



September 4, 2022

We Make Disciples



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

Very Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor, father_dan@smlparish.org

Reverend Roy Ballacillo, Parochial Vicar, rballacillo@smlparish.org

Deacon Rich Lutomski

Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator

Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate

Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

John Scott, Administrative/Marketing Assistant

Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Maria Sobel, School Principal

Linda Xerri, Director of Religious Education

Lisa Helm, PREP Administrative Assistant

Frank Babinchock, Parish Youth Minister

Carolyn Cuperwich, Music Coordinator

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/smlparish

Twitter: www.twitter.com/smlparish

School Website: www.smlschool.org

Knights of Columbus: www.medfordknights.org

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX (609 Area Code)

Parish Office 40 Jackson Road 654-8208

Parish Office Fax 975-0137

St. Mary of the Lakes School 196 Route 70 654-2546

St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax 654-8125

Parish Religious Education 196 Route 70 654-2546

Parish Youth Minister 40 Jackson Road 654-2546

Bulletin Editor 40 Jackson Road 654-8208

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.

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.

x110
x210
x310
x111
x131

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an all-volunteer ministry with services provided and supported by many of our parishioners. "Vincentians" provide outreach and assistance to anyone in need throughout our parish region. Contact Maureen Sokolowski, President. 609/953-0021.

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downloading myParish app
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 4th

- 7:30 a.m. **Military and Law Enforcement
Personnel and Families / Peg and Jerry
Oyen**
- 9:00 a.m. **Lawrence Dunne / His Wife**
- 10:30 a.m. **William Plantier / The Swift and
Hummel Families**
- 12:00 p.m. **John Junior Scotto / His Mother
Our Parishioners**

Monday, September 5th

- 9:00 a.m. **Darwin DeMeo / Ann and Frank
Babinchock**

Tuesday, September 6th

- 7:15 a.m. **Alice Lopez / The Karbasian Family
Ralph DeGregorio / Tom and Terri
Vosbikian**
- 9:00 a.m. **Charles Arnold / His Family
Joanne and Frank Kirby / Mary K.
Henrichsen**

Wednesday, September 7th

- 7:15 a.m. **Bernard Tucker Jr. / St. Mary of the
Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
William Stout / Tom and Terri Vosbikian**
- 9:00 a.m. **Judith Ann Zech / The Cuneo Family**

Thursday, September 8th

- 7:15 a.m. **Kimberly Isola / Her Parents
Alene Wisniewski / Tom and Terri
Vosbikian**
- 9:00 a.m. **Alene Wisniewski / Julia Cattanea**

Friday, September 9th

- 7:15 a.m. **Christopher Coffey / The Vasturia
Family**
- 9:00 a.m. **Alene Wisniewski / Dar MacDonald**

Saturday, September 10th

- 9:00 a.m. **Bill Nolan / Eileen and Jim McConville**
- 5:30 p.m. **Gerald Keller / Michelle Brodecki**

Sunday, September 11th

- 7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
- 9:00 a.m. **William Plantier / The LaRosa Family**
- 10:30 a.m. **Deceased members of Knights of
Columbus council 6520**
- 12:00 p.m. **William Muir / Gene and Christine
Brandt**



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:

Andrea Orland, Mark McFadden, Bill DeVuono, Zak Reynolds, Thomas Green, Elizabeth Lutomski, Crane Hertz, 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, Joe White, Joseph Lambarski, Garrett Pitman, Laura Kucklinca, Tom Murray, Kevin Rynn, Emelia DiCarlo, Andrew Klamo, Georgie Pollis, Allison Turner, Anna Mae Wade, Diane Wolf, John V. Conte, Sally Bush, Linda Nowak, Joan Irwin, Michelle Sprenger, Eileen McFadden, Denise McFadden, Rose Piontkowski, Jimmy Gleason, Phillip Greunder, Kathleen Chwastek, Tim Denihan, Amanda Bader



1st LT Christian Aguilar, USA; Capt. Kyle Brandt, USAF; 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 Morgan 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; 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; PFC Aaron Bill, USCM; SPC Eric White, USA; PFC Aaron Bill, USMC

Come Join Us in Prayer

- **Rosary:** after all morning Masses - Monday through Saturday
- **Miraculous Medal Novena:** after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday (approximately 9:30 a.m.)
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Prayer:** after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Saturday
- **Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ:** after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

Bulletin Announcement Submissions

Please submit bulletin announcements at least ten days prior to publication.

