



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055 Parish Website: www.smlparish.org

Parish Email Address: Frontdesk@smlparish.org



#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday: 7:15 a.m. and Monday—Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (simulcasted), Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Sunday:

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (simulcasted), 10:30 a.m. and noon

#### **CLERGY AND STAFF**

Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor, father\_dan@smlparish.org
Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, rballacillo@smlparish.org
Deacon Rich Lutomski
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Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate
Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant
Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant
Eleni DiCarlo, Administrative/Marketing Assistant
Maria Sobel, School Principal
Linda Xerri, Director of Religious Education
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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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	
St. Mary of the Lakes Schoo	1 196 Route 70	654-2546	x210
St. Mary of the Lakes Schoo	1 Fax	654-8125	
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546	x310
Parish Youth Minister	40 Jackson Road	654-2546	x111
Bulletin Editor	40 Jackson Road	654-8208	x131
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021	

PARISH REGISTRATION: ALL ARE WELCOME "God is rich in mercy, because of His boundless love for us." Ephesians 2:4 tells us God's love knows no boundaries and neither does St. Mary of the Lakes. New parishioners, regardless of where they live, are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available in the parish office and on our website at www.smlparish.org. Click on Contact us/registration

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard on Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 4:30 p.m. 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 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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 on YouTube

#### Please pray for the soul of **Edward Davis and** please keep their families in your prayers.

Long-term prayer requests (those over a year old) will not be published PRAYERAN individually, but will be prayed for at Hall h each Mass, as will the following:



Mia Daly, Meghan D., Robert McCormick, Ryan Jastrzemski Bill Anderson, Laura Palacio, Peggy Luciani, Jesse Verrecchia, Tommy Willis, Edward Mooney, Charles Baker, Joe Halloran, Niki Kruse, Mary Arnold, Joe White, Joseph Lambarski, Garrett Pitman, Laura Kucklinca, Tom Murray, Kevin Rynn, Michelle Allen, Connie Aromando, Marty Ball, Karen Bilinski, Keith Bodendorf, John Boyd, Michael Bryan, Cherie Burgio, Sherri Colan, Dave Clor, John Deibel, Emelia DiCarlo, Matilda Docalovich, Theresa R. Dumas, Jim Endahl, Martin Farrell; Joseph Finizio, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Louis Giansante, Sawyer Michael Howarth, Jim Kehoe, Morgan Kelly, Andrew Klamo, 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, Allison Turner, Anna Mae Wade, Diane Wolf, Aurea Williams, Hudson Edward Wingate, Ava Zachery, Madeline, John V. Conte



PRAY 1st LT Christian Aquilar, USA; Capt. 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: MIDN Abigail Lutz, USNA; Christopher Macready, USMC; 2nd LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; 1st LT Michelle Mathews, 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.; LTJG Bruce Lemyre; Staff Sergeant Brady Guthrie

#### 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 go to the www.smlparish.org homepage. You may include an offering with your Sunday gift



#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 26th

9:00 a.m. Joseph Taffoni /

Chris and Stephanie Jobes and Family

Dr. Kimberly Isola / The Loughlin Family 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27th

7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners

9:00 a.m. Jane Rovito / 2021 Reach More Team

10:30 a.m. Robert Dodd /

Bill and Nadine Haines and Family

12:00 p.m. Larry Startzell, Jr. / The King Family

Diane Fiore / Rev. Daniel F. Swift

Monday, March 28th

7:15 a.m. Ruth Anne Shea / The Shea Family

9:00 a.m. Barbara (Bobbie) Estelow

/ SML Clergy, Staff and Parishioners

Tuesday, March 29th

7:15 a.m. Kathleen Kearney

Helen Grant / Joan Block

Carol Cesario / Rev. Daniel F. Swift 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 30th

Salvatore Triolo / Sean Clancy 7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Samuel McElvan / Winnie Lemyre

Thursday, March 31st

7:15 a.m. David Parrish / The Forgash Family 9:00 a.m. Richard Minnium / The Minnium Family

Friday, April 1st

7:15 a.m. Humbert (Bert) Minnella /

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Louis Imbriale / Rev. Daniel F. Swift 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 2nd

9:00 a.m. William Yeager / His Wife and Family

Dina Sullo / Carl and Janet Sullo

5:30 p.m. Elsie Cardillo /

Mr. and Mrs. Louis DiVentura and Family

Sunday, April 3rd

7:30 a.m.

