



St. Mary of the Lakes

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

We Make Missionary Disciples

February 26, 2023



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: www.smlparish.org

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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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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.

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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First Sunday of Lent Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25th

5:30 p.m. **Anthony Chiusano** / The Stone Family

Sunday, February 26th

7:30 a.m. **Kelley Loughlin France** / South Jersey Adventure Club

9:00 a.m. **Anthony Chiusano** / Debbi Cancelliere

10:30 a.m. **Irene McIntyre** / The McIntyre Family

12:00 p.m. **Our Parishioners**

Monday, February 27th

7:15 a.m. **Eileen Smith** / Giselle Scrivanich

9:00 a.m. **Don D'Amato** / The Hajduk Family

Tuesday, February 28th

7:15 a.m. **Valerie Wall** / The Baldoni Family

9:00 a.m. **John Offidani** / The Campanaro Family
Bill O'Connor / Ann Walsh

Wednesday, March 1st

7:15 a.m. **Carmen Ceralde** / The Goodman Family

9:00 a.m. **Mary Custer** / Joan and Howard Gilland
Cindy Lewandowski (living) /
Wally Skalski

Thursday, March 2nd

7:15 a.m. **Robert Lender Jr.** / The Goodman Family

9:00 a.m. **Don D'Amato** / Carol Wagner

Friday, March 3rd

7:15 a.m. **Marianne McDonald** / Tom and Elizabeth McDonald

9:00 a.m. **Pat Mensel** / The Jennison Family

Saturday, March 4th

9:00 a.m. **Catherine Joyce Guetherman** /
St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff,
and Parishioners

5:30 p.m. **Robert Judge** / Elsie Judge

Sunday, March 5th

7:30 a.m. **Military and Law Enforcement
Personnel and Families** / Peg and
Jerry Oyen

9:00 a.m. **Dorothy Raczy** / Mary Beth Curcic and
Peter Dobush

10:30 a.m. **Michael Francis Falciani** /
Mary Beth Curcic and Peter Dobush

12:00 p.m. **Our Parishioners**



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, Kristin Oyola, Phil Gallagher, Shannon Adamucci, Michael Gill, Betty West, Elizabeth Hansen



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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

First Sunday of Lent



First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 | *The creation of our first parents, and sin.*

Responsorial

Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 | *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19 | *Where sin increased, there graces increases all the more.*

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11 | *Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.*

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

Please pray for the souls of Harriet Galasso and
Darylene Hudson

Congratulations
to all those who were baptized at
St. Mary of the Lakes
50 Years ago in February 1973

David Marino
Kevin Donnelly
Jennifer Grass
Allison Smith
Kristen Hogan
Joseph Robinson
Brady Watson

Congratulations
to all those who were married at
St. Mary of the Lakes
50 years ago in February 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Laskowski



THE SEASON OF LENT

For God so loved the world
that he gave his **ONLY SON**,
so that everyone who believes
in him might not perish but
have **ETERNAL LIFE**

John 3:16

Stations of the Cross for Lent 2023

7:00 p.m. in the Church

March 3: Soup and Stations with the Knights of Columbus

March 10: Living Stations of the Cross with YES

March 17: Stations of the Cross with Deacon Rich

March 24: The Passion of the Blessed Mother

March 31: *No Stations due to Confirmation*

April 7 (Good Friday): Stations of the Cross



Happy
Birthday
Tux!

Small Group Opportunities for Lent

The Search

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you are a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

We will be meeting Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 2nd for 7 weeks.

Living the Eucharist – Year A

Living the Eucharist is designed to help participants experience the Mass in a more meaningful way – by getting to know, understand, and love the Sacrament of the Eucharist more deeply.

The meetings will be Friday mornings beginning February 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center.

If you are interested in participating in either The Search or Living the Eucharist, please contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org or 609-654-8208 ext. 113.



CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official humanitarian relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in dioceses throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year, including continued work with Ukrainian refugees as well as now in Turkey and Syria. To learn more about CRS, go to: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our own communities. Parishes are also invited to participate in our 25% Initiative, which enables the parish to keep 25% of their collection to support parish social service ministries.

St. Mary of the Lakes will once again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. "Rice Bowl" collection boxes will be available at the doors of the church throughout Lent. Once you fill your bowl, please place it in the collection bin at the parking lot entrance or return it to the parish office during regular business hours. *If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to St. Mary of the Lakes Church. Please note that for St. Mary of the Lakes to benefit from the 25% initiative, you must either use the collection bowls provided or write a check payable to St. Mary of the Lakes, who will in turn send one check for all monies collected to the diocesan CRS fund.* If you have any questions, please contact Linda Xerri at lxerri@smlparish.org.

Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

The second collection on March 4th and 5th 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.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON

Each year the Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our single Act of Faith propels the works of love that build up our Church. You make that happen with a generous gift to the ACA. Envelopes to make a pledge to the ACA are located at all entrances to the church. To make an online pledge, click on the ACA logo on the parish website homepage. Be sure to select St. Mary of the Lakes when making your pledge.

This year St. Mary of the Lakes' share of the goal is \$140,000.

As the people of the Diocese of Trenton, you have an opportunity to help others see Christ working in our midst. I ask you to take a moment and truly reflect on any help you can give. We truly need everyone to participate. This year we again are striving to reach our goal of \$6.5 million.

I am always grateful and moved by the level of support you give to our parish. I thank you for this support, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

Intergenerational Study: The Theology of the Eucharist

Father Roy will be offering a six-week intergenerational study on the Theology of the Eucharist on Thursdays, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/20 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room in St. Mary of the Lakes School. To register, please sign the roster in the Parking Lot Entrance.



Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study: The Passion of Luke Continued



Father Dan will be offering a hybrid five-week Lenten Intergenerational Scripture Study on the Passion of Luke from the Trial to the Ascension on Mondays, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center and virtually.

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

Those attending virtually may use this link also found on the homepage of the parish website.: [https://sml2.my.webex.com/sml2.my/j.php](https://sml2.my.webex.com/sml2.my/j.php?MTID=mdafb599992a797ff307d699f1a481371)
MTID=mdafb599992a797ff307d699f1a481371

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

Community Sunday

Thank you all that were able to attend our first Community Sunday for 2023.

We are looking forward to gathering together again to share some fellowship and light refreshments. Our Health Ministry will be joining us to offer free blood pressure screenings. We hope you will mark your calendars and join us after the morning masses.

Please stop in the Emmaus Center on Sunday, March 12th, after each of the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Masses to visit with your fellow parishioners and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with a doughnut or a Medford Bagel Shop delicious bagel. Fruit will also be available.

Bring a friend! We hope to see you there!



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Soup and Stations



Soup and Stations is an annual event sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 6520. It is a non-meat soup dinner on a Friday evening during Lent followed by Stations of the Cross and concluding with dessert. Sign up sheets are located at all church entrances.

Friday, March 3rd

6:00 p.m.: Soup dinner in the Emmaus Center

7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross in the Church

8:00 p.m.: Dessert back in the Emmaus Center

The Stations of the Cross will be led by Deacon Joe Tedeschi and will be supported by Tim and Maryann O'Brien. The theme of the stations will be for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Charity Golf Tournament Needs Your Support to Help the Homeless

Medford Knights Charity Fund, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is hosting its 16th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, June 26th, at Medford Lakes Country Club. One of this year's beneficiaries is **1st Way of Burlington County**, which helps any woman or girl with an unplanned pregnancy find medical, legal, or psychological help as well as shelter, education, or adoption guidance. 1st Way provides free resources which support life affirming choices through a loving, non-judgement approach with peer counseling, education, and practical services.

Over the past year, 1st Way has distributed supplies such as diapers/pull-ups, baby wipes, lotion, wash, and shampoo; baby food and formula; playpens; and articles of clothing to over 1,000 families.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals to help 1st Way continue to provide critical services.

Golf registration is \$195 per person (\$215 after April 28) and includes greens fee, golf cart, lunch, gifts for all participants, beverages and snacks on the course, cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, and dinner. The tournament is a scramble format for 144 golfers and begins with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. Dinner-only tickets are also available for \$65 each. Awards, gift baskets, and multiple raffles offer opportunities to win great prizes.

For questions about sponsorships or registering for golf, contact Bill Schmidt at billschmidt902@gmail.com.



Medford Knights
16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
REGISTRATION FORM

Mon., June 26, 2023 (Registration/Lunch: 9:30-11:00AM, Golf: 12:00PM, Cocktails/Dinner: 5:30/6:30PM)

Medford Lakes Country Club – Medford Lakes, NJ

All Net Proceeds benefit

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Family Promise of Burlington County & First Way of Burlington County

Golf Registration includes golf with cart, lunch, beverages on the course, and buffet dinner.

4-Person scramble format with prizes for top teams, closest to the pin, longest drive & hole-in-one car

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Please assign me to a foursome

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I am a member of the foursome below

My Name: _____

☐ Golf & Dinner combo: **\$195 (After April 28: \$215)**

Address: _____

☐ Dinner only: **\$65** (Includes Tax & Gratuity)

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other members of my foursome:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

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I need #_____ Buffet (Dinner-Only) Tickets. (\$65 / Dinner)

Cocktail Hour: 5:30–6:30 PM (Appetizers & Cash Bar). Dinner Start-Time: 6:30 PM

Buffet Dinner Entrees: Salmon, Chicken Francaise, Roast Beef w/Aus Jus, Pasta Penne Ala Vodka,

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment must be received by **May 26, 2023**

No Refunds after **June 12, 2023**

We will only include your registration when payment is received. No spots will be held without payment.