Please submit the bulletin announcements to:

Moving?

If you have or will have a change of address, either moving locally or further where you will need to change parishes, please contact the parish office to inform us of your changes.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon
them.

Please pray for the soul of
Michael Bolinski

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C Readings

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18b | Who can conceive what the Lord intends?

Responsorial

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 | In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17 | No longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33 | Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

Sunday Offertory Collections (includes e-giving)

August	2022	2021
Weekend 1	\$29,757	\$30,872
Weekend 2	\$32,264	\$30,945
Weekend 3	\$34,092	\$31,032
Weekend 4	\$28,850	\$28,261
Weekend 5	N/A	\$24,294
Monthly Total	\$124,963	\$145,404

Parish Giving



We rely on your generosity to provide our ministries to parishioners in a safe, clean and pleasing environment. Please take a moment to make a prayerful recurring online gift to St. Mary of the Lakes.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

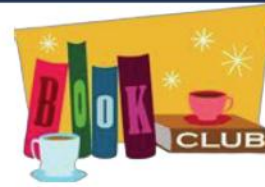
Domenico and Maria Rosina DiFilippo
Everette, Amy, Zoey, and Callen Long
Daniel, Erin, Carter, and Camryn Wister
James, Olivia, Lorenzo, and Sebastian
Nangeroni

**Congratulations
to all those who were baptized at
St. Mary of the Lakes
10 years ago in September 2012**

Kiersten Maguire
Madeline Kirsch
Meadow Mitchell
Lily Petruska
Giovanna Giegerich

**Congratulations
to all those who were married at
St. Mary of the Lakes
10 years ago in September 2012**

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Lure
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kleckner



Faith Seekers Book Club

St. Mary of the Lakes Church introduces the Faith Seekers Book Club beginning Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. Our first book selection is, *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream.

Faith, family, and God are at the heart of this book. Experience the brave, noble, and sometimes broken biblical women and how God used them to bring about His divine plans. He is still doing the same work in our lives today.

Prior to our first meeting, please purchase the book, read the first chapter, and be prepared to share your thoughts. Happy Reading!

Questions?

Contact MJ Abplanalp at mja1030@aol.com.

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VIRTUS® Online

VIRTUS Training

The Diocese of Trenton requires anyone over 18 who participates in a parish ministry to attend a VIRTUS training session every four years to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. This means 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 in the past four years, must attend a session as soon as possible.

VIRTUS training sessions are offered at parishes throughout the diocese. Parishioners are permitted to attend training at any parish in the diocese. This September, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer "A Plan to Protect Re-Certification" on Monday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

Pre-registration is mandatory at virtusonline.org as space is limited.

The parish office is not able to register on your behalf.

For registration or login issues, please call 1-888-847-8870 or email helpdesk@virtus.org



Youth Energized in the Spirit (YES), a ministry involving our parish youth from 7th to 12th grade, will have its first meeting of the new school year this September. YES is a ministry comprised of our young parishioners, encouraging them to live and practice their faith in the image of Jesus Christ.

Parents are also invited and encouraged to attend this first meeting. Adult volunteers and chaperons are needed throughout the year. Information will be provided to parents at this meeting on how to attain VIRTUS certification, which is required for adults to participate in YES activities.

The first meeting of the school year will take place on Sunday, September 18th at 4:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center, led by St. Mary of the Lakes' new youth minister, Frank Babinchock. There will be barbeque and discussion about YES' plans for the coming school year.