Military and Law Enforcement Personnel and Families /

Jerry and Peg Oyen

9:00 a.m. Cheryl Stamato / The Heiser Family

10:30 a.m. Mary A. Magee /

Bill and Nadine Haines and Family

12:00 p.m. Arlene Pileggi /

SML Clergy, Staff and Parishioners

For Our Parishioners

## Lenten Parish Retreat Offered by Reverend Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap. March 28 – 31



Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap. will be offering our Lenten parish mission, Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church. He will offer an abridged version of the mission after the 9:00 am daily Mass also.

Born in Philadelphia, Fr. Simeon has served in the Church in many capacities as a pastor, military chaplain, clergy retreat master, and ecumenical (interdenominational) speaker.

The theme for the mission is the 'Spirituality of Relationships', so timely as we come out of the pandemic and strive to reconnect with those around us.

The talks are geared to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Don't come alone to the mission! This is a great opportunity to invite those who have left the Church as well as your non-Catholic spiritual friends.

Bring family, friends, neighbors to join you as we prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord!

#### Lenten Penance Service



Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

# Stations of the Cross for Lent 2022 7:00 p.m. in the Church

April 1<sup>st</sup>: Stations with YES

April 8<sup>th</sup>: No Stations due to Confirmation

April 15<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday): Stations of the Cross

(no Benediction on Good Friday)

#### Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study: The Passion of Luke

Father Dan will be offering Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study on the Passion of Luke the last date is on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center and virtually.

Those planning to attend in person are asked to sign the roster in the Parking Lot Entrance, email father\_dan@smlparish.org or call the Parish Office at 609/654-8208 ext. 110.

Those attending virtually may use the link on our parish website: www.smlparish.org

Please bring a Bible. Bibles will be on sale at the class for \$5.00

#### Fr. Dan's Homilies on Video

Fr. Dan's homilies are posted weekly on YouTube as well as the parish website. Please visit the St. Mary of the Lakes parish YouTube site or click www.smlparish.org and click on the ABOUT tab on the home page and then click PASTOR and then scroll down to *Fr. Dan's Video Homilies*.

# EWTN Network brings you great Holy Week and Easter programing on TV, Radio, Internet and now on your smartphone!

Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and LIVE Easter Masses from Rome and the U.S. and much more! Find your local EWTN radio station by going to ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder/ or ewtn.com/radio/affiliates-map

#### Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2022

#### Sacrament of Penance

Holy Thursday, April 14th Following Procession Good Friday, April 15th Following Commemoration Holy Saturday, April 16th, 4:30 p.m.

#### Palm Sunday, April 10th

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 April 11th, April 12th, April 13th at 7:15 and 9:00 a.m.

#### Holy Thursday, April 14th

The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

#### Good Friday, April 15th

The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m. Stations with Veneration of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

#### Holy Saturday, April 16th

Blessing of the Food 12:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. Mass

#### Easter Sunday, April 17th

7:30, 9:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Children's Mass

#### Children's Rehearsal Easter Mass

A Children's Mass will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Any child interested in participating by reenacting the Gospel, or as readers or gift bearers are asked to sign up using the link on our parish website.

There will be rehearsals on Wednesday, April 13th from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

### Holy Week Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 13th 4:30 p.m.

Children's Mass 4:30 p.m.
All Altar Servers for Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m.
Apostles for Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:15 p.m.
RCIA Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



May 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>
Monday-Thursday 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Friday-Saturday 6 p.m.-11 p.m.

A Sign Up Genius for volunteer registration will be launching soon! Please look forward to new info in future bulletins!

#### Here is a list of available jobs:

- 1) Set Up Crew for the Weekend Before
- 2) Early arrivals to help clean up and stock the food service and other areas prior to the daily opening
- 3) Volunteers in multiple different departments/stations:
- Games (must be 18 or over NJ Gambling Law)
- Food Tent (must be 16 or over)
- Snack Stand
- · Parking Traffic Directors
- Miscellaneous Runners for resupplying the food areas (soda, water etc)
- Nightly Clean Up Crew starts around 9pm
- Carnival Takedown

(Sunday morning and early afternoon)

## MEGApass Tickets will be available! What is a MEGApass?

A MEGApass is very simple...
It is EXACTLY what the name implies...

It is a PASS you purchase one time that gets you on EVERY ride, EVERY night as many times as you want, for a one time purchase of the MEGAPass.

Buy it once and ride all night, every night all week long.

