seven weeks.

Discovering Christ will be offered on **Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. beginning September 16**. Mark your calendars now! Whether we can gather in person or meet on-line, you can register on-line at [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org). There are also registration forms available at the entrances to the church and below.

Christ is knocking. Will you answer?



### A 7-week Program

in the Emmaus Center

Thursdays, 6:45 to 9:15 pm

**September 16<sup>th</sup>–November 11<sup>th</sup>** (No meeting 10/28)

*A life-changing retreat will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*If you have any specific requests or questions,  
please contact Christine Brandt at [cbrandt@smlparish.org](mailto:cbrandt@smlparish.org)  
or call 609-654-8208, ext. 113*

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### REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISCOVERING CHRIST

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ May we text? **Y** **N**

Do you have a group preference (if possible)? Women Only Men Only Mixed Group No Preference

If you and your spouse are attending, do you prefer to be seated **TOGETHER** or **SEPARATELY** (circle one)?

Please list your spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to be seated with a friend, please list your friend's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return this form to St. Mary of the Lakes Parish Office, 40 Jackson Rd,  
Medford, NJ 08055, or email it to [cwmemom@gmail.com](mailto:cwmemom@gmail.com)**

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**FEED MY SHEEP CASSEROLE MINISTRY UPDATE:  
CASSEROLES NEEDED!  
GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICE OR NHS HOURS!**



Casseroles are accepted year-round in the Parish Office on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (*unless the office is closed*). Casseroles must be homemade and pre-frozen when

delivered because they are stored until the delivery volunteers can take them to the organizations we support.

Students can record three hours per month for a donation, Students should be involved in the shopping and preparation of the casserole to obtain service credit.

There is no food restriction—we only ask that some protein be included in the meal that you prepare. Students should record their time using the Mobile Serve App which can be downloaded on a student or parent cell phone. Directions can be found by visiting [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org) under Faith Formation /YES tab. Please obtain a signature on your phone from the Parish Office Admins or Youth Minister when you drop off your donation.

Any questions, please contact [yes@smlparish.org](mailto:yes@smlparish.org).

**Continuing to Exceed Our Goal!**



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

As of 8/9/2021, SML has pledged **\$156,171**. Our parish goal was \$140,000. By reaching our goal, the rebate will be \$21,000 (15 percent of goal).

By continuing to exceed our goal, the rebate will be \$21,000 + 50 percent of difference above \$140,000, which is currently **\$29,085.50**.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

For more information or to donate, click on the link or copy and paste the link:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>



## **Knights of Columbus**

**Adult Co-Ed Fall Bowling League**

**Wednesday Nights 7:00 p.m.**

**Starting September 15 for 20 weeks**

**\$20.00 per person / per week / Free rental shoes**

**Single players welcome! Or make your own team!**

**Great way to have fun and socialize with fellow parishioners!**

**Contact: Jim Gibson 609-668-2897 / [jimg96@comcast.net](mailto:jimg96@comcast.net)**

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



### **Additional Bricks Available**

Due to popular demand, we were able to make room for approximately 50 additional bricks in the two Crosses located at the rear of our church. If interested, please stop by the Parish Office for a paper order form that details the information and payment needed. Once completed, they will be sent to the brick company for preparation of your brick. The PayPal option of ordering will not be available at this time.

*Thanks again for your participation and for all you do to help with our Brick Fundraiser.*



## HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS

Bishop O'Connell and I invite and encourage you to join us and the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton in sending the support of our prayers and contributions to earthquake relief efforts in Haiti through Catholic Relief Services at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

The massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, killing more than 1,900 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed.

Haiti is a country already susceptible to hurricanes and still recovering from the disastrous earthquake a decade ago and many in Haiti are already facing widespread hunger due to drought and economic instability. Your gift is critically important for the families in Haiti.

Three priests serving in our Diocese are from Haiti, two of whom are from the region in Haiti immediately affected. The family of one of the priests lost their home and his sister was injured.