For more information, please contact Frank Babinchock at 609-654-8208 ext. 111

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2022

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who have made a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, St. Mary of the Lakes (SML) has once again reached its goal of \$140,000. Going forward, fifty percent of all gifts will be returned to SML in the form of a parish rebate. Those who have yet to make a gift may pick up a pledge card and return envelopes at the church doors. God is good, and so are you!

As of August 29th, SML has pledged \$157,215. We thank you for making a gift to this year's ACA!

You may also give online by visiting our parish website and clicking on the Catholic Appeal image.

Thank you for your generosity!



Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, or 50th (or more) anniversary are invited to attend the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass.

The Mass and blessing for Mercer and Burlington County Parishes will be Sunday, October 2, at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Trenton. The Mass and blessing for Ocean and Monmouth County parishes will be Sunday, October 9, at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold.

Registration is currently open and closes on September 15th.

To register, visit:

dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing



Saint Mary of the Lakes Church Music Ministry is looking for singers of all ages!



Children's Choir: 2nd – 5th Grade

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

Rehearses: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays in the church choir loft

First rehearsal will be Monday, September 26th, at 5:30 p.m.!

Youth and Young Adult Choir: Middle school through young adult (ages 11-30)

Performs: One Saturday/month at 5:30 p.m. Mass

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

First rehearsal will be Saturday, October 1st, at 4:30 p.m.

Adult Choir: "Young at heart"

Performs: Weekly, either 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rehearses: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Church choir loft

First rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:00 p.m.!

Questions? Email Carolyn Cuperwich at ccuperwich@smlparish.org.

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

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

Participant's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name (if under 18): _____

Eleventh Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

"Let us be careful," says St. Teresa, "never to be at a distance from Jesus our beloved Shepherd, nor to lose sight of Him; for the sheep which are near their shepherd are always more caressed and better fed, and always receive some choice morsels of that which he himself eats. If by chance the shepherd sleeps, still the lamb remains near him, and either waits until his slumber ends, or itself awakens him; and it is then caressed with new favors."

My Redeemer, present in this Most Holy Sacrament, behold me near Thee: the only favor which I ask of Thee is, fervor and perseverance in Thy love. I thank thee, O holy faith; for thou teachest and assurest me that in the Divine Sacrament of the Altar, in that heavenly bread, bread does not exist; but that my Lord Jesus Christ is all there, and that He is there for love of me. My Lord and my all, I believe that Thou art Present in the Most Holy Sacrament; and though unknown to eyes of flesh, by the light of holy faith I discern Thee in the consecrated Host, as the monarch of Heaven and earth, and as the Saviour of the world. Ah, my most sweet Jesus! as Thou art my hope, my salvation, my strength, my consolation, so also I will that Thou shouldst be all my love, and the only subject of all my thoughts, of my desires, and of my affections. I rejoice more in the supreme happiness which Thou enjoyest, and wilt enjoy forever, than in any good thing which I could ever have in time or in eternity. My supreme satisfaction is, that Thou, my beloved Redeemer, art supremely happy, and that Thy happiness is infinite. Reign, reign, my Lord, over my whole soul; I give it all to Thee; do Thou ever possess it. May my will, my senses, and my faculties be all servants of Thy love, and may they never in this world serve for anything else than to give Thee satisfaction and glory. Such was thy life, O first lover and Mother of my Jesus! Most holy Mary, do thou help me; do thou obtain for me the grace to live henceforward, as thou didst always live, in the happiness of belonging to God alone.

Ejaculatory prayer. My Jesus, may I be all Thine, and be Thou all mine!

PREP News

September 18th is Catechetical Sunday, and there will be a blessing of catechists and teachers after all Masses.

Additionally, the PREP Office will host a brief open house on Sunday, September 18th from noon to 1:00 pm in the School Auditorium. All incoming 1st graders as well as new families in PREP are invited. Tours of the school and your child's classroom will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to lxerri@smlparish.org or call the office at ext. 310.

On September 12th, all catechists and those who volunteered as classroom assistants and hall monitors are invited to attend a PREP orientation meeting beginning at 5:30 pm in the School Library/ Media Center. An overview of the book, *Alive in Christ*, will be given by our publishing representative for any catechist who missed the previous one.

