September 25, 2022

St. Mary of the Lakes
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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
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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
Website Address: www.smlparish.org
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	x110
Parish Office Fax		975-0137	
St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546	x210
St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax		654-8125	
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546	x310
Parish Youth Minister	40 Jackson Road	654-2546	x111
Bulletin Editor	40 Jackson Road	654-8208	x131
St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021	

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard 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.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 25th
7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
9:00 a.m. **Sara (Sally) Barrett** / The Xerri Family
10:30 a.m. **Jennie and Michael Halabura** / The Del Rossi Family
12:00 p.m. **William R. Muir** / The Small Group Bible Study at Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 26th
7:15 a.m. **Joan McKenna** / Mike and Natalie Maher
9:00 a.m. **Laura Kucklinca** / Irene Casagranda
Bill Stout / Maureen Taylor

Tuesday, September 27th
7:15 a.m. **Dolores Munson** / Michael Smeraski
9:00 a.m. **All Living and Deceased Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**
Laura Kucklinca / Michael Kucklinca

Wednesday, September 28th
7:15 a.m. **Margaret Ryan** / The Vasturia Family
9:00 a.m. **Edward Boshko** / Fred and Millie Linett
Mary Custer / Trudy Hajduk

Thursday, September 29th
7:15 a.m. **William R. Fink Sr.** / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners
9:00 a.m. **Julie Cattanea (living)** / Valerie Jennison and Family

Friday, September 30th
7:15 a.m. **Alene Wisniewski** / Rosemary Graber and John Meikle
9:00 a.m. **Steve Luty (living)** / The Kinsey Family

Saturday, October 1st
9:00 a.m. **Albert Tumolillo** / His Family
Alene Wisniewski / Nancy Finan
5:30 p.m. **Kenneth Scupp** / His Family

Sunday, October 2nd
7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
9:00 a.m. **Charlie Arnold** / The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
10:30 a.m. **Martin Stone** / The Hagmayer Family
12:00 p.m. **Kevin Wall** / Rob and Jane Keegan
Guy MacDonald / Brenda and Robert Hardegen

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, 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, Itai Rosen, Alexandra Peoples, Cynthia Lewandowski

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C Readings

First Reading
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 | Woe to those who live in luxury.
Responsorial
Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 | Praise the Lord, my soul!
Second Reading
1 Timothy 6:11-16 | Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord.
Gospel
Luke 16:19-31 | If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School

FYE 2022 Actual and FYE 2023 Plan

Stewardship Report

	Actual	Plan
Revenue	July 1, 2021 / June 30, 2022	July 1, 2022 / June 30, 2023
Offerings	1,804,728	1,933,600
PPP Grant	464,237	0
School/PREP Tuition	1,828,236	2,063,785
SMLS Annual Giving Campaign	0	341,000
School Grants	93,078	99,151
Ron Murphy Golf Tournament	75,000	65,000
Net Carnival	0	225,068
Dividend Income	69,812	50,100
Bequests	7,781	15,000
All Other Revenue	322,506	302,650
Total Revenue	**4,665,378**	**5,095,354**
Expense		
Salaries	2,182,727	2,282,239
Employee Benefits	738,199	874,307
Diocesan Assessments	141,916	158,547
Materials and Supplies	229,211	258,454
Church Ministry/Social Activities	24,038	29,214
Buildings Maintenance	241,828	286,926
Buildings Utilities	323,323	358,753
Insurance	156,819	169,507
Capital Improvement	104,000	100,000
Security/Safety	45,538	43,203
All other expense	303,673	380,847
Total Expense	**4,491,272**	**4,941,997**
Net Income	**174,106**	**153,357**

