



St. Mary of the Lakes

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

We Make Missionary Disciples

March 19, 2023



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: www.smlparish.org

Parish Email Address: frontdesk@smlparish.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:15 a.m. and

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*)

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*), 10:30 a.m., and noon

CLERGY AND STAFF

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

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

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Laura Dicus, Administrative Assistant

Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Maria Sobel, School Principal

Linda Xerri, Director of Religious Education

Lisa Helm, PREP Administrative Assistant

Frank Babinchock, Parish Youth Minister

Carolyn Cuperwich, Music Coordinator

Harry Meshirer, Parish Bookkeeper

Ralph Gallo and Kevin Loughlin, Parish Trustees

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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Twitter: www.twitter.com/smlparish

School Website: www.smlschool.org

Knights of Columbus: www.medfordknights.org

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Parish Office 40 Jackson Road 654-8208

Parish Office Fax 975-0137

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

St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax 654-8125

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Parish Youth Minister 40 Jackson Road 654-2546

Bulletin Editor 40 Jackson Road 654-8208

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

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Confessions are heard on Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 4:30 p.m. You may also call the parish office to make an appointment for a different time.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the parish office anytime or speak to one of the priests after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to their child's Baptism. Please call the parish office 609/654-8208, x110 as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Congratulations to our engaged couples. Call 609/654-8208, x110 to make arrangements for your wedding. We suggest you call at least a year in advance.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA) If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic or is/are baptized Catholic but have yet to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, please call Christine Brandt at 609/654-8208, x113.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Adoration Chapel off the Jackson Rd. Entrance is open 24/7.

MINISTERIAL VISITS The Sacraments are available to anyone confined to home or institution. Please contact the parish office if you know anyone who is unable to get to church.

x110

x210

x310

x111

x131

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18th

5:30 p.m. **James DiVietro** / St. Mary of the Lakes
Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners

Sunday, March 19th

7:30 a.m. **Anita Stenger** / The Casano Family

9:00 a.m. **Rose Tassone**

10:30 a.m. **Elizabeth Hard** / St. Mary of the Lakes
Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners

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

Monday, March 20th

7:15 a.m. **Edward Davis** / St. Mary of the Lakes
Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners

9:00 a.m. **Edward Diamond** / Maureen Schuller

Tuesday, March 21st

7:15 a.m. **Patricia Kinney** / Christine

9:00 a.m. **Alba Volpe Bear** / Pat Rhoad

Wednesday, March 22nd

7:15 a.m. **Frederick Bricketto** / Peg and Jerry
Oyen

9:00 a.m. **Kevin and Karen O'Neill** / The Kinsey
Family

Thursday, March 23rd

7:15 a.m. **Bill Stout** / The Society of St. Vincent
de Paul

9:00 a.m. **Trezi Luty** / The Kinsey Family

Friday, March 24th

7:15 a.m. **Patricia DiBari** / The Vasturia Family

9:00 a.m. **Patricia Allen** / Steve and
Maryann Mason

Saturday, March 25th

9:00 a.m. **Mary Custer** / Mr. and Mrs. David
Mitchell

5:30 p.m. **Anita Stenger** / Linda Xerri

Sunday, March 26th

7:30 a.m. **Ralph DeGregorio** / The Conklin Family

9:00 a.m. **Alene Wisniewski** / The Stone Family

10:30 a.m. **Serafina Terregna** / Mr. and Mrs. Louis
DiVentura

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



Long-term prayer requests 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, John Cirenda, James Kehoe, Melissa, Kathie Belonger



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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2023

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | *David is anointed as king of Israel*

Responsorial

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14 | *Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*

