



November 13, 2022

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40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

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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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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.

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Knights of Columbus: www.medfordknights.org

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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.

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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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 13th

7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
 9:00 a.m. **Mass of Thanksgiving**
 10:30 a.m. **Hector Mejia / Isabel Mejia**
 12:00 p.m. **Antoinette Infranco / The Giuliano Family**

Monday, November 14th

7:15 a.m. **Dolores A. Bouboulis / The Lockurner Family**
 9:00 a.m. **James Stewart / His Wife and Children**
Mary Cameron / Christina Farrell

Tuesday, November 15th

7:15 a.m. **John Bloxom / Marshall and Denise Lipson**
 9:00 a.m. **Alene Wisniewski / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners**

Wednesday, November 16th

7:15 a.m. **Deacon Jim Cattanea (living) / Rich and Michele**
 9:00 a.m. **Alene Wisniewski / Nancy Mitchell**
Elpidia Ligan / Myrna Ligan

Thursday, November 17th

7:15 a.m. **John Bloxom / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners**
 9:00 a.m. **Protection of Babies in the Womb / St. Mary of the Lakes Respect Life Ministry**
Frank Roggio / Sue Roggio

Friday, November 18th

9:00 a.m. **Joseph Corigliano / His Daughter**
Louis Giordano / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners

Saturday, November 19th

9:00 a.m. **Anthony Chiusano / Gene and Christine Brandt**
 5:30 p.m. **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

Sunday, November 20th

7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
 9:00 a.m. **Richard Krol / Mary Beth Curcic and Peter Dobush**
 10:30 a.m. **Arnold Wilt / The Dilks Family**
 12:00 p.m. **Rosemary Hilton / Lorna Ekstedt**



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, Donna Skalski, Barbara Skalski, Elizabeth Price, Kristin Oyola



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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

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

Please pray for the soul of Stephen Christopher

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Adam Ungaro
Patricia Gillern
Ted and Gerrie Hughes
Jamie Westman
Keith Weigand
Claudio, Cheryl, Antonio, Lucca, and
Viviana Iliano

Congratulations to all those who were baptized at St. Mary of the Lakes 25 years ago in November 1997

Jared Chiachetti	Eric Tecce
Isabella Cusumano	Samantha Capocci
Gabrielle DiBattista	Shannon Russell
Michael Githens	Brigid Rush
Stephanie Alessandrini	Barbara Favuzzi
Olivia Cudemo	Riccardo Savarese, Jr.
Courtney Paulus	

Congratulations to all those who were married at St. Mary of the Lakes 25 years ago in November 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burchenne
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kiermeier
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Donaris
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DiMonte
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ducart
Mr. and Mrs. John Crain

Marriage Bann

(First Announcement)

December 3, 2022

Michael Schofield and Dina Terilla

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. As of November 7th, our parish's estimated rebate earned is **\$28,544.76**. 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 November 7th, SML has pledged **\$165,511.85**. We thank you for making a gift to this year's ACA!

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Increased Offertory Appeal Update

As announced in the Stewardship Report given at all Masses by Father Dan the weekend of September 24-25, St. Mary of the Lakes is launching an increased giving appeal. The objectives of the appeal are:

1. to encourage all parishioners to use the envelope system regularly;
2. to introduce and reaffirm the concepts of Christian stewardship;
3. to request a reasonable weekly increase in the offering by all parishioners.

As of November 8th, **197** envelope users increased their weekly contribution in response to my letter, representing a weekly increase of **\$1,644.00**. **Seventeen** non-envelope users are now using envelopes and have increased their weekly contributions by **\$326.00**. **Six** parishioners made an outright gift to the parish totaling, **\$1,850.00**. **Three** parishioners requested electronic giving information, while **four** requested envelopes. **One** parishioner requested information for a planned gift. The average increase in individual weekly offerings is **\$9.20**. In total, **214** families have responded with an increased giving totaling **\$1,969.00**.

Those who have not responded by today will receive the third in-house letter asking them to participate in the increased offertory appeal. Parishioners are asked to respond by using the special stewardship envelope to indicate their new level of giving. Then, in succeeding weeks, return to using the regular envelope packet. Egivers are asked to go to www.smlparish.org, and click on GIVING and make changes to indicate your new level of giving. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C Readings

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20a | For you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

Responsorial

Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 | The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 | Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19 | The destruction of the Temple foretold.

Altar Cloths as Memorial Opportunities

The white laced altar cloth, the violet laced altar cloth, and the gold laced altar cloth are available as memorial opportunities for a gift of \$300 each. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 609/654-8208 x110 or frontdesk@smlparish.org. The altar cloth will be labeled with your intention so please provide the wording.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Mass times have changed since last year. This year's updated Christmas schedule is provided below.