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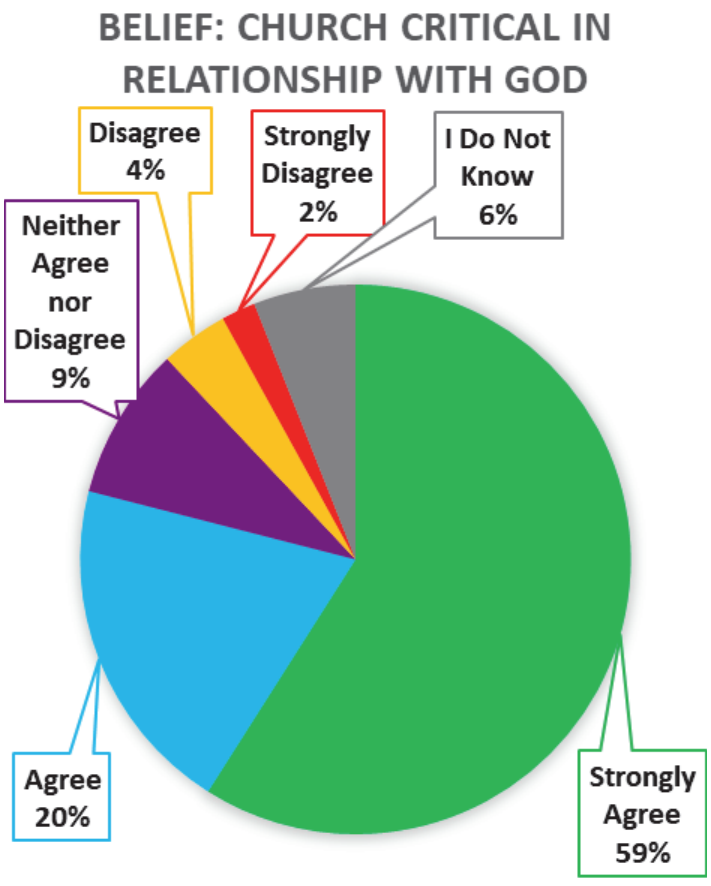
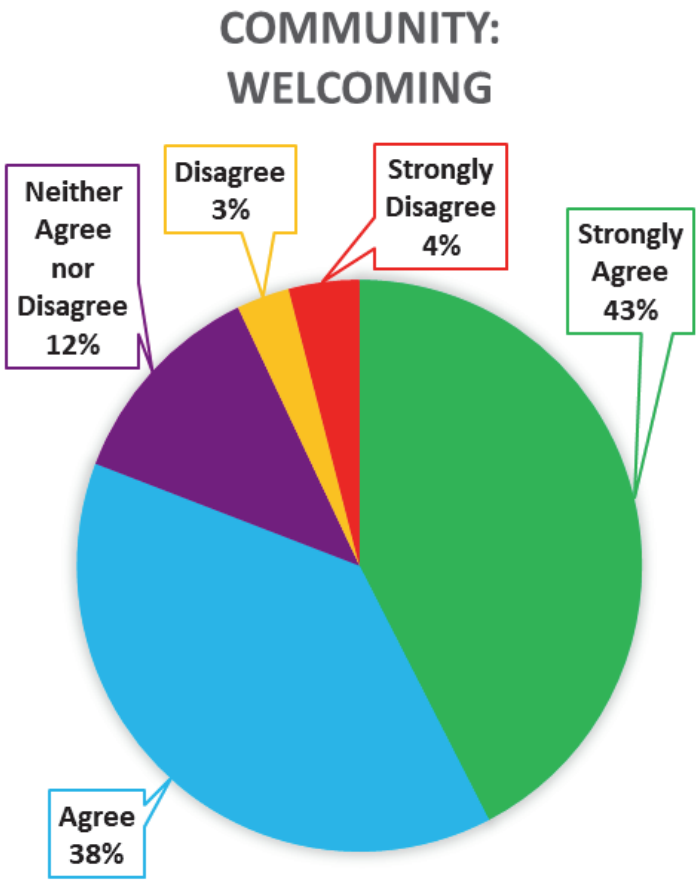
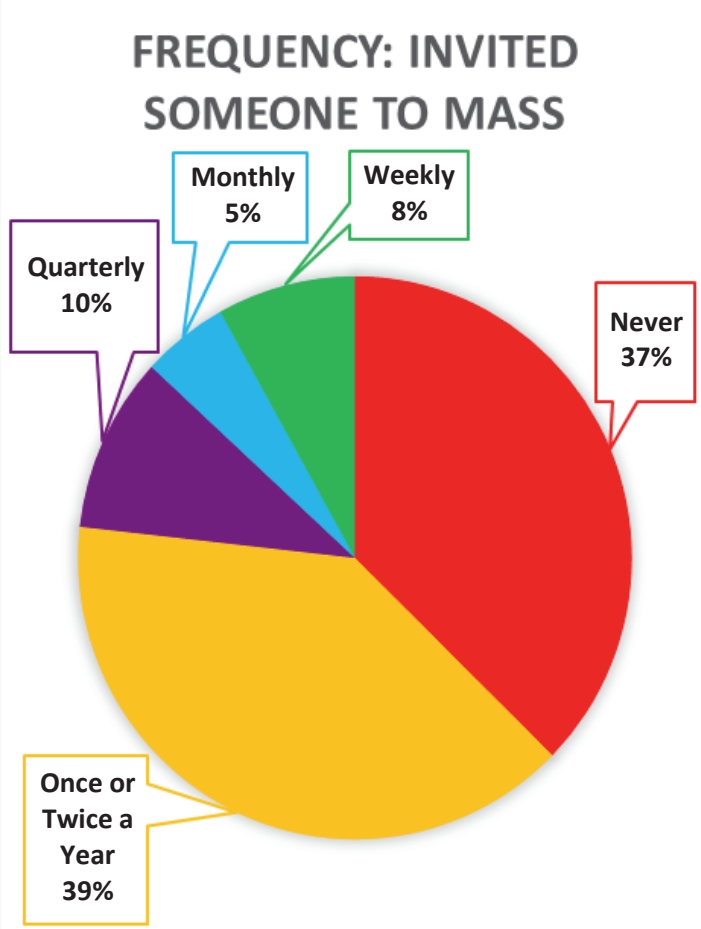
St. Mary of the Lakes
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
We Make Disciples