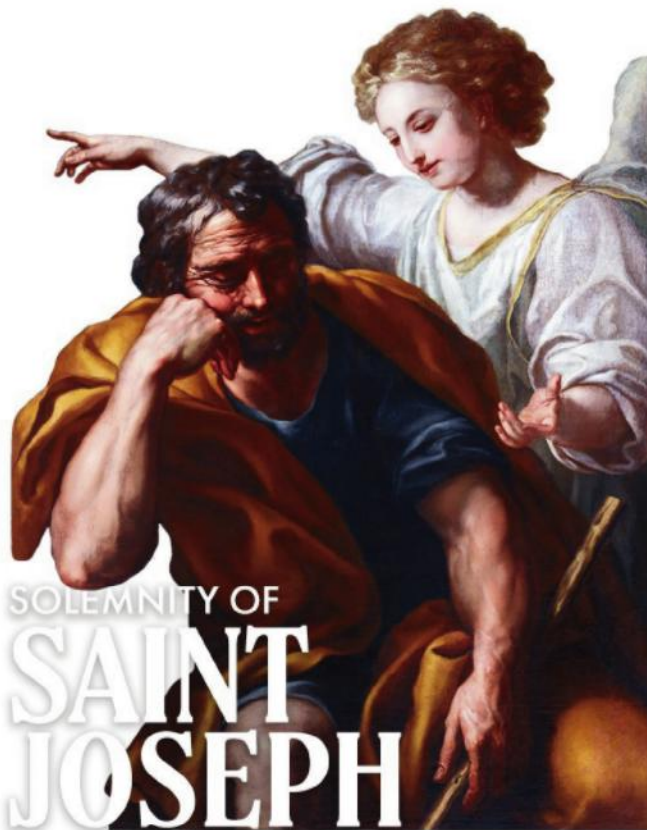
Gospel

John 9:1-41 | *The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.*

Congratulations to all those who were baptized at St. Mary of the Lakes 40 Years ago in March 1983

Michelle Webb
Brian Taylor
Lisa Ellis
Colleen Tischner
Laurie Flanagan
Casey Doran
Kyle Gager
Rachel Vidovich

Patrick Hagan
Erick Wood
Joseph Manning
Kurtis Valosen
Jennifer DeSanto
Heather Maxwell
Joseph Yates



Sacrament of Penance

Holy Thursday, April 6th, Following Procession
Good Friday, April 7th, Following Commemoration
Holy Saturday, April 8th, 4:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Masses, April 2nd

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m.

(Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses)

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament: 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7th

The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

Stations with Veneration of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8th

Blessing of the Food: 12:00 p.m.

The Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 9th

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., (Children's Mass) and 12:00 p.m.

Congratulations to all those who were married at St. Mary of the Lakes 40 years ago in March 1983

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palanjian
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gorman

Prayer for St. Joseph's Intercession

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls - Pray for me. St. Joseph, terror of demons - Pray for me.

Amen

Stations of the Cross for Lent 2023

7:00 p.m. in the Church

March 24: The Passion of the Blessed Mother

March 31: *No Stations due to Confirmation*

April 7 (Good Friday): Stations of the Cross

Easter Children's Mass

A Children's Mass will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 9th, at 10:30 a.m. Any children interested in participating by reenacting the Gospel or serving as readers or gift bearers are asked to sign the roster at the parking lot entrance or the link on the parish homepage. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, April 5th, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the church.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON

Each year, the Bishop seeks the support of all the members of the Diocese of Trenton. 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.

Thank you to all those who have helped St. Mary of the Lakes so far toward our 2023 ACA goal of \$140,000. We have received \$110,725 in pledges, achieving approximately 79 percent of our goal.

St. Mary of the Lakes will receive 15 percent of our goal and an additional 50 percent of all funds received over our goal as a rebate!

We thank you for making a gift to this year's ACA! To make a gift, please fill out and mail the Appeal card found at all entrances of our church, or you may give online by visiting our parish website and clicking on the Catholic Appeal image. Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Penance Service

St. Mary of the Lakes will host a Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



All children entering Pre-K 4 through 6th grade for the 2023-24 school year are invited to register as campers for this summer's Vacation Bible School. To register, please complete the registration form, which can be found on the parish website, and mail it with your payment to the PREP Office, 196 Route 70, Medford, NJ 08055, by June 1st to secure your child's spot. Registration is limited to the first 125 campers. A sign-up genius link for teen volunteers in grades 7-12 can also be found on the parish website. Camper spots cannot be held unless payment is received by June 1st.

For more information, contact smlprep@smlparish.org.

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.