The MEGApass will be offered for a presale discount of \$45 at Murphy's Markets in Mid-April.

### Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

When: Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022 (after the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses)

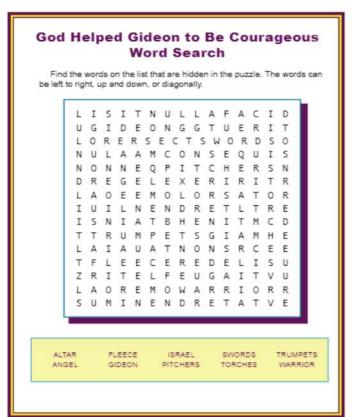
Where: Emmaus Center

Easter Egg Hunt outside the Emmaus Center (weather permitting)



YES will be collecting bags of peanut-free individually wrapped candy (such as Hershey Kisses or wrapped mini chocolate eggs) for the Easter Egg Hunt from now until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donations may be placed in the bin located at the parking lot entrance. Thank You!

### Kid's Corner



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# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Harriet Galasso!



#### **Pray for Vocations Program**



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 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

# THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

#### 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. St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the following sessions: Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. and 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.

# Last Week to Fill Out the Disciple Maker Index Survey!

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

You may visit our parish website: www.smlparish.org and click on the link. Or you may find the link in our MyParishApp under Parish Info. The link is also available in our Daily and Weekly Email Blasts.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy at all the entrances of the church and in the Parish Office or by contacting

Christine Brandt at 609-654-8208 ext. 113

The survey will only be available **now** through March 31st and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Dan and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

#### Do Something Beautiful for God From Mother Teresa

God is always speaking to us. Listen to Him. He wants from us deep love and compassion. Feel often during the day the need for prayer. Love to pray.

Through prayer you will find out what God wants you to do.



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 3/21/2022, SML has pledged \$83,530. We thank you for making a gift to this year's ACA!

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal is off to a roaring start and we are thankful for your participation!

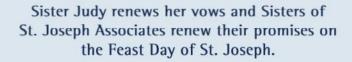
To make a gift, please fill out and mail the Appeal card found at all entrances of our Church our you may give online by visiting our parish website and clicking on the Catholic Appeal image. Thank you for your generosity!

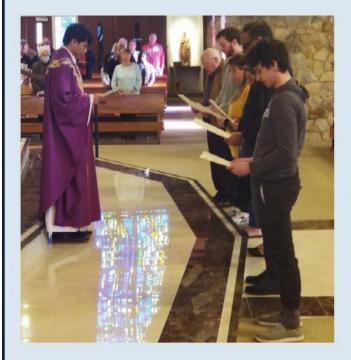
Father Dan



# **HAPPENINGS**

RCIA First Scrutiny







**Second Synod Session** 





### Want to view more pictures of our parish?

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# **HAPPENINGS**







#### RIDE/GAME SPONSOR

Each ride/game includes a sign that designates the sponsor of a ride/game for the duration of the event. Signage at this level of sponsorship will have high visibility placement in prime spots on the carnival midway.

> Mention in the parish bulletin as a Ride/Game Sponsor of the carnival and in other printed materials relevant to sponsorship of ride/games.

These sponsors will also be directly named and thanked in online social media. Each Ride/Game Sponsorship also receives 2 free, "Ride all Night" wristband vouchers.

Cost of Sponsorship: \$400

#### PATRON SPONSOR/BUSINESS SPONSOR

Sponsorship on signage at the event listing all persons/companies that have contributed to the event in this category. Mention in the parish bulletin as a Patron/Business Sponsor of the carnival and in other printed materials relevant to this category of sponsorship. A 30"x30" space on the carnival signage on the grounds during the event.

Cost of Sponsorship: \$150

Sponsorship on signage at the event listing all families that have contributed to the event in this category. Mention in the parish bulletin as a Family of the carnival and in other printed materials relevant to this category of sponsorship. A 15"x15" space on the carnival signage on the grounds during the event.