When you give, whatever the amount, you provide immediate assistance. for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Your help will deliver immediate relief. Your prayers and generous support will make so much difference.

Please give a vital gift today!

God Bless,  
Father Dan



### St. Mary of the Lakes Church Music Ministry Is looking for singers of all ages!



#### **Children's Choir:** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Performs: 1 Sunday/month at 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rehearses: 5-6 p.m. Mondays in the church choir loft

#### **Youth Choir:** 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Performs: 2x/month, either Saturday or Sunday night Mass

Rehearses: One hour before Mass (also, practice links will be available online)

#### **Adult Choir:** "Young at heart"

Performs: Weekly, either 9 a.m. or 10:30a.m. Mass

Rehearses: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Church choir loft

Questions? Email Carolyn Cuperwich at [ccuperwich@smlparish.org](mailto:ccuperwich@smlparish.org)

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CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY SIGN-UP: submit to school or rectory office, Attn: Carolyn Cuperwich

Circle one:      Children's Choir                  or                  Youth Choir                  or                  Adult Choir

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

## Fr. Roy's Intergenerational Study

Title: Intergenerational Study on The Early Church Fathers and the Four Great Ecumenical Councils of the Church  
Father Roy is offering a 5-week intergenerational study on the Early Church Fathers and the Four Great Ecumenical Councils of the Church on Thursdays beginning September 9 through October 7, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

*To attend, please sign the roster in the Parking Lot Entrance to the Church.*

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THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

**VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>Online**

### New Policy for Re-Evaluations of Background Checks

We have been notified by the New Jersey State Police and the Diocese of Trenton that the blue form presently used for re-verification of background checks will no longer be used. All re-evaluations must be conducted through the IdentoGO process.

Therefore, any volunteer in need of a fingerprint recheck by years end (2021) should submit a blue form to the parish office immediately. As of **August 1, 2021**, we are no longer able to accept blue forms and you will need to make an appointment with IdentoGO for fingerprinting. If you submit your fingerprint receipt you will be reimbursed by St. Mary of the Lakes. Information and forms are available at the parish office.

### VIRTUS Training

The Diocese of Trenton requires anyone over the age of 18 who participates in a Parish ministry to attend a VIRTUS training session every four years to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. What this means is that every adult who currently volunteers for SML Church, School, or PREP and has not previously attended a VIRTUS session, or who has not taken a refresher course within the past four years, must attend a class as soon as possible.

VIRTUS Training Sessions are offered at parishes throughout the Diocese. During the months of September and October, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the following sessions: **9/9** at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center and **10/28** at 10:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center and again at 6:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

Pre-registration is mandatory at

<https://virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

Email questions to [frontdesk@smlparish.org](mailto:frontdesk@smlparish.org).



Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet, relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven.

In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in His church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the second coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

I will be facilitating the 11-week Bible study Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith. The study will be held *every Wednesday* evenings **starting September 22** from 7-9 p.m.

Participants will meet every week for group discussion, fellowship and view an engaging video presentation by Jeff Cavins.

Note that we will be meeting IN-PERSON at the Emmaus Center!

For more information or to register, please contact

Leonor Czarnecki at [leonorczarnecki@gmail.com](mailto:leonorczarnecki@gmail.com)

or call me at (609)351-5420

### THAT MAN IS YOU !

Returns **LIVE** to St. Joan's



Hope to be meeting in  
Pedata Hall ....  
it's "prayer"-conditioned.

We begin our seventh year on **September 17**  
Stay tuned to [www.stjoans.org/tmiy/](http://www.stjoans.org/tmiy/) for more info.

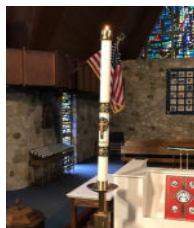
*It's never too late to join us.*



## 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>

## 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.**

## St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

### Sunday, August 22

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

### Monday, August 23

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

### Tuesday, August 24

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

### Wednesday, August 25

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

### Thursday, August 26

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

### Friday, August 27

### Saturday, August 28

### Sunday, August 29

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

