January 1, 2023

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, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. *(simulcasted)*
Wednesday and Friday: 7:15 a.m. *(simulcasted)*
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *(simulcasted)*, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

CLERGY AND STAFF
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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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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
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St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021	

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

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31st
5:30 p.m. **Daniel Hill** / The Divney Family

Sunday, January 1st
7:30 a.m. **Military and Law Enforcement Personnel and Families** / Peg and Jerry Oyen
9:00 a.m. **Mark Spang** / Marguerite, Al, and Elmer
10:30 a.m. **Dan Hill** / The Yaeger Family
12:00 p.m. **Michael Sokolowski** / His Family
Our Parishioners

Monday, January 2nd
9:00 a.m. **Laurence Sullivan** / The Walker Family

Tuesday, January 3rd
9:00 a.m. **Apna Thuruthickara (living)** / Your Sister
Frank and Josephine Celia / Their Family

Wednesday, January 4th
7:15 a.m. **Richard Schmelk** / Trudy Hajduk
Joyce Pace / Dave and Carolyn Karbasian

Thursday, January 5th
9:00 a.m. **Stephen Lee** / Maryann Hajduk
Health in the New Year

Friday, January 6th
7:15 a.m. **Tina Marie Nielsen (living)** / The Jennison Family
Barbara Allen McDonald / Dr. and Mrs. Dwyer
Geoff Evan (living) / Mary K. Henrichsen

Saturday, January 7th
9:00 a.m. **Eric Rizio** / The Kilpatrick Family
Joann Grabowski / Joe and Felicia Jablonski
5:30 p.m. **Kathleen Averil** / Kathleen Mazzagatti

Sunday, January 8th
7:30 a.m. **Kathy Mazzio** / Jim and Barbara Wilhelmi
9:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**
10:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
12:00 p.m. **Samuel Trunzo** / The Xerri Family

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, Phil Gallagher

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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

Congratulations
to all those who were baptized at St. Mary of the Lakes 10 years ago in January 2013

Olivia Jedwabny
Theresa Moyer
Evangeline Mazzochette
Riess Henderson
Riley Allen
Mia Zallie

Marriage Bann

(First Announcement)

January 21, 2023

James Delaurentis and Emily Campo

The flowers that adorn the Adoration Chapel are memorialized this week by Ed and Judy for the priests of St. Mary of the Lakes past, present, and future.

Contact the parish office to memorialize flowers and sanctuary lamps.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Monica and Jeffrey Nick

Ashley and Bronson Resh

Michael, Stephanie, Mackenzie, Parker, and Brynleigh Wojcik

Mark and Kathryn Valenzano

Christopher and Kaylee Nunez

John, Mallory, John, and George Greening

Ethan Kazmierski

Andrew, Madeline, Charles, and Haaley Foster

Albert, Caroline, Dominic, Anthony, and Samantha DeLellis

Increased Offertory Campaign Final Report

As of December 21st, **459** envelope users increased their weekly contribution in response to my letter, representing a weekly increase of **$4,473. Fifty-six** non-envelope users are now using envelopes and have increased their weekly contributions by **$935. Thirty-nine** parishioners made an outright gift to the parish totaling **$8,485. Twelve** parishioners requested electronic giving information, while **15** requested envelopes. **One** parishioner requested information for a planned gift. The average increase in individual weekly offerings is **$9.75.**

A Heartfelt Thank You!

You may recall on the weekend of November 6-7, Ralph Gallo, Finance Council Chair, addressed the congregation at all the weekend Masses, regarding the increased offertory appeal. That same Saturday night, but sadly not Sunday morning, the Phillies were still in the World Series, and I'm sure there were a few in the congregation praying Bryce would hit one out of the park so the Phillies would finish on top. While Bryce didn't hit one out of the park, St. Mary of the Lakes did, as you were generous to make the third offertory campaign since my arrival a financial success.

Before COVID, stewardship consultants benchmarked a very successful campaign. Multiply the number of families (at St. Mary of the Lakes, approximately 4,000) by $1.00. A weekly offertory increase of $4,000 is considered very successful. Add to the equation that many parishioners are struggling in the current economy and our Sunday congregation is smaller than it was before COVID, the above results hit one out of the park with the bases loaded!

Please accept my gratitude to everyone who participated in this campaign with their generosity and their prayers. I've often said I am blest to be your pastor, and the Lord continues to bless SML in oh so many ways. May we return to him one hundred-fold all that He has given to us.