Cost of Sponsorship: \$75



C	Ride/Game Sponsor (\$400)
C	Patron/Business Sponsor (\$150)
C	Family Sponsor (\$75)
В	usiness/Family Name:
C	ontact Person:
C	ontact Email:
C	ontact Phone #:
A	mount Enclosed:
	If you have any questions regarding any of the sponsorships, please call Maria King at 609-313-7982 or email her at mking@eventcrazy.com for more information.
	Or, you can simply check off the ad you would like to purchase, fill out this form and place it in an envelope along with a check made out to Saint Mary of the Lakes and drop it in the mass collection baskets marked "Carnival" or mail it to the parish office:
	Saint Mary of the Lakes Parish, Carnival Committee, 40 Jackson Road, Medford, NJ 08055
	Thank you in advance for your sponsorship which is so vital to us achieving our carnival fund raising goals.
_	All submissions must be submitted by May 1, 2022





If you would like 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. Vivat Jesus!

#### Are You In Need of a Miracle?

Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, needs another miracle to become a saint. The first miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. McGivney involved one of our insurance agents and the healing of his son Michael "Mikey" Schachle from fetal hydrops, which causes a fatal accumulation of fluids throughout the body of an unborn child. Come join us and help bring Sainthood to Fr. McGivney by praying the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

https://www.fathermcgivney.org/fmcgs/assets/canonization.pdf.

Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older can join online at www.kofc.org/join. Use Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for one year of free membership. Our local Council is 6520.

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 are Looking for a Few Good Bowlers!

Knights of Columbus Spring League begins on March 30, 2022 at 7 pm at the Medford Bowling Alley on Stokes Road in Medford.

If interested in joining our League please call Jim Gibson at 609-668-2897 (cell) or email jim96@comcast.net.



# "Chip in for Charity" to Benefit the Homeless, Less Fortunate, Women in Crisis, and Children

Medford Knights Charity Fund, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is hosting its 15th annual charity golf tournament on **Monday**, **June 13**, **2022**, **at Little Mill Country Club**. Net proceeds benefit Medford's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Family Promise of Burlington County, and 1st Way of Burlington County.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals to help these three organizations to continue to provide critical services like food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance, and counseling to the needy in the area. Medford Knights Charity Fund invites local business owners and men and women golfers to "chip in for charity" to support these vital organizations that treat every man, woman, and child with respect, dignity, and kindness. Nonprofits face a threefold challenge because of COVID-19: costs have increased, needs are up, and fundraising opportunities have been hampered.

Golf registration is \$195 per person (\$215 after April 15) and includes greens fee, a golf cart, a golf shirt, gifts for all participants, lunch, beverages on the course, and a buffet dinner. The tournament is a scramble format for 188 golfers and begins with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m.

Awards and gift baskets offer opportunities to win great prizes.

For questions about sponsorships or registering for golf, contact Don Bouchard at bouchdm@aol.com or 609-654-8853. You may find the sponsorship form and the golf participation form on the homepage of our parish website: www.smlparish.org

#### Operation: Honor the Brave 2022

From now until March 27th YES will be collecting donations to support our military thru Operation Yellow Ribbon. There will be a donation bins at the PLE/ JRE.

We will be bringing our collected items on Sunday, March 27th after the 12-noon Mass to the Honor the Brave Collection at a Rose to December on Stokes Road. Parishioners are welcome to join us. Questions? Please email: yes@smlparish.org

#### **Items Requested and Appreciated:**

Tasty Kakes, Protein/ Energy Bars, Protein Powder, Liquid or Powder Drink Mixes, Pouches of Tuna or Chicken (no cans), Chewing Gum/ Candy Suckers etc, Peanuts/ Mixed nuts, Potatoes Chips in cans/ cylinder, Trail Mix, Dried Fruit, Beef Jerky, Baby Powder, Baby Wipes, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Saline Eye Drops, Chapstick, Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Sunscreen Lotion, Breakfast Bars, Slim Jims, Ground Coffee/ Tea Bags, Sunflower Seeds, Deodorant Sticks, Shampoo and Conditioner, Bath Soap, Body Lotion, Emery Boards, Shower Sponges/ Loofahs, Q-tips, Feminine Hygiene Products

YES Stations of the Cross Friday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m.



YES will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. If interested in participating, you may find the sign up link and the rehearsal dates on our parish website: www.smlparish.org/youth-energized-in-the-spirit-yes

Questions? Please email yes@smlparish.org

### YES Meeting: Sunday, March 27th

6:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center



8<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to join us.

We will be talking about how this week's gospel of the Prodigal Son motivates us to serve our church and community.