We will also be reviewing new safety procedures in the building, which include pick-up and drop-off changes for this year. Tours of the building will also be given. Please park at the Main School Entrance and enter through the Main School Office door. RSVP to lhelm@smlparish.org or call 609-654-8208 x 310.



THAT MAN IS YOU! (TMIY) is returning for its eighth year at St. Joan of Arc in Marlton, beginning September 16th at 6:00 a.m.

TMIY is a group of men who come together with the goal of becoming the men that God designed them to be. They are fathers, friends, sons, husbands, and brothers, all united in Christ, gathering to strengthen and encourage one another. Attending comes with no obligation. Many men from St. Mary of the Lakes have participated in previous years, and whether you have previously participated or not, you are invited to join. It is never too late to give it a try.

TMIY meets in Pedata Hall at St. Joan of Arc every Friday morning at 6:00 a.m. for a continental breakfast, a video, and small group discussions that end by 7:30 a.m. There are also "virtual" Zoom sessions held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, visit stjoans.org/tmiy/ or contact Wes Trunko at 856-985-4353 or tmiy@stjoans.org.

Reusable Bag Drive

St. Mary of the Lakes Conference of St Vincent de Paul is once again asking for help from our parishioners. The recent state ban on single-use bags has created a big challenge for our food bank. A single order for one of our guests may require up to 12 bags of food, toiletries, and frozen food, and our traditional sources of bags can no longer fulfill our needs. If you have any reusable bags that you don't need, we'd appreciate it if you could drop them off in the trailer in the back parking lot, or one of the bins at the main parking lot or Jackson Road entrances. As always, we are deeply appreciative of the generosity of our parishioners.



Consolation Ministry in Need of Sacristans/Altar Servers for Funerals

The Consolation Ministry is in need of (male and female) Sacristans/Altar Servers to assist at funerals. We have recently lost two long-term volunteers, and the need is great. If you are already a sacristan, you are halfway there! You already know half of the job. Adult altar servers assist the priest during a funeral Mass. Sacristan/Altar servers are on a rotating schedule and serve one week at a time. Training is available for those interested in serving.

If you think this is something you would like to do, contact Consolation Ministry leader, Sue Roggio, at 609-953-1723 or chairfxr@aol.com. Please pray on helping in this compassionate ministry.



Honoring Our Heroes on That Tragic Day

There are two sheets at the Jackson Road entrance entitled, "We Remember September 11, 2001."

On the first sheet, kindly list the names of your relatives and friends whose lives were lost in the tragic events of that fateful day.

On the second sheet, kindly list the names of those relatives and friends who became heroes - great and small - defending our great nation and helping in the many relief efforts.

Please update the lists and check to see if we already have your loved one's name.

All names will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful at the Masses celebrated on Sunday, September 11th.



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FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TV HOST

CHRIS STEFANICK

St. Mary of the Lakes
40 Jackson Rd
Medford, NJ

Dec. 14 | 7:00 PM
Tickets \$30 - \$39
Reallifecatholic.com



St. Mary
of the Lakes
SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM



Teaching Assistants

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, is seeking a teaching assistants for the 2022-2023 school year. Our school is growing with about 360 students enrolled in PreK-8th Grades. We are looking for someone with experience working with young children. Job responsibilities include supporting students in the classroom and supervising students during lunch/recess. Candidates should have a commitment to Catholic education and enjoy working with children. Successful candidates will have to pass a fingerprint/background check and take VIRTUS Training. Salary will be determined based on experience.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest and resume to: Maria Sobel, School Principal, at msobel@smlschool.org. Positions will be filled as soon as possible.

Part-Time Maintenance Position

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School in Medford seeks a part time maintenance/custodial staff member. The work will include specific daily cleaning and sanitizing duties including bathrooms, classrooms, and offices. 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.

Candidates must be able to work from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Over time hours may be required to complete tasks and assist with evening or weekend functions. This position reports to the Facilities Manager.