Wishing all of you blessings upon blessings and health and happiness in 2023, as WE continue to MAKE DISCIPLES!

God Bless,

Father Dan

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SOLEMNITY OF

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27 | "So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Responsorial

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | "May God bless us in his mercy."

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7 | "So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God."

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21 | "When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

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 December 26th, our parish's estimated rebate earned is **$32,001.06.** 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 December 26th, SML has pledged **$168,981.85** . 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!

Parish Office Hours and Mass Schedule

In observance of New Year's Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule for Monday, January 2nd, through Saturday, January 7th:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday at 7:15 a.m.

Annual March for Life

Next Steps: Marching into a Post-Roe America
Washington, D.C., Friday, January 20th, 2023

All are welcome to join five area parishes as we march to demonstrate our commitment to life. A bus will depart from St. Mary of the Lakes' parking lot after the Friday, January 20th, 7:15 a.m. Mass. The cost for adults is $20 and $15 for all students. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult and have parental permission.

For those unable to walk in the March, arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Sandwiches from Murphy's in Medford will be provided for the ride home. Sandwich options are roast beef, turkey, or veggie. Please bring a bag lunch for the ride to the March. We will make only a brief stop at either the Maryland or Chesapeake House Travel Plaza.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact: Gene Kotowski at 609-238-6807 or eugenekotowski@aol.com, or St. Mary of the Lakes' Respect for Life Ministry lead, Ann Babinchock, at 609-304-6163 or fb4849@comcast.net. Please, when leaving a message, provide your sandwich selection, whether you will be staying at the Basilica or attending the March, and a cell phone number you will have with you during the March.

NEXT STEPS
MARCHING INTO A POST-ROE AMERICA

Retrouvaille Weekend

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vy) consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 3rd through 5th. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno at 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Christmas Tree Decoration Removal

Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be taking down the Christmas trees lining the church grounds.

Please remove any personal decorations that you have placed on your tree prior to Saturday, January 7th.

Knights in Action

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 congratulates Ed Kondrath for being awarded Knight of the Month for his "exceptional contributions to the Council and being one who exemplifies his faith through his action." Ed is very active during our events, especially the Dedication Tree Lighting. He is always willing to step up where he can, and that is all we can ask as a council.

Council 6520 also congratulates Bill, Maryann, and Rebecca Scheffold for being named Family of the Month for spearheading the Dedication Tree Lighting event. As a family, they are responsible for ordering and delivering trees, creating plaques, and watching over the many moving parts that make up this labor of love. Rebecca is an altar server and spent many service hours helping our men during the installation of the trees. The Knights are proud to have this family as an example of faith-filled members of our council.

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!*

Twenty-Eighth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

God, having given us His Own Son, says St. Paul, what good thing is there that we can fear He might deny us! How hath He not also with Him given us all things? [Rom. viii. 32] We know, indeed, that all that the Eternal Father has He has given to Jesus Christ. The Father has given Him all things into His hands. [John. xiii. 2] Let us, then, ever thank the goodness, the mercy, the liberality of our most loving God, Who has been pleased to make us rich in all good things, and in every grace, by giving us Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar: In all things you are made rich in Him, . . . so that nothing is wanting to you in any grace. [1 Cor. i. 5, 7]

Therefore, O Savior of the world, O Incarnate Word, if I desire to have Thee, I can really think that Thou art mine, and all mine. But can I at the same time say that I am all Thine, as Thou desirest? Ah, my Lord, prevent it; and never let the world witness such disorder and such ingratitude, as that I should not be Thine when Thou desirest me! Ah, no; let it never be! If it has been so hitherto, let it never be so again. I now, with the utmost determination, consecrate myself entirely to Thee; for time and eternity I consecrate my life, my will, my thoughts. my actions, my sufferings, to Thee. Behold me Thine; as a victim consecrated to Thee, I bid farewell to all creatures, and offer my whole self to Thee. Consume me with the flames of Thy Divine love. No, I am determined that creatures shall no longer share my heart. The proofs which Thou hast given me of the love which Thou bearest me, even at a time when I did not love Thee, make me hope that Thou certainly acceptest me now that I love Thee, and out of love give myself to Thee.