#### **CRS Rice Bowl Bulletin Announcement**

Lent is fast approaching, and Catholic Relief Services is inviting you to include the CRS Rice Bowl in your family's Lenten activities. Learn more about this by going to **crsricebowl.org/families**. There you will find links to:

- o A "DIY rice bowl label" which they can attach to any container, as an alternative to the usual Lenten rice bowl
  - o A Lenten calendar that has Lenten prayers and activities
  - Meatless Friday recipes

This year we are announcing **our** *New 25% Initiative*! **Each parish** that participates in CRS Rice Bowl **will keep 25%** of their Rice Bowl total collection **to support their parish ministries working to alleviate poverty and hunger**, which include food pantries, Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters.

*Please note* that there is a link for direct, contactless giving on the CRS website, but this option is not a guarantee that your parish will directly benefit from the 25% unless you identify your parish, and it will delay your parish receiving the 25%.

So, join in the CRS Rice Bowl Lenten collection and, at the end of Lent, turn in what you collected in your Rice Bowl to your parish office. They will handle it from there. God bless...!"

ALSO: Check out our **Rice Bowl Cooking videos** to see some of our own diocesan priests and nationally known priests cooking meatless recipes from their native countries where CRS is working on behalf of Catholics throughout the United States. Then cook them yourselves on Friday, too! Go to: <a href="https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic-social-services">https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholic-social-services</a> and click on the *Rice Bowl* 



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For more information on joining YES or to see their schedule of events email yes@smlparish.org or visit smlparish.org/youth-energized-in-the-spirit-yes



OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LORD, ARE ONCE AGAIN THREATENED BY AGGRESSORS WHO SEE THEM ONLY AS SIMPLE OBSTACLES BLOCKING THE PATH TO THE COMPLETE DOMINATION OF THE PRECIOUS LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE AS THEY FACE THIS GREAT DANGER, TURNING TO YOU IN THE IMMEASURABLY DEEP FAITH, TRUST AND LOVE THEY HAVE PLACED IN YOU ALL THEIR LIVES.

SEND YOUR HEAVENLY LEGIONS, O LORD, COMMANDED BY THE PATRON OF KYIV, ARCHANGEL MICHAEL, TO CRUSH THE DESIRES OF THE AGGRESSOR WHOSE DESIRE IS TO ERADICATE YOUR PEOPLE.

GRANT UNITY OF MIND, HEART AND SOUL, O LORD TO ALL LEADERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THOSE THEY SERVE. UNITE THEM ALL INTO ONE, GREAT CHRISTIAN FAMILY, SO THAT TOGETHER, AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THEY MAY GLORIFY YOUR MAJESTIC NAME – GOD IN THE HOLY TRINITY – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES.

#### **Ukraine Collection**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting an online collection for Ukraine. Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.

The Knights will be matching donations up to \$500,000. Please visit our parish website: www.smlparish.org for the link to give alms during Lent.

Thank you for your generosity.

#### Employment Opportunity for Aftercare Help:

Saint Mary of the Lakes School in Medford, NJ is now hiring for their After Care Program. Job requirements include: Supervising children ages PreK to 8th grade. Must be 18 years or older to apply. Background check is mandatory. Hours are 3pm to 6pm.

Hourly rate is \$14.57.

If interested please send a resume to Janice Pejka, Aftercare Coordinator at jpejka@smlschool.org.

#### Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes Parish:

Andrew and Karisa Christ
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#### JUDIE WASSON VOLUNTEER SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD



AWARDEE: High School student (senior) and an active member of St. Mary of the Lakes Youth Group (YES)

CRITERIA: Consistently demonstrated Volunteerism and Leadership in "Service to Those in Need" in a Spiritual and/or Service leadership capacity of a minimum of 2 years. This service must have been demonstrated within the St. Mary of the Lakes Parish Community. Applicant will have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy through consistent participation in activities serving those in need.

EXCLUSIONS: "Mandatory" volunteer work/service hours as a requirement of another program (Confirmation, National Honor Society, Scouts, or required Community Service.)



**DOCUMENTATION**: Applicant must write an essay which includes:



- (1) Name, address, telephone number, school attending
- (2) Actual involvement in Spiritual and/or Service leadership capacity including time/hours devoted to the involvement and describe what this Involvement entails
- (3) How those were served/benefitted in the Vincentian Spirit by explaining What it means to live with a "Vincentian Spirit" and minister to the poor
- What it means to live with a "Vincentian Spirit" and minister to the poor (4) Sustainability of the involvement
- (5)Certification confirming/describing applicant's "involvement" from the Director of Religious Education and Parish Youth Minister.

Please submit your completed application by email to lxerri@smlparish.org by May 1, 2022.