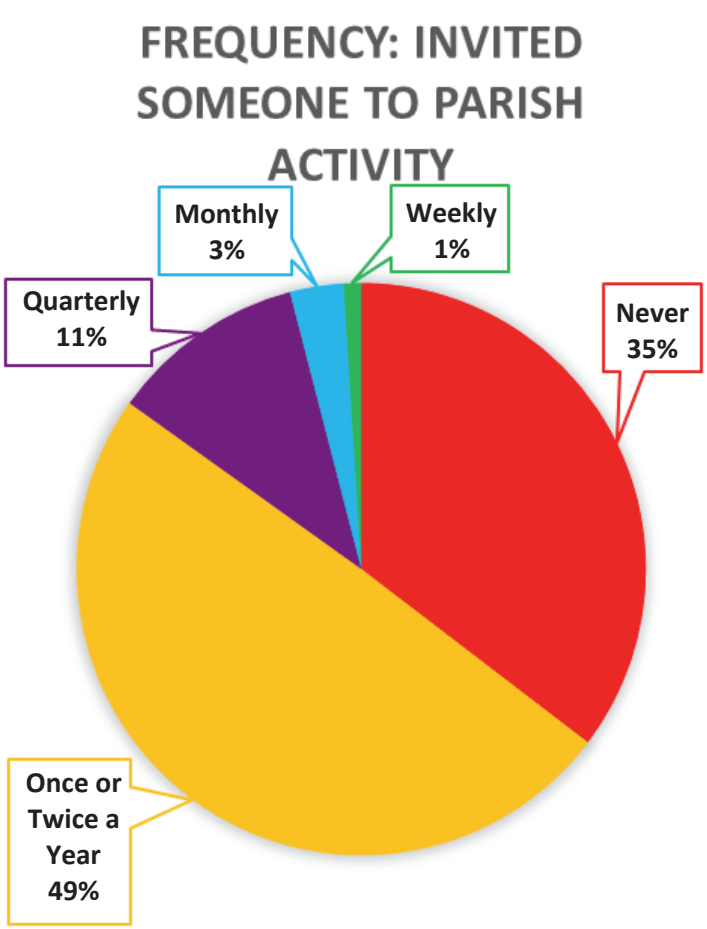
Dear Parishioners:

You may remember, this past Lent, parishioners were invited to participate in the Disciple Maker Index, a nation-wide survey on parish engagement. 319 parishioners responded to the survey, which was conducted in collaboration with the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). The goal of this survey was to provide our parishioners with an opportunity to reflect on their spiritual growth and involvement in the parish, which, in turn, would provide insight to our parish leadership as to how we can improve and grow as disciples of Jesus. Over the past four months, four members of our Parish Pastoral Council, along with Father Roy, Christine Brandt, and myself, have met in working sessions with the CLI to evaluate the results. CLI has helped us to interpret the results and to create an action plan based on our strengths and areas of opportunity. We have identified three priorities for our parish as we unpacked the data and discerned its implications. With these priorities, we have designed an action plan which will be enacted over the course of the next one to two years. Today we want to share with you a sampling of a few SML parish responses to the survey.