Eternal Father, I now offer Thee all the virtues, the actions, the affections, of the Heart of Thy dear Jesus. Accept them, and by His merits, which are all mine,-----for He has given them to me,-----grant me the graces which Jesus asks Thee for me. With these merits I thank Thee for the many mercies which Thou hast shown me; with these I satisfy for what I owe Thee for my sins; through these I hope for every grace from Thee,-----pardon, perseverance, Paradise, and above all, the crowning gift ot Thy pure love. I well see that to all these gifts I myself place impediments; but do Thou also remedy this. I ask it of Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, Who has promised: Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My name, that will I do. [John, xvi. 23] Then Thou canst not refuse me. Lord, my only desire is to love Thee, to give myself to Thee without reserve, and no longer to be ungrateful to Thee, as I have hitherto been. Behold me, and graciously hear me; grant that this may be the day of my entire conversion to Thee, so that I may never more cease to love Thee. I love Thee, my God! I love Thee, Infinite Goodness! I love Thee, my love, my paradise, my good, my life, my all!

Ejaculatory prayer. My Jesus, Who art all mine, Thou desirest me, and I desire Thee!

Teaching Mass

Father Dan will offer a special Teaching Mass on Thursday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This is a great opportunity to get answers to any questions you, or someone you know, may have about the meaning or purpose of the parts of the Mass. The Mass will also be livestreamed at www.smlparish.org.

Epiphany Blessing of Chalk

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to use blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the new year on the Feast of the Epiphany – celebrated on January 8th in 2023. Next weekend, there will be packets of blessed chalk at the doors of the church to take home and use to bless your home.

The home blessing can be done as follows:
Use the blessed chalk to write:

20+C+M+B+23

above the doorways: 2023 for the year; C, M, B for the three magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

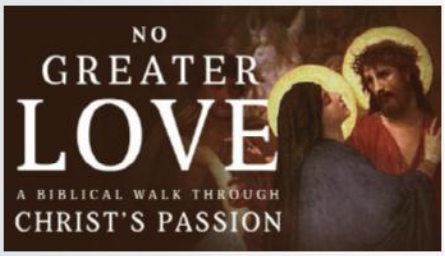
As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:

May all who come to our home this year
rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may
we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that
same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever.
Amen.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed
your only-begotten Son to every nation by the
guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern
for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord our God, bless this household.
May we be blessed with health, goodness of
heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law.
We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

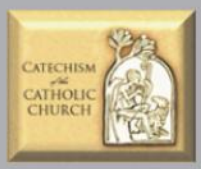
"No Greater Love" Bible Study Begins in January



We would like to invite you to join our five-week Bible study in the Emmaus Center on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The study will be held on January 11th, 18th, 25th, and February 1st and 8th. We will be finished in time for the Lenten season which will start at the end of February. We not only learn from our studies but we also have the opportunity to share our faith experiences with one another.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. We will be using the study from Ascension Press by the best selling author Dr. Edward Sri. Dr. Sri will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love just in time for the Lenten season.

We will be using the study kit from Ascension Press which costs $26.95. It includes the course book, workbook, and online video access for one year. If you would like to join us, please email Leonorczarnecki@gmail.com or call her at (609)351-5420 for further information. Please purchase your kit before the study begins.



The Catechism Corner

The Three Pillars of Our Catholic Faith

"It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church – Paragraph #95

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Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas:

Ann and Frank Babinchock
Michael Blakley
Dominick, Linda, Jon, and Nick Falcone
Joan Gilland
Mary Ann Mason
Kara and Jake McGough
John McHugh
Michele Tiver

"May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done." - Ruth 2:12

STANDING TOGETHER FOR *Life*

On **Jan. 20, 2023,** the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to **proclaim the *sanctity* of all human life.**

All are invited to a ***Mass for Life***

CELEBRATED BY **Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.**

St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold • Beginning at **11 a.m.**

Mass will be livestreamed on **Youtube.com/trentondiocese**

Lunch and seminar to follow • From **12:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

FEATURING AUTHOR AND SPEAKER **Dr. Charles Camosy**

TOPIC: **Bringing the Church together to Build a Culture of Life**

This is an event for all, especially clergy, Respect Life groups and ministry groups who assist the poor and marginalized, including food pantries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus and more.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR LUNCH AND SEMINAR • DEADLINE JANUARY 10, 2023

For more information and to register visit dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life or **scan the QR code**

Additional questions may be sent to jramos@dioceseoftrenton.org

Y.E.S. will host the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service on Monday, January 16th, in the school auditorium. A sign-up genius link can be found on the parish website: www.smlparish.org.