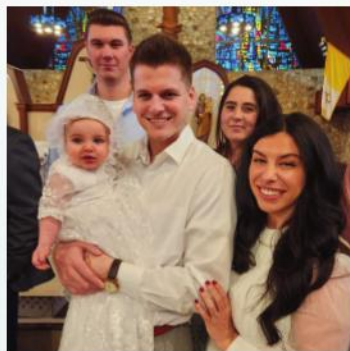
To sign up for this pilgrimage, please contact Mary Mickinak at mikemickinak@comcast.net.



Welcome to the Newly Baptized



Benjamin Makrinos



Nina Gransden



Remi Bell



Mark Santangelo



Matthew Lesniak



Theodore Ferguson



Lennon Hopkins



Giuliana and Vincent Zeno

Meet Laura Dicus Administrative Assistant

We are happy to announce that Laura Dicus has joined our St. Mary of the Lakes staff as the new part-time administrative assistant at the parish office. Laura's professional administrative assistant career spans between Campbell Soup, Vlastic Foods, and Bayada Home Health Care. Laura and her husband are St. Mary of the Lakes parishioners and were married in our church. They have a married daughter whose husband is in the Coast Guard, and they are stationed in Maryland.

Laura's first day was this past Tuesday, March 14th, and she will usually work Wednesday through Friday each week. Laura's email is ldicus@smlparish.org.

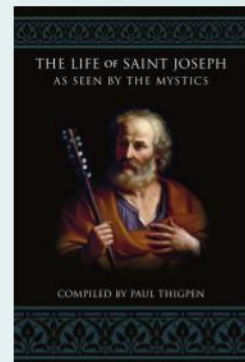
Welcome, Laura!

welcome
TO THE
TEAM



Lending Library

Scripture gives us few details about St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. Many have speculated about the unknown details of his life, and several mystics were granted visions that portrayed the hidden days. In honor of the month of March, dedicated to St. Joseph, why not ponder his unique role as the spouse of our Blessed Mother and the protective guardian of Jesus through the book *The Life of Saint Joseph as seen by the Mystics*, compiled by Paul Thigpen? It's available at the Lending Library, found at the Jackson Road entrance of the church. Enhance your Lenten journey with over 95 titles including religious historical fiction, encouragement, prayer, the lives of saints, devotions, high theology, and low points in the lives of popes. It's all there...please come see.



Happy Birthday
Chad!





Medford Knights Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 26th

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

Please select your desired sponsorship level

☐ Event Sponsor: \$5,000.00

Includes recognition on prominent signage displayed in the clubhouse and on the golf course, special recognition before, during and after the event. Recognition on the K of C council website and recognition in the golf event booklet.

(4) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Platinum Sponsors: \$3,500.00 & up

Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (3) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Gold Sponsors: \$2,000.00 & up

Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (2) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Silver Sponsors: \$1,000.00 & up

Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (1) Complimentary golfer, to include golf, lunch and dinner.

☐ Bronze Sponsors: \$500.00 & up

Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (1) Complimentary event dinner

☐ Booster: \$100.00 & up

Includes recognition in the golf event booklet.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

<div>_____ Company/Org Name</div> <div>_____ Street Address</div> <div>_____ City</div> <div>_____ State</div> <div>_____ Zip</div>	<div>_____ Contact Name</div> <div>(_____) _____ Phone</div> <div>_____ Email</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Artwork included</div>
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Use tournament registration form (on back page) to list golfers.

Thank you for your support and God Bless You!

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

Mail check and form to: Harry Meshirer 18 Indian Trail, Medford, NJ 08055

For questions regarding sponsorships please contact Bill Schmidt @ 609-667-5106 or billschmidt902@gmail.com

Email company logo/artwork to Joe McMullen @ McMullenJH@hotmail.com

DEADLINE IS MAY 28, 2023



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Knights in Action

Knights of Columbus Council 6520 congratulates Joe Barbieri for being awarded Knight of the Month for “exceptional contributions to the Council and being one who exemplifies his faith through his action.” When the Christian Caring Center needed a bicycle donated to help a client get to and from work, Joe responded immediately.

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 slattimer@aol.com or visit www.medfordknights.org. Vivat Jesus!

Knights Attend Holy Family Retreat in Malvern, PA



Charity Golf Tournament Needs Your Support to Help the Less Fortunate

Medford Knights Charity Fund, a New Jersey nonprofit corporation, is hosting its 16th annual charity golf tournament on Monday, June 26 at Medford Lakes Country Club. One of this year's beneficiaries is Family Promise of Burlington County, a non-profit interfaith organization committed to a united outreach by the religious community in Burlington County, providing shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless families.