For questions, contact Bill Schmidt 609-667-5106

(GOLFER REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 144 GOLFERS)

Make check payable to: **Medford Knights Charity Fund**

Mail registration form and check to:

Harry Meshirer

18 Indian Trail

Medford, NJ 08055



St. Mary
of the Lakes
SCHOOL

JOIN OUR TEAM

Kitchen and Lunch Service Manager

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School in Medford seeks a part-time kitchen and lunch manager, beginning immediately. This includes finishing this school year through mid-June and leadership for next school year starting in late August/September. Our school kitchen and lunch service manager will organize, train, and lead a group of school volunteers in preparing and distributing meals by grade. This includes weekly and daily scheduling of the volunteers and providing team direction. The manager's key responsibilities include lunch preparation, distribution of prepared meals, heating up parent-supplied meals, and meal tracking for all students.

In addition, the kitchen and lunch service manager will be the point person weekly to provide lunch choices to school families and process the orders with our food service provider. This process includes gathering each student's specific orders, labeling the lunches per day by student, and ordering other supplies needed weekly, including milk, produce, and utensils.

Candidates with cafeteria and food service experience are preferred and must be able to work minimally from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday. In addition, on Mondays and Fridays, an additional 1-2 hours will likely be required to organize the weekly menu and order the meals for the week. A successful candidate will be subject to fingerprinting and background checks and will also have to attend Virtus training.

Qualified candidates should submit their letters of interest to Jim Sterbenz School Operations Coordinator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

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.

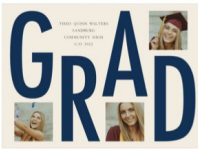
Please include SML#2546 on the email subject line for your application to be considered.

School Happenings and Events



St. Mary of the Lakes
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Rite of Sending to the Rite of Election

Our community here at St. Mary of the Lakes will be sending our catechumen, Paul Lewis, Jr., Kyle Porterfield, and Raymond Woodrow, to the Rite of Election at St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral in Freehold with Bishop O'Connell. All catechumens of our diocese, and all the dioceses in the world, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, will be presented to their bishops for "election" to the Sacraments on the First Sunday of Lent.

During the Rite of Sending at the parish, the candidates sign the Book of the Elect as a symbol of their election or being chosen by God. This book is included in the celebration at the Cathedral where all the parishes present both their catechumens and their names enrolled in the Books of the Elect.

At the Rite of Election, the catechumens are "elected" (chosen by name; chosen by God) for the Easter Sacraments of Initiation. The Church acts in God's name. Bishop O'Connell echoes God's call, but rather than focus on the "Elect," we focus on the marvelous action of God in the lives of the Elect.

Please continue to pray for our soon-to-be Elect, Paul, Kyle and Raymond, and our candidates: Dennis Dalton, Kathleen Giannone, Christopher Sander, and Kaitlyn Sullivan.

Y.E.S. Stations of the Cross

On March 10th, Y.E.S. will have a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center, followed by a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross performed by our students in Y.E.S, SMLS, and PREP. Please see the parish website for the Sign Up Genius link, or contact Frank Babinchock at the parish office 609-654-8208 ext. 111.



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

Fifth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle a nest for herself, where she may lay her young ones! Thy Altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. [Ps. lxxxiii. 4] The sparrow, says David, finds a dwelling in houses; turtle-doves in nests: but Thou, my king and my God, hast made Thyself a nest and found a dwelling on earth on our Altars, that we might find Thee, and that Thou mightest dwell amongst us.

Lord, we cannot but say, that Thou art too much enamoured of men; Thou no longer knowest what to do to gain their love. But do Thou, my most amiable Jesus, give us the grace that we also may be passionately enamoured of Thee. It would indeed be unreasonable were we cold in our love towards a God Who loves us with such affection. Draw us to Thee by the sweet attractions of Thy love; make us understand the endearing claims which Thou hast on our love.

O infinite Majesty and infinite Goodness, Thou lovest men so much, Thou hast done so much that Thou mightest be loved by men: how is it, then, that amongst men there are so few who love Thee? I will no longer be as I have hitherto been, of the unhappy number of those ungrateful creatures: I am resolved to love Thee as much as I can, and to love no other than Thee: Thou deservest it; Thou commandest me with so much earnestness to do so, I am resolved to satisfy Thee. Grant, O God of my soul, that I may fully satisfy Thee. I entreat Thee to grant me this favor by the merits of Thy Passion, and I confidently hope for it. Bestow the goods of the earth on those who desire them; I desire and seek the great treasure of Thy love alone. I love Thee, my Jesus; I love Thee, infinite Goodness. Thou art all my riches, my whole satisfaction, my entire love.