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass featuring Gospel Re-Enactment, Children's Choir

6:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m. featuring Festival Choir with Brass Accompaniment

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.**

11:30 a.m.

**Mass will be simulcast on our YouTube page: SMLParish

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CREATE US TO
JUST GET BY.
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US TO LIVE LIFE
TO THE FULL!**

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IN THE PARISH OFFICE, AND
ONLINE. ACT NOW!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHRISTINE
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**WEDNESDAY
14 DECEMBER**

**TIME
7:00 P.M.**

SPEAKER

CHRIS STEFANICK

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, EVANGELIST



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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 month, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the initial certification class for those who have never been previously certified "Protecting God's Children" on Monday, November 28th, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

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

**PROMISE TO
PROTECT**



The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. The Diocese has in place a Victim's Assistance Coordinator, who is available to obtain support for your needs and help you make a formal complaint of abuse.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese encourages anyone with an allegation to also report that abuse to their local law enforcement agency. The Diocese reports all allegations received to the appropriate county prosecutor's office.

Twenty-First Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

Wheresoever the body shall be, thither will the eagles also be gathered together. [Matt. xxiv. 23] The Saints generally understand by this body that of Jesus Christ; and by the eagles, souls who being detached from creatures, rise above the things of the earth, and fly towards Heaven, after which they always sigh in thought and affection, and where they constantly dwell. These eagles also find their paradise on earth wherever they find Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament; so much so, indeed, that they seem never to tire hovering around Him. If eagles, says St. Jerome, [In Matt. loco cit.] on scenting a dead body go from afar to seek it, how much more should we run and fly to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, as to the most delicious food of our hearts! Hence Saints in this valley of tears have always as parched harts run to this fountain of paradise. Father Balthasar Alvarez, of the Society of Jesus, in whatever occupation he was engaged, used often to cast his eyes towards the place in which he knew that the Blessed Sacrament was; he often visited it, and even spent entire nights before it. He used to weep when he saw the palaces of the great ones of this world filled with people, who courted a man from whom they hoped for some miserable earthly good, and the churches so abandoned, in which the supreme sovereign of the world dwells, and remains with us as on a throne of love, rich in immense and eternal treasures. He used also to say, that religious persons were indeed fortunate, because in the very houses in which they reside, they can, whenever they please, either night or day, visit this great Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament; and this lay people cannot do.

Since, then, my most loving Lord, notwithstanding that Thou seest me as a leper, and so ungrateful to Thy love, Thou invitest me to approach Thee, I will not be discouraged at the sight of my miseries: I come and approach thee; but do Thou wholly change me. Drive from me every love which is not for Thee, every desire which displeases Thee, every thought which does not tend toward Thee. My Jesus, my love, my treasure, my all, I am determined to please Thee alone. I will give pleasure only to Thee. Thou alone deservest all my love; Thee only will I love with my whole heart. Detach me from everything, my Lord, and bind me to Thyself alone; but bind me so firmly, that I may never more be able to separate myself from Thee, either in this life or in the next.

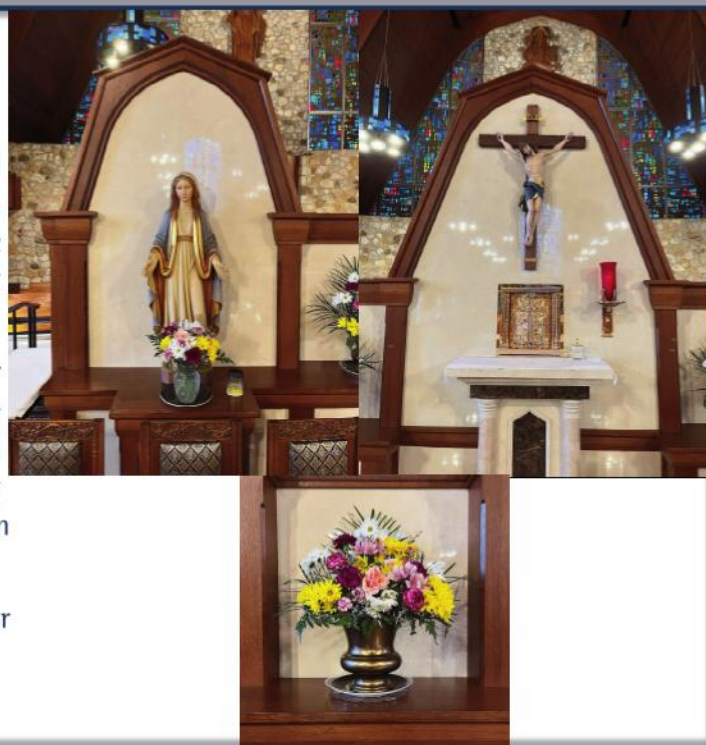
Ejaculatory prayer: My most sweet Jesus, never allow me to be separated from Thee!