The program provides help, hope, and a safe haven for guests while they seek affordable housing. Since 1997, Family Promise has hosted 500 families and more than 1,000 children. In 2022, Family Promise provided 4,000 total nights of shelter. Family Promise also provides direct financial assistance to families at risk of eviction or foreclosure, distributing over \$150,000 to 28 families in 2022.

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals to help Family Promise 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, a 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.



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, following 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

Emmaus Center

Easter Egg Hunt Outside the Emmaus Center (weather permitting)



School Happenings and Events



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

6:00 p.m. TO 10:00 p.m. - SMLS AUDITORIUM



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or use the QR code below.





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.

After Care

St. Mary of the Lakes School is seeking part-time staff to work at the after care school program. Responsibilities include supervising students as they complete homework, play, complete crafts, and have quiet time. Candidates must be available starting at 2:45 p.m. and work shifts until 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. two to five days a week. Previous experience with supervisory oversight of children is preferred. Interested applicants should send their letter of interest and resume of experience to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org.

Handyman/Custodian

St. Mary of the Lakes School is seeking one part-time Handyman/Custodian.

The qualified candidate will be responsible for specific daily cleaning duties, knowledge of building systems, opening and locking buildings, and general security. Ensure that the facilities are fully operational, safe, clean, and neat, and prepared for school activities. Perform ongoing repairs for the buildings, such as light electrical, light plumbing, and painting. Ability to safely use common power and hand tools to do simple repairs, e.g., doors/windows/gutters.

The candidate must have effective communication skills and be a self-starter with good time management skills. The Handyman/Custodian will function as a representative with outside contractors and inspectors coming onto the property or into the building.

The Handyman/Custodian will report to the Facilities Manager. Part-time hours are 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Benefits and salary are commensurate with experience. Schedule will include some overtime and potential work on holidays. If interested, please submit letter of interest, application, and salary requirements to Bill Scherf, Facilities Manager, at wscherf@smlschool.org. Please include SML#8208 on the email subject line for your resume to be considered.

To access the application for this position, please see the job posting on the parish website.

RCIA - First Scrutiny Presentation of the Creed

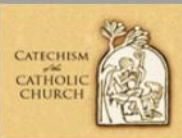


Donations for Covenant House

On Friday, April 21st, our YES Group will be working to aid Covenant House of Atlantic City (an organization for homeless youth). In preparation, YES is collecting hygiene supplies (no razors). Bins are at the doors of the parking lot and Jackson Road entrances.



**Covenant House
New Jersey**



The Catechism Corner

Lead Us Not Into Temptation

"This petition goes to the root of the preceding one, for our sins result from our consenting to temptation; we therefore ask our Father not to 'lead' us into temptation. It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used by a single English word: the Greek means both 'do not allow us to enter into temptation' and 'do not let us yield to temptation.' 'God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one'; on the contrary, he wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle 'between flesh and spirit'; this petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church - Paragraph #2846

Donations 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.

Eighth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

St. John says that he saw our Lord girt up with a golden girdle, which supported His breasts: I saw the Son of Man girt about the paps with a golden girdle. [Apoc. i. 12] Thus also is Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar, with His breasts all filled with milk; that is to say, with the graces which, in His mercy, He desires to bestow upon us. And as a mother, whose breasts are overcharged with milk goes about seeking for children who may draw it off, and relieve her of its weight, [St. Francis de Sales, in his treatise The Love of God, B. 1, ch. 15, uses the same comparison in explaining it, to show us that the Divine goodness takes greater pleasure in giving us His graces than we do in receiving them.-----ED.] so also does He call out to us, You shall be carried at the breasts. [Isa. lxvi. 13]

The Venerable Father Alvarez saw Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with his hands filled with graces, and seeking to whom He might dispense them. Of St. Catherine of Sienna it is related, that when she approached the Most Holy Sacrament, she did so precisely with the same loving avidity with which a child flies to its mother's breast.