These highlighted results from the Disciple Maker Index have assisted us in developing the following three objectives, which will be covered in our parish plan during the next one to two years.

1. **Increase parishioner understanding of the Church's identity**. To do so, we will be making in-person studies and asynchronous self-education resources available to our parishioners.
2. **Inviting and sharing**. We intend to develop a culture of invitation within the parish and encourage our parishioners to invite friends and family to parish events. We are developing exciting events which will be widely announced at Masses, in our bulletin, and on our website and social media.
3. **Make the Sunday experience more welcoming**. To do so, we will be starting a greeter ministry to welcome parishioners and guests as they arrive at Sunday Masses. Additionally, St. Mary of the Lakes will begin hosting monthly community Sundays and the Knights of Columbus council will begin hosting monthly breakfast fundraisers. Both of these will serve as opportunities to increase our parish's capacity to provide a welcoming experience.

Specific details will be shared as we put our parish plan into effect. I would like to thank all the parishioners who took the time to participate in the Disciple Maker Index Parish Survey. Thanks to your honest feedback, we were able to identify opportunities to better fulfill our mission, "We Make Disciples."

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Dan

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Congratulations
to all those who were baptized at
St. Mary of the Lakes
50 years ago in September 1972

Albert Banfe
Anthony Valenzano
Richard Hynes
Robert Kaczur
Steven Capalbo
Richard Cotton
Gabriela Cotton
Thomas Long
Gregory Sweet

Congratulations
to all those who were married at
St. Mary of the Lakes
50 years ago in September 1972

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Couturie

Marriage Bann

(Second Announcement)

October 7, 2022

Andrew Vrana and Megan Dunleavy

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Jeffrey, Jennifer, Angelo, and Gino Guli

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

Please pray for the soul of Edward Bell.

Bulletin Announcement Submissions

Please submit bulletin announcements at least ten days prior to publication.
Please submit the bulletin announcements to:
bulletin@smlparish.org

Parish Office Hours Update

On Thursday, September 29th, the parish office will briefly be closed from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

The parish office mailbox was broken into last Saturday, September 17th at 12:29 p.m. We ask that you no longer use the parish office mailbox and to only use the rectory drop box to drop off your collection envelopes. Also, let the parish office know if you dropped off a collection envelope between 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16th and 12 noon on Saturday, September 17th; and please cancel your check.

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 September 19th, SML has pledged **$158,245.** 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!

Fourteenth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

Most amiable Jesus, I hear Thee say from this tabernacle in which Thou art Present, This is my rest forever and ever; here will I dwell, for I have chosen it. [Ps. cxxxi. 14] Since, then, Thou hast chosen Thy dwelling on our Altars in the midst of us, remaining there in the Most Holy Sacrament, and since Thy love for us makes Thee there find Thy repose, it is but just that our hearts also should ever dwell with Thee in affection, and should find all pleasure and repose in Thee. Blessed are you, O loving souls, who can find no sweeter repose in the world than in remaining near to your Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament! And blessed should I be, my Lord, did I from this time forward find no greater delight than in remaining always in Thy Presence, or in always thinking of Thee, Who in the Most Holy Sacrament art always thinking of me and of my welfare.