Memorialize the Flowers and Sanctuary Lamps in the Church

The flowers that adorn the main altar, back altar, and perpetual adoration chapel, and the sanctuary lamps, indicating Christ's presence in these same three locations, may be memorialized for a loved one, living or deceased.

This is a beautiful opportunity to remember and honor loved ones. The flowers and sanctuary lamps will be memorialized for your intention for one week and will be prominently published in the bulletin, indicating what has been memorialized, for whom, and by whom they are offered.

For more information or to memorialize a lamp or flowers, visit or contact the parish office:
609-654-8208.





**Knights of
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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. Vivat Jesus!

Trees! Trees! Get Your Christmas Dedication Trees!

Mark your calendar for the Knights of Columbus fifth annual tree lighting ceremony on Sunday December 4th, at 5:00 p.m., immediately following the Christmas Concert. The evening will also feature live nativity characters and animals, Christmas carols, hot chocolate and cookies, and craft tables.

The Knights are accepting reservations and donations for the Christmas Dedication Trees. All proceeds benefit the Knights charitable activities and SML school.

You can memorialize or honor a loved one with a Christmas tree that will line the church grounds. The Knights will decorate your tree with lights and a laminated card with your honoree's name. You have the option of placing personal decorations on the tree as well.

To reserve a tree, see the order form in the bulletin or download it from www.medfordknights.org. Complete the form and deliver it to the parish office by Tuesday, November 29th, with a check for \$150 made payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6520. Credit card and PayPal options are also available online.

Fifth anniversaries are traditionally known as the "wooden" anniversary, so don't miss out on getting tree!

If you have any questions, please call Bill Scheffold at 856-912-1301.

Called by Name in November

At each weekend Mass in November, parishioners are asked to make a name tag and wear it to Mass so they can be "Called by Name." (Isaiah 43:1)

Fathers Dan and Roy try their best to learn the names of parishioners. One way Father Dan cheats is when he sees two parishioners having a conversation, he waits until the conversation ends, then asks the parishioner whose name he knows, the name of the parishioner whose name he doesn't know. Many times, the answer is, "I don't know. I see (him/her) at church all the time and I don't know their name."

So Called by Name in November will be a big help to those, who, like Father Dan, are visual learners. Your participation will be appreciated! Name tags will be provided at all entrances.

November Health Tips from your Parish Health Ministry

1-Minute Tip: Take a minute to think about what you're thankful for, and share it with your friends and family. Practicing this simple positive thinking exercise will decrease your stress and get you ready for the day.

5-Minute Tip: Put out fresh cut flowers for you and your Thanksgiving guests! New research shows that people report feeling happier and more energetic after looking at flowers – and they'll make your abode smell fresh.

15-Minute Tip: Eat breakfast! Don't try to 'save up' calories for the Thanksgiving meal – you'll end up overindulging. Start the day with a filling breakfast like hot whole-grain cereal or an egg white omelet with veggies.

30-Minute Tip: Thanksgiving means turkey! But when handled or prepared improperly, poultry can spread bacteria, resulting in foodborne illness. Thaw the turkey slowly in the refrigerator or cold water, according to instructions. Be sure to take the time to clean any surface the turkey has come in contact with thoroughly. Opt for cooking stuffing outside of the turkey rather than inside, to be sure the turkey cooks all the way through. Use a food thermometer – a turkey that has reached a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees is safe to eat.



22,289

LIVES SAVED

131

ABORTION CENTERS CLOSED

Thanks to 40 Days for Life campaigns around the country, thousands of precious lives have been saved. Won't you join their life-saving work today?

The St. Mary of the Lakes Respect Life Team invites our parishioners to fast and pray for an end to abortion and to pray at the Cherry Hill Women's Center.

For more information, questions, suggestions, or to get involved please contact Ann Babinchock:
fb4859@comcast.net

Prayer to End Abortion

Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all, that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortions.

Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen.

Kids Corner

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ELEMENTS OF THE CATHOLIC MASS



This week's episodes:

Episode 21: Bows in the Mass

and

Episode 22: The Book of Gospels

Episodes can be found at www.smlparish.org.

A study guide is included below the video.

"The only way to win audiences is to tell people about the life and death of Christ. Every other approach is a waste."

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family. Why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage.

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage.

This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together. To rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend is December 2nd - 4th. For more information call 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org

Visit their website www.me-southjersey.org

Events sponsored by Caritas Ministry for Special Needs at St. Joan of Arc

Let's Give Thanks!