This year, Y.E.S. anticipates making 1,500 bagged meals along with several dozen blankets. The meals and blankets will be distributed to area soup kitchens and social service agencies across southern New Jersey and Philadelphia. All parishioners are invited to help serve the poor and needy in our area. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Service hours and PREP family in-person hours will be credited to all those who participate.

A pre-event set-up will be held on Sunday, January 15th, at 1:00 pm in the school auditorium. Please contact yes@smlparish.org if you can help prepare for the service day.

Life's most persistent & urgent question is:
What are you doing for others?
Martin Luther King Jr.

St. Mary of the Lakes SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM

Before and After Care

St. Mary of the Lakes School is seeking 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 Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator, at **jsterbenz@smlschool.org**.

Maintenance Position

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School is seeking 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 12:00-4:00 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.

Teaching Assistant

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School is seeking a part-time teaching assistant (25 hours per week) for the balance of the 2022-2023 school year for our 3rd grade classes. Our 3rd grade consists of 2 classes, and the teaching assistant will split time between both classes. Job responsibilities include assisting the homeroom teachers by supporting students in the classroom and occasionally providing individual and small group assistance on school assignments. In addition, the role also consists of supervising students during lunch and 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.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements by January 13th to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator, at **jsterbenz@smlschool.org**.

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SAINT MARY OF THE LAKES
PTA PRESENTS

The 40th Annual Fashion Show

Sunday, February 5, 2023 4PM to 8PM

Paris Caterers

281 Cross Keys Road, Berlin, NJ 08009

BE A SPONSOR AND PLACE AN AD IN OUR FASHION SHOW PROGRAM BOOK!

St. Mary of the Lakes School of Medford will host its 40th Annual Fashion Show, "40 Years Never Looked So Good," on Sunday, February 5, 2023. This event draws a large audience and has become one of our schools largest fundraisers! The significant donations of those who attend, as well as the generous contributions of sponsors, have made this event highly successful. We hope you will consider supporting this event by placing an ad in our Fashion Show Ad/Coupon Book.

100% of the funds raised through the ad book are used to enhance our school's educational programs and provide materials needed by our teachers and students. All contributions are tax deductible. This is an easy and great way to showcase your business! Notes of support or special messages to students may be added at any level. The advertisement sizes and sponsorship levels are as follows:

Platinum Sponsor
$1,000
Full Page Ad

(4-1/2" W x 7-1/2" H)
- Behind $5K, $3K and $2K Annual Sponsors
- Ad will be "THEME" bordered
- Company/Family name displayed throughout the venue
- Black & White
- 1 Red Hot Raffle Sheet

Gold Sponsor
$750
Full Page Ad

- (4-1/2" W x 7-1/2" H)
- Front pages of Ad Book
- Ad will be bordered in GOLD
- Company/Family name displayed throughout the venue
- Black & White
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December 26th through January 27th

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Hats
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Ties
Handbags
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Bed Sheets
Drapery
Curtains
Pillows
Towels
Quilts
Comforters
Stuffed Animals and Bicycles, unlike the last few years we will not be collecting hard toys

2023 Parish Mission

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church will be having a Parish Mission January 22nd, 23rd, and 24th 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the church, featuring Catholic speaker Paul Koleske. All Mission sessions will be in the church.

Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian inspirational speaker, musician, composer, and recording artist from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Theme of the Mission
"Igniting the Light of Christ Within You"

Paul's ministry teaches listeners how and why they are already wired to succeed in building themselves and the Church while discovering God's purpose for their lives. He shares practical techniques people can use to increase their connection with the Presence of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Christ's gift to His disciples.

Paul will sing and speak at all weekend Masses!

Sunday, January 22nd: "Connecting with the Light of Christ"

Paul will tell us his story, his conversion from lukewarm-ness as a Catholic to a believer in miracles. He'll discuss the True Presence, the necessity of Mass attendance for your life, and bringing your fallen-away loved ones back to the Church! Then he'll teach you about the miracle of you!

7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 23rd: "Experiencing the Light of Christ"

Paul will teach us as Catholics to trust in God. He'll share practical ideas on what we can do to break the mental cycles of anxiety, fear, doubt, worry, and guilt! He'll discuss the importance of prayer in a busy world.