O most beloved and only-begotten-Son of the Eternal Father, I know that Thou art the object most worthy of being loved. I desire to love Thee as much as Thou deservest to be loved, or at least as much as a soul can ever desire to love Thee, I fully understand that I, who am a traitor, and so great a rebel to Thy love, deserve not to love Thee, neither do I deserve to approach Thee so near as I now am in this church, but I feel that Thou, for all this, seekest my love; I hear Thee say My son, give Me thy heart. [Prov. xxiii, 26] Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart. [Matt. xxii. 37] I understand that it is for this end that Thou hast spared my life, and not sent me to Hell, that I might be converted and turn all my affections to Thee. Since, then, Thou art pleased that even I should love Thee, oh, yes, my God, I will do so. Behold me: to Thee I yield myself up; I give myself to Thee; I love Thee. O God! all goodness, all love, I choose Thee for the only king and lord of my poor heart. Thou desirest it, and my will is to give it to Thee: it is cold, it is loathsome; but if Thou acceptest it, Thou wilt change it. Change me, my Lord, change me; I no longer have courage to live as I have hitherto done, ungrateful, and with so little love towards Thine infinite goodness, which loves me so much, and deserves an infinite love. Enable me to supply from this day forward i for all the love which I have hitherto failed to bear Thee.

Ejaculatory prayer. My God, my God, I will love Thee, I will love Thee, I will love Thee!

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

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Father Roy is currently offering a six-week intergenerational study on the Theology of the Eucharist continuing on Thursdays, 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.



Glory to God

The Glory to God Prayer Group meets every Tuesday from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

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Each week, links to the new weekly episodes will be posted on SML's website, smlparish.org. You can also access them on FORMED, a free Catholic on-demand service provided by the parish. You can set one up at FORMED.org. Click on "Sign up as a parishioner." In the box under "Find your Parish or Organization", enter "St. Mary of the Lakes, Medford"; choose our parish at 40 Jackson Road. Click "Next". Enter your name and e-mail address, then click "Sign Up." FORMED will send you an e-mail with a link to log in. Once you log in, you should not have to log in again.



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Those attending virtually may use the link located on the parish website homepage. Please bring a Bible. Bibles will be on sale at the class for \$5.00.



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, March 19th

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

Monday, March 20th

- Men's Gospel Group / 7:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Children's Choir / 5:30 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- Fr. Dan's Intergenerational Study / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- Carnival Committee Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 21st

- Lenten Penance Service / 7:00 p.m. / Church
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, March 22nd

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Knights of Columbus Chapter Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft

Thursday, March 23rd

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

Friday, March 24th

- Living the Eucharist / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Stations of the Cross / 7:00 p.m. / Church

Saturday, March 25th

- Marriage Retreat / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia / 10:00 a.m. / Meet in Church Parking Lot

Sunday, March 26th

- Bag Bingo / 6:00 p.m. / School Auditorium.



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

The April 9th, Easter Sunday bulletin will be submitted early for printing on Monday, April 3rd. To ensure inclusion in the Easter bulletin, please submit announcements as early as possible.



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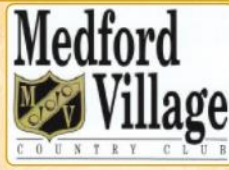
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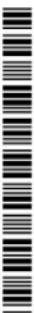
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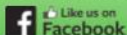
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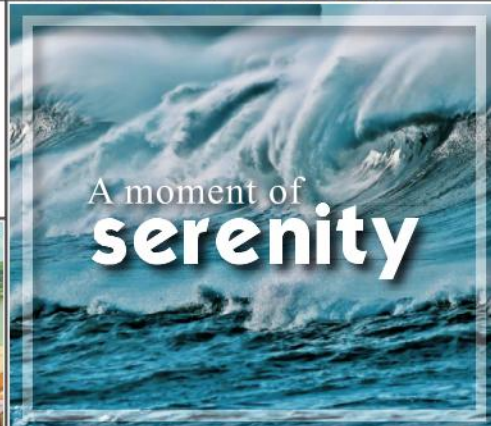
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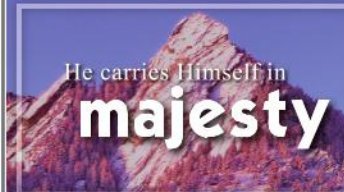
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