Ah, my Lord! and why have I lost so many years, in which I have not loved Thee? O miserable years, I curse you; and I bless Thee, O infinite patience of my God, for having for so many years borne with me, though so ungrateful to Thy love. And still, notwithstanding this ingratitude, Thou waitest for me: and why, my God, why? It is, that one day, overcome by Thy mercies and by Thy love, I may yield wholly to Thee. Lord, I will no longer resist, I will no longer be ungrateful. It is but just that I should consecrate to Thee the time, be it long or short, which I have still to live. I hope for Thy help, O my Jesus, to become entirely Thine. Thou didst favor me so much when I fled from Thee and despised Thy love; how much more may I now hope that Thou wilt favor me, now that I seek and desire to love Thee! Give me, then, the grace to love Thee, O God, worthy of infinite love. I love Thee with my whole heart; I love Thee above all things; I love Thee more than myself, more than my life. J am sorry for having offended Thee, O infinite goodness: pardon me; and with Thy pardon grant me the grace to love Thee much in this life until death, and in the next life for all eternity. O Almighty God, show the world the greatness of Thy power, in the prodigy of a soul ungrateful as mine has been becoming one of Thy greatest lovers. Do this by Thy merits, my Jesus. It is my ardent desire. and I resolve thus to love Thee during my whole life: do Thou, Who inspirest me with this desire, give me also the strength to accomplish it.

Ejaculatory prayer. My Jesus, I thank Thee for having waited for me until now!

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

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: _____

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St. Mary of the Lakes SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM

Before and After Care

St. Mary of the Lakes School is actively looking for part time staff to work at the before and after school programs. Responsibilities include supervising students as they play, complete crafts, have quiet time, etc. Candidates must be available in the morning from 6:45-8:00 a.m. for before care and during after school hours for aftercare. Interested applicants should send their letter of interest and resume to Janice Pejka at **jpejka@smlschol.org** and Maria Sobel at **msobel@smlschool.org.**

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

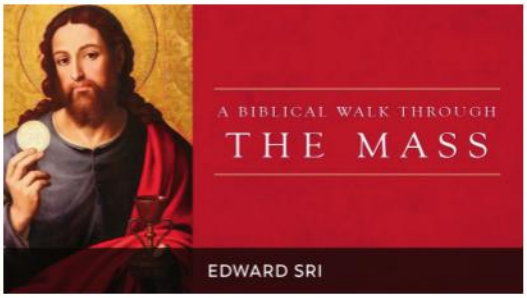
St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, is seeking a part-time Library Media Specialist for the 2022-2023 school year. Our school is growing with about 365 students enrolled in PreK-8th Grades. The Library Media Specialist is responsible for teaching students in PreK-8th grade with 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.

Part-Time Spanish Teacher

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, is seeking a part-time Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Our school is growing with about 360 students enrolled in PreK-8th Grades. The Spanish teacher will be responsible for planning and implementing Spanish lessons for 4th-8th grades. Successful candidates will have teaching experience, demonstrate an understanding of best educational practices including differentiated instruction, and be committed to a Catholic education. Minimum qualifications include holding a NJ Spanish Teaching Certificate and having 21st century technology skills. Consideration will be given to someone who is fluent in English and Spanish, has a college degree, has experience working with children, and is willing to investigate certification. Successful candidates will be subject to fingerprinting/background check and will also have to attend Virtus training.

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.



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 7:00 p.m. 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.

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, 9/26, 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.

Rosary Hour of Power

America Needs Fatima

Public Square Rosary Rally – October 15, 2022, 11:30 a.m.

In these times of division and conflict in our country and around the world, we ask, what can we do? Praying the Rosary is the answer. Let's join our voices together and be heard during this Hour of Power!

Each year, St. Mary of the Lakes Church hosts a rosary rally on the front lawn of the church in continued support of America Needs Fatima. The Message of Fatima is to offer reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to pray for the conversion of the whole world. This rally will be one of over 20,000 rallies held across the United States. If you are unable to attend, say the rosary wherever you are at 11:30. For your comfort, please bring a chair. Contact mja1030@aol.com with any questions.

ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS

This week's episodes:
Episode 7: Sacramental Signs
and
Episode 8: The Purpose of the Mass

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

"I believe that were it not for the Holy Mass, as of this moment the world would be in the abyss ."

–St. Leonard of Port Maurice

Knights of Columbus

Knights in Action

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 congratulates Scott Lattimer for being awarded Knight of the Month in September for "exceptional contributions to the Council and one who exemplifies his faith through his actions." Scott, who serves as Council 6520's Chancellor, made 16 sets of cornhole boards for our recent fundraising event. He also finished the installation of the dedication bricks over Labor Day weekend.