If interested, please submit letter, application and salary requirements to: Bill Scherf, Facilities Manager at: wscherf@smlschool.org. Application can be found on the homepage at smlschool.org. Please include SML#2546 on the email subject line for your application to be considered.

Library Media Specialist

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, is seeking a part-time Library Media Specialist for the 2022-2023 school year. Our school is growing with about 365 students enrolled in PreK-8th Grades. The Library Media Specialist is responsible for teaching students in PreK-8th grade with a focus on supporting them in their development of literacy skills and fostering in them a love of reading. Successful candidates will demonstrate an understanding of best educational practices including differentiated instruction. An understanding of balanced literacy is a "plus", but not critical. Ideally candidates will have experience teaching and be committed to a Catholic education. Minimum qualifications include holding a NJ Teaching Certificate K-6th although the ideal candidate will have certification as a Library Media Specialist. Successful candidates will be subject to fingerprinting/background check.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume and salary requirements to: Maria Sobel, School Principal, at msobel@smlschool.org. Position will be filled as soon as possible.

Fr. Roy's Intergenerational Study

Fr. Roy is offering a four-week intergenerational study on Church History and the Progress of Catholicism on Thursdays beginning September 8th through September 29th, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Mary of the Lakes School.

Please sign up using the roster located at the parking lot entrance.



A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

EDWARD SRI

Every time we attend the Mass, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible, as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

Everything that we say and do in the Liturgy of the Mass is steeped in biblical language. In his video-based study, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Please join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* in the Emmaus Center beginning on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm and continuing every Wednesday for 5 weeks. You will need to purchase the study set from Ascension Press, which will be used during the study. The study set includes the book, the workbook and one year video access of the study. For more information or to register for the study, please contact Leonor Czarnecki at 609-351-5420 or email: leonorczarnecki@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us!

Adult Scripture Study on the Writings of St. Paul

Father Dan will offer a six-week adult scripture study on the Writings of St. Paul. The course will provide an overview of the life of St. Paul, his conversion, his world, his letters, and an in-depth look at First Thessalonians. The course will be taught on Mondays, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 11/7 and 11/14 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center and virtually. Please sign up at the Parking Lot Entrance or call the Parish Office at 609-654-8208 X110. Please bring a Bible. Bibles will be sold at the class for \$5.00.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

An eight-week introduction to Ignatian prayer that provides a transformative encounter with Christ.

8 Thursday Evenings

Thursday, September 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room

Or

8 Friday Mornings

Friday, September 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18

9:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an engaging eight-week guided prayer experience for small groups. It is modeled on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each meeting teaches and reinforces specific prayer practices such as Lectio Divina, imaginative prayer, meditation, the Examen, and more. Thirty minutes of daily prayer is required by each participant. No prior experience with prayer groups is needed, just a desire to renew one's faith and enrich one's prayer.

Sr. Judy Cianfrogna, SSJ will guide participants through this profoundly unique prayer experience. Cost of materials is \$10.

To register, contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org, or call 609-654-8208 ext. 113.



Knights of Columbus



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 Christmas dedication trees, 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. As a member of the Knights, you'll be part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.

For more information, contact Scott Lattimer at slattimer@aol.com or visit www.medfordknights.org.

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 Fall 2022 Co-ed Bowling League

The Knights of Columbus are seeking bowlers of all talent levels for their Fall Bowling League.

Please consider joining the Knights this season for fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. Knights of Columbus membership is not required to participate.

This is a social league running for 20 weeks. Participation costs \$20 per week and includes shoe rentals. The weekly fee goes towards a prize pool and an end-of-season awards dinner. Each week will also feature a 50/50 drawing.

If interested, please contact Jim Gibson at 609-668-2897 or jimg96@comcast.net.



Food Drop Off

The Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, are collecting food to restock the food pantry and feed our local community.

Donations can be placed in the trailer in the back of the Church's parking lot. The trailer is open to the public from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and is un-manned.