Friday, November 18th

7:30 p.m., Pedata Hall, St. Joan of Arc, Marlton

Fall crafts, blessing bags, games, prizes, and snacks for adult friends with special needs ages 18+

Monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass at St. Joan of Arc

Sunday, November 20th

Noon, St. Joan of Arc, Marlton

What to expect:

- Soft music and lighting
- Incense and bell free
- Comfort area for ease with sensory breaks
- Low gluten hosts - please see a Caritas member, priest, deacon, or usher before Mass is you have this need

Families are welcome to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy.

"Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is once again sponsoring a poster contest as part of its annual Tree Lighting Festival. All students in our School and PREP are encouraged to create a poster which depicts the theme: Keep Christ in Christmas. Posters will be displayed in the Emmaus Center throughout Advent and Christmas. Three prizes will be awarded on December 4th at the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival. A committee from the Council will judge all entries. Please submit your poster to the PREP Office by November 23, 2022. Please indicate on the back of the poster the student name, grade, and PREP or School class. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Xerri at lxerri@smlparish.org.





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.

School Guidance Counselor

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, is seeking a part-time Guidance Counselor beginning in January 2023. Our school is growing with about 365 students enrolled in PreK-8th Grades. The Guidance Counselor's responsibilities include: supporting students' social and emotional well being, completing classroom lessons at all grade levels, writing and coordinating accommodation plans for students, leading a pupil assistance committee, and acting as a liaison between 8th grade and high school. Ideal candidates will hold a NJ School Counselor certificate, have experience in the area of guidance counseling, possess good collaborative skills, have 21st century technology skills, and be committed to a Catholic education. 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: Jim Sterbenz at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. Position will be filled as soon as possible.

World Language Teacher

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, is seeking a part-time World Language teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Our school is growing with about 365 students enrolled in PreK-8th Grades. The World Language teacher will be responsible for planning World Language lessons for 5th-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 college degree, but preference will be given to candidates who possess a NJ Teaching Certificate. 21st century technology skills are a must! Ideally, the candidate will speak another language such as French, German, Italian or Spanish. The purpose of this position is to expose our Middle School students to different cultures/languages. 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: Jim Sterbenz at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. Position will be filled as soon as possible.

School Happenings and Events



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PreK-3's Fall Nature Walk

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.*



The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center.

If you are interested in joining, please call Teresa McHenry at 609-388-4528 and leave a voicemail.

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*.

Adult Scripture Study on the Writings of St. Paul

Father Dan is offering a six-week adult scripture study on the Writings of St. Paul. The course provides 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 continue on Monday 11/14 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center and virtually. The link to attend virtually is on the parish website homepage.



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St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, November 13th

- RCIA / 8:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Children's Mass / 10:30 a.m. / Church
- Fall Cabaret - SMLS Fine Arts Club / 12:30 p.m. / School Auditorium
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, November 14th

- New Altar Server Training / 4:30 p.m. / Church
- Children's Choir / 5:30 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- Fr. Dan Scripture Study / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, November 15th

- Bereavement Group / 10:00 a.m. / Parish Office Conference Room
- 2nd Grade First Reconciliation PARENT Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Church
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, November 16th

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Thursday, November 17th

- Prayer and Bible Study / 9:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Meeting Christ in Prayer / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

Friday, November 18th

- Meeting Christ in Prayer / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Faith on Friday Advent Wreath Making / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Saturday, November 19th

- 6th Grade Mass of Commitment to Confirmation / 5:30 p.m. / Church

Sunday, November 20th

- Children's Church / 10:20 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Altar Servers Installation Mass / 10:30 a.m. / Church
- Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming Mass / 12:00 p.m. / Church
- RCIA Church Tour / 1:00 p.m. / Church
- YES Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center
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Bulletin Announcement Submissions

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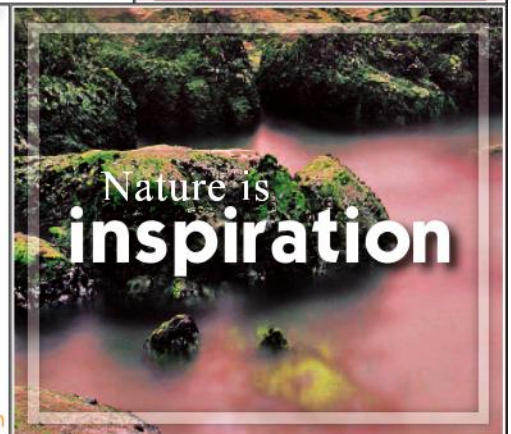
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