Council 6520 also congratulates Natalie and Tony Stone for being named Family of the Month for their dedication to Knights activities and our parish. In the past year, they have both stepped up to not only help the Knights but also the school with the "La Famiglia" play.

If you want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then join the Knights of Columbus. Membership is open to men age 18 or older who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Church, and are in good standing with the Church. For more information, contact Scott Lattimer at sclattimer@aol.com or visit www.medfordknights.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Pet Blessing

There will be a blessing of the animals on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m. on the Church lawn.

God wants us to help animals if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected.

- St. Francis of Assisi

Shop Local on October 1st to Help Those Hungry and in Need.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their 30th annual Hunger Harvest on Saturday, October 1st, at Murphy's at the Lakes, Murphy's in the Pines, and ShopRite of Medford from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This important event helps the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to area families in need and to restock the food pantry.

Parishioners can support this event by doing their grocery shopping at one of the participating stores on October 1st and adding nonperishable foods to the collection carts outside each door. For more information, contact Mickey Zawatcki at jmzdaddy29@gmail.com or 856-296-6949.

Second Collection for SVDP

The second collection for September 24th and 25th is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity enables St. Vincent's to help men, women, and children with food and financial assistance for housing, auto insurance, utilities, and other expenses.

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

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who in 1617 was touched by the spiritual poverty of people in the French countryside. While undergoing his own personal conversion, he encouraged others to change their lives from within and to help people around them who had material needs.

Inspired by this example, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and some of his friends at the University of Paris began an organization in 1833 that would become the worldwide Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

One of the largest charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a nonprofit, Catholic lay organization of men and women who come together to grow spiritually and offer person-to-person service to those in need.

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.

This October the initial training for those who have not been previously certified, "Protecting God's Children," will also be offered Monday October 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. also in the Parish Meeting Room.

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

Medicare 101

Interactive Educational Event

Open to Parishioners and friends of Saint Mary of the Lakes Parish. No cost to attend.

Where: The Emmaus Center on Wednesday, October 5th, 4:00-5:30 p.m. or the Parish Meeting Room (at St. Mary of the Lakes School) on Thursday, October 6th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Presented by: Mr. Keith Hoffman- NPN#1989524 Registered Health Underwriter/Registered Employee Benefit Counselor (American College) and Mr. David W. Doelp, Jr. Licensed NJ Insurance Producer

Kindly RSVP using the sign up sheets at the Parking Lot and Jackson Road entrances or email frontdesk@smlparish.org

Candy Donations for Halloween Parade

Youth Energized in the Spirit (YES) is seeking candy donations to be distributed to children along the parade route during the annual Medford Halloween Parade.

Candy donations should be individually wrapped, nut-free "fun-sized" candies. Opened or expired candy cannot be accepted.

Donations can be left in the marked bins at the Parking Lot and Jackson Road entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

WYD LISBON 2023

World Youth Day 2023 Info Session

Thursday | 10.13.22 | 7:30PM | virtual

Come learn , ask questions and get excited for WYD August 2023!

Diocese of Trenton

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***OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN WYD 2023**

Register at www.dotyouth.org/wyd2023

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Praying for Your Intentions in the Holy Land

Father Dan will be leading a pilgrimage of 40 parishioners to the Holy Land October 17-27th. Mass will be offered daily at various Churches marking the spots of various events in the life of Our Lord. Please write your prayers on a piece of paper and drop them in the box at the Parking Lot Entrance marked "Holy Land Prayers." Father Dan will place these intentions on the altars at every Mass.

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

1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via Computer Link and Conference Call

Thursday, October 13th*
at 7:00 PM (EST)

**October 13th is the 105th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima*

Please join us for 15 decades of the rosary led by Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, and priests from all around New Jersey to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion in our nation.

Our goal: 1,000+ people praying.

Please Register at:
lifeneteducation.org/1000Strong

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St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, September 25th
- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, September 26th
- VIRTUS Re-Certification / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- Fr. Dan's Scripture Study / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center (and virtual, see parish website for link)

Tuesday, September 27th
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, September 28th
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft

Thursday, September 29th
- Prayer and Bible Study / 9:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Fr. Roy's Intergenerational Study / 4:30 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- Meeting Christ in Prayer / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

Friday, September 30th
- Meeting Christ in Prayer / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center

Saturday, October 1st

Sunday, October 2nd
- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- YES Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary began in Ireland on September 7, 1921 by Founder Frank Duff and has grown to be the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church with over two million active members around the world. Rooted in devotion to the Blessed Mother, it is an excellent way to share the Catholic faith and encourage spiritual growth. We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning again on October 5th. If you are interested in joining us, please call Teresa McHenry 609-388-4528 and leave a voicemail.