#### Volunteer Electricians Needed for the Carnival Set-Up and Take Down May 13th-16th and May 22nd

The carnival is in need of some licensed/certified electricians to assist in running lines in the Parish Only areas of food, music and beer sales. No other wiring or electric for anything other than Parish related areas. The carnival and game operators and all other outside entities have their own electric crews. The previous electrician will be onsite to assist but he is returning from Florida very close to the time of the carnival and will only be limited help. Any time you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Maria King at mking@eventcrazy.com or by calling 609-313-7982.

#### **Bulletin Announcement Submissions**

Please submit bulletin announcements for the Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins by noon on Monday, April 4th.

Please submit the bulletin announcements to:
edicarlo@smlparish.org



#### RCIA - Second Scrutiny

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we will participate in the Second Scrutiny with our Elect, Arvind Baliga and Rachel Mazzochette, who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Like the younger son in today's gospel, we too should not be afraid to return to our Father and seek forgiveness.

Other times, we are like the older son, judging others, refusing to forgive instead of rejoicing at their conversion of heart.

May God open our hearts to our Lord, who calls us out of the darkness of our sin and into God's marvelous light and mercy.

Please continue to pray for our candidates, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ by virtue of their Trinitarian baptism and who will be received into the Full Communion of the Church or will complete their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: Ashley Barrera, Erik Bobo, Demetrios Capiris, and Ronald Ensana.

#### FEED MY SHEEP CASSEROLE MINISTRY:

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Students can record 3 hours per month for a donation, Students should be involved in the shopping & 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 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. For questions please contact yes@smlparish.org.

#### Full Time Parish Religious Education Administrative Assistant

St. Mary of the Lakes seeks one full time administrative assistant for the Parish Religious Education Program, (PREP). The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with good organizational and time management skills. Outstanding communication and computer skills are necessary. The candidate is responsible for the administrative and secretarial functions relating to the day-to-day operations of the PREP program. The candidate reports to the Director of Religious Education and supports other staff in their roles. This position works in an educational environment with the responsibility of registering students for the religious education year, placement of students and catechists in class; ordering religious books and supplies, maintaining email distribution lists and sacramental databases for the School and Religious Education Program, serve as a liaison to catechists. This individual must be able to maintain confidentiality and be able to multi-task. The qualified candidate is to be familiar with Microsoft Office Suite and setting up virtual meeting platforms is a plus. Position requires irregular work hours during the months of September to April to accommodate late afternoon and evening religious education classes. Preferred Associates Degree. Benefits and salary commensurate with experience. No telephone calls will be accepted.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest and resume along with salary requirements to frontdesk@smlparish.org. Please include SML #8208 on the email subject line for your resume to be considered.



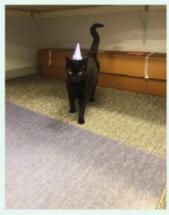
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#### COME JOIN US IN PRAYER

- 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 Friday

# Prayer for the Sixteenth Ordinary Synod of Bishops

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts: Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path no partially influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the truth of what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in communion of the Father and Son, forever and ever. Amen.



### Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

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

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### 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. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

Join us! Questions? rweill92@gmail.com

#### St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

#### Saturday, March 26th

- YES Operation Yellow Ribbon / 1:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- YES Stations of the Cross Practice / 6:30 p.m. / Church

#### Sunday, March 27th

- YES Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

#### Monday, March 28th

- Children's Choir / 5:30 p.m. / Church
- Carnival Committee Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- Lenten Parish Mission / 7 p.m. / Church

#### Tuesday, March 29th

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- "Lenten Parish Mission / 7:00 p.m. / Church
- Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Parish Conference Center

#### Wednesday, March 30th

• Lenten Parish Mission / 7:00 p.m. / Church

#### Thursday, March 31st

- Thursday Prayer & Bible Study / 9:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- · Adult Class / 4:30 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- Reach / 6:45 p.m. / Parish Conference Room
- Lenten Parish Mission / 7:00 p.m. / Church

#### Friday, April 1th

 YES Stations of the Cross and Benediction / 7:00 p.m. / Church

Saturday, April 2nd

#### Sunday, April 3rd

- RCIA Family Brunch / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- YES Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

#### Virtual Prayer Book

For a link to the St. Mary of the Lakes Virtual Prayer Book, please go to the <a href="https://www.smlparish.org">www.smlparish.org</a> homepage.

#### Legion of Mary

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