Items needed: Non-perishable food, toiletries, basic hygienic products.

Need Food?

Contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at:
609-953-0021.



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Journey of Faith

Every journey has a destination. It is keeping the destination in mind that makes the journey meaningful. Of course, the destination of our journey of faith is union with God in Heaven for all of eternity. Summer is that time of year many will journey on vacation...down the shore; to the lake; over the pond. With FORMED, the richness of the Catholic Faith is accessible on vacation and will make the journey more meaningful!

A few of the many offerings for August:

Study: Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage

Watch: Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

Read: Mary: The Church at the Source by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Read with Kids: Saint Helena and the True Cross

Listen: The World's First Love by Fulton Sheen

Listen with Kids: Catholic Heroes of the Faith: The Story of St. Augustine

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If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.

–St. Jean Vianney

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of beautifully produced weekly short videos of 2-5 minutes. These free videos will be available on the parish website.

Each week, two episodes will be posted on the parish website, smlparish.org, along with study guides for each episode to dive deeper.

This week's episodes:
Episode 1: The Meaning of "Liturgy" and
Episode 2: "Intelligent Worship"

Episodes can be found at www.smlparish.org. A study guide is included below the video.

Please take the one-question survey before watching the first episode. It will help us determine the efficacy of our studies. Thank you.



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Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 p.m., St. Peter's Church
 8:00 a.m. St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St.
 10:00 a.m. St. Peter's Church
 12:00 p.m. St. Peter's Church
 6:00 p.m. St. Peter's Church

(St. Peter's Church is in between the Catholic Center and Barnes and Noble) CAC

Daily Mass

7:30 a.m. St. Peter's Church
 12:15 p.m. The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)

Opening Activities

Saturday, September 10th: Tailgate for RU football, 2:00 p.m. at 292 Easton Ave. CAC

Sunday, September 11th: Opening Mass, 6:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church.

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I pledge to honor life, the sacred gift of our loving God. To speak His truth without fear, and to act on behalf of the innocent and vulnerable.

I am a child of God with a blessed heart. I will spread the word that human life and its protection are God's design. Death's evil lies will not confuse me. I will work and pray to end abortion and euthanasia.

For more information on the St. Mary of the Lakes Respect Life Ministry, please contact Ann Babinchok: fb4849@comcast.net

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Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer



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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.

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*.

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

September 25th Children's Mass

The 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 25th, will be our monthly "Children's Mass."

Children may sign up to participate in the Mass by typing the below link into your internet browser
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St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, September 4th

- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, September 5th

- Men's Gospel Reflection / 6:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, September 6th

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- KoC Officers Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Conference Room
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, September 7th

- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft

Thursday, September 8th

- Fr. Roy's Intergenerational Study / 4:30 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Friday, September 9th

Saturday, September 10th

Sunday, September 11th

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Kids Corner

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 14:25-33
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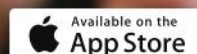


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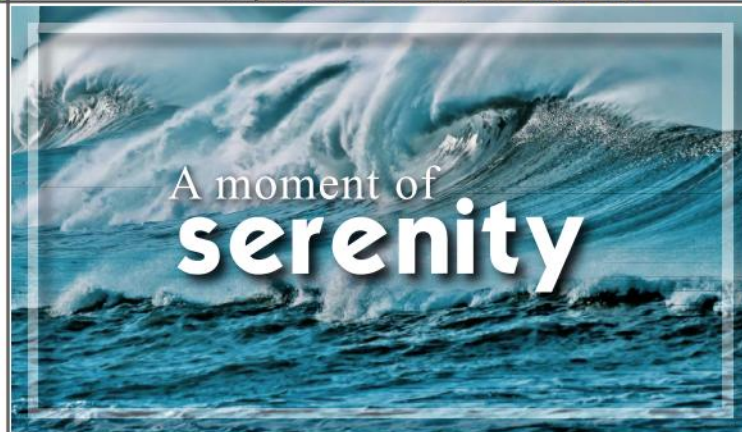
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