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6th ANNUAL WINE TASTING & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT TO SUPPORT

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Featuring: Joseph M. Brandolo, Certified Wine Educator
Gerard Esposito, An Atlantic City Headliner
Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Medford Village Country Club – 28 Golfview Drive, Medford, NJ

Wine tasting will include: A wide variety of exclusive wines
Sit down dinner with choice from 4 entrees
Salad, Dessert & Coffee
Reception: Wine & Crudité with Gourmet Cheese

Social Event Cost: $75 per person

About Joseph M. Brandolo, CWE: Recently retired, my career spanned over three decades in sales and marketing, and as an educator/speaker in the wine and spirit industry, preceded by over a decade in the hospitality industry.
I learned firsthand knowledge by traveling around the world both leading and participating in tours of vineyards, wineries, distilleries, farms and food production facilities. I was once an ambassador for the 2nd largest wine & spirit company in the world, so my job was to inspire my audience to try my brands. My tasting is all about expanding your choices and being open to new varietals, countries and regions. I have been fortunate to have had a career that is my life's passion.

About Gerard Esposito: Gerard is considered among his peers as a "singer's singer." Since 1998 Gerard has well over 6000 performances under his belt. He performs songs of such great artists as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Englebert, Bobby Darin, Frankie Valli, Barry Manilow and Tony Bennett, along with many other great artists. Gerard enjoys a loyal following which has grown over the years and was inducted in 2005 into the New York Friars Club. He currently performs at Resorts and various other high-profile venues. See his performances at https://www.gerardesposito.com/

Please make your reservations ASAP as we will be **limiting the number of participants to 150 guests.** Unfortunately, this social event will be based on first come/first served basis. We welcome all K of C members and your guests as well as all parishioners of St. Mary of the Lakes, and the many groups of people that follow Gerard to join us for this very special event.

Name: _____ Additional Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Daytime Ph# _____ Daytime Ph# _____

Email Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Please choose (1) of the following entrees per person:
____ Sliced Filet Mignon ***VEGETABLE DISH AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST***
____ Grilled Salmon w/Mango Salsa
____ Chicken Marsala
____ Chicken Arrabbiatta (Chicken w/hot sausage, fresh tomato, spinach & mushrooms w/penne pasta)
All meals include Seasonal vegetable medley & twice baked potato, spring mix salad with dried cranberries, candied nuts, feta cheese, choice of dressing, rolls & butter.
Dessert: Seasonal Fruit Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream

Payment must be received no later than October 21, 2022
No Refunds After October 28, 2022
You will only be included when payment is received.
No spots will be held without payment.
For questions contact: Don Bouchard 609-654-8853
Or Email: bouchdm@aol.com

Make checks payable to:
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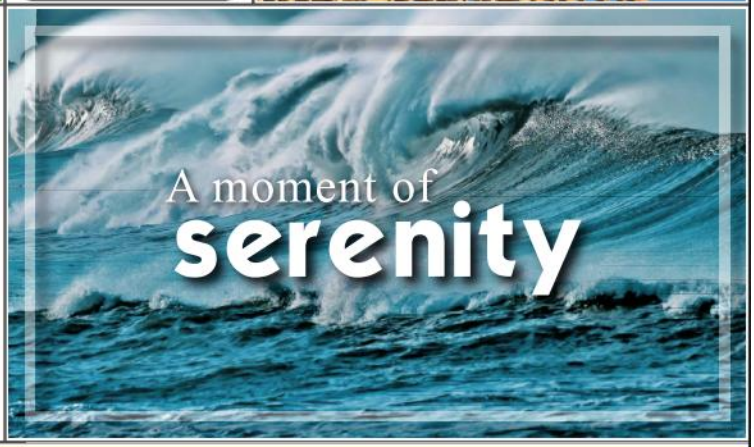

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