7:00 p.m.

Receive the Light of Christ

Tuesday, January 24th: "Living the Light of Christ"

What you can do when things go terribly wrong! Identifying attitudes that limit our willingness and energy to fully live our Christian faith within the Catholic Church! Truly Living the Light of Christ within you, no matter what happens to you or within the church. The Real Mission of the church!

7:00 p.m.

As with all Paul's spoken word presentations, he selects songs from his own music that will illumine the topics discussed and help you have a deeper mission experience! His music, with its clear messages, will act as a lasting reminder that you can use long after the Mission to lift-up your spirits and vision of the Light of Christ within you. Paul has been booked and shared his ministry from the East Coast to Hawaii in 49 states and 113 dioceses. He has appeared on EWTN with his music. This mission will empower you to live a more successful spiritual life. Paul will speak and sing at all Masses the weekend before the Mission. All are invited and the Parish Mission is free.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
We Make Disciples

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance

All adult parishioners (21+) who have volunteered their time and talent in any way at St. Mary of the Lakes are cordially invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance on

Friday, January 27th, 2023

Volunteers may bring a spouse or adult guest.

No invitations are being sent, so no one will be overlooked. If you have so much as held the door for another parishioner, consider yourself invited!

Please join us at
Marco's Restaurant
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Wine, beer, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner.
Entree Choices: Chicken Parmesan, Broiled Salmon, or Pasta Primavera

Cash bar 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Music for dancing 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Ballroom not accessible before 6:00 p.m.

Call the parish office (609) 654-8208, ext. 110 or email frontdesk@smlparish.org to RSVP with choice of entree by Friday, January 13th.

Please give your name and the name of your adult guest when you RSVP.
Open seating: no reservations will be taken by table

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Over 60 Ministries have shared their gifts generously and made a return with increase in the Lord. Yet God is not done with any of us. We still have much to do to further the Kingdom of God on earth. Thank you to all those who give of their time, their treasure, and their talent. May God richly reward you for the sacrifices you make!

Father Dan

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 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, click PASTOR, and then scroll down to *Fr. Dan's Video Homilies.*

Parish Giving

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St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, January 1st

Monday, January 2nd
- Men's Gospel Group / 7:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Children's Choir / 5:30 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

Tuesday, January 3rd
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, January 4th
- 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

Thursday, January 5th
- Respect Life Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

Friday, January 6th

Saturday, January 7th

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

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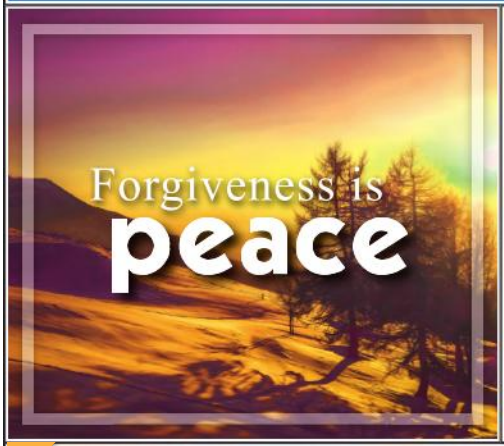

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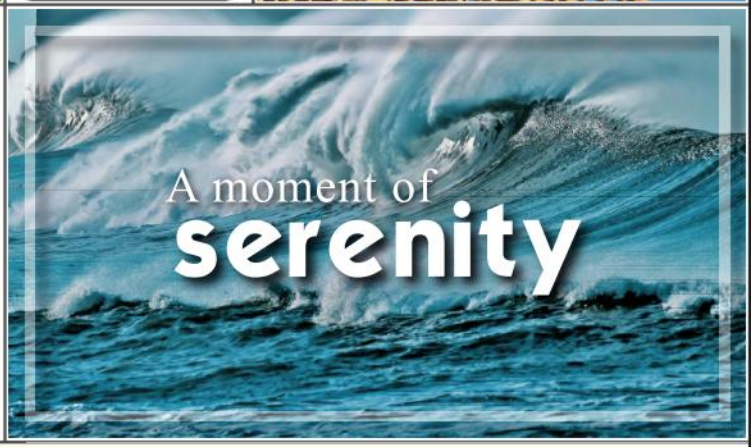

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