Ejaculatory prayer. My Jesus, Thou hast given Thy whole self to me; I give my whole self to Thee!

Throughout February we will continue to celebrate World Marriage Day. To celebrate the beauty of Catholic marriage we present the following excerpt from the Catechism – read more at uscgb.org under “Resources”

1644: The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: “so they are no longer two, but one flesh.” They “are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving.” This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together (Catechism of the Catholic Church).



The Marriage Ministry is happy to offer the opportunity for married couples to experience the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first “I do,” whether you said it last year or many years ago. You are invited to a one-day retreat on “The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage” on Saturday, March 18th, in the Emmaus Center, hosted by Sister Jacinta. The retreat will provide time for prayer, inspirational talks, discussion and sharing with your spouse, and a noon meal. Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, and the conference runs from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There is no cost for the event, but a freewill donation would be helpful to cover costs. For more information or to register, please contact the parish office at frontdesk@smlparish.org or call 609-654-8208, ext. 110.



The Catechism Corner

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

“‘Pray and work.’ ‘Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you.’ Even when we have done our work, the food we receive is still a gift from our Father; it is good to ask him for it and to thank him, as Christian families do when saying grace at meals.”

–Catechism of the Catholic Church – Paragraph #2834

GOT E-WASTE?

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DROP OFF YOUR ELECTRONIC WASTE!

WHERE? Holy Eucharist Church, 520 Medford Lakes Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

WHAT?

- Cell phones, telephones, iPods
- Computers (all types) and accessories
- Intact TVs, Blue Ray/VCR/DVD players
- Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines, Modems
- Game Consoles, Portable radios
- Microwave Ovens
- Wire, all types

We are also collecting sneakers to be recycled/reused!

Since sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated, which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil.

For more info contact: actswomen@gmail.com

Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia

March 25th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Philadelphia, PA.

This pilgrimage will include a tour and talk at the shrine, the opportunity for confession, a gift shop visit, Mass, and a cobb salad lunch following Mass on site.

Free-will offerings will be accepted. The cost of lunch is to be determined.

Transportation to the Shrine will be by car caravan. Meet in St. Mary of the Lakes' parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

To sign up for this pilgrimage, please contact Mary Mickinak at mikemickinak@comcast.net.





A Pilgrimage to Italy
October 9 - 19

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Collection for Operation Yellow Ribbon

Operation Yellow Ribbon collects items to assemble care packages that are shipped, and distributed to United States military personnel deployed throughout the world. Bins for donations to this cause are placed at the parking lot and Jackson Road entrances. All donations must be received before Sunday, April 2nd.

Items requested and appreciated by Operation Yellow Ribbon

Tasty Kakes
Protein/Energy Bars
Protein Powder
Liquid or Powder Drink Mixes
Pouches of Tuna or Chicken (not canned)
Chewing gum/candy suckers/etc,
Peanuts/Mixed Nuts
Potato Chips in Can
Trail Mix
Dried Fruit
Beef Jerky
Baby Powder
Baby Wipes
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Saline Eye Drops

Chapstick
Tissues
Hand Sanitizer
Sunscreen (lotion only)
Breakfast Bars
Slim Jims
Ground Coffee/Tea Bags
Sunflower Seeds
Deodorant (sticks only)
Shampoo and Conditioner
Bath Soap
Body Lotion
Emery Boards
Shower Sponges/Loofahs
Q-Tips
Feminine Hygiene Products

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.*



St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, February 26th

- Children's Mass / 10:30 a.m. / Church
- YES Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, February 27th

- Men's Gospel Group / 7:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Renewed in Jesus / 2:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- Children's Choir / 5:30 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- YES / PREP Stations of the Cross Rehearsal / 6:30 p.m. / Church
- Fr. Dan's Intergenerational Study / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, February 28th

- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, March 1st

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 8:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft

Thursday, March 2nd

- Thursday Prayer and Bible Study / 9:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Fr. Roy Intergenerational Study / 4:30 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- Respect Life Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

Friday, March 3rd

- Living the Eucharist / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Soup and Stations / 6:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center and Church

Saturday, March 4th

- First Eucharist Retreat / 9:00 a.m. / School Auditorium

Sunday, March 5th

- Children's Church / 10:20 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

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*.



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.

Bulletin Announcement Submissions

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

Kid's Corner

