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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.

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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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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Knights of Columbus: www.medfordknights.org

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX		(609 Area Code)
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
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546
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

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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. x110

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 x111 Sokolowski, President. 609/953-0021. x131

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29th

5:30 p.m. Judy Meleski / Frank and Kathy DelRossi

Sunday, April 30th

7:30 a.m. James P. Denning Sr. / Loughlin Family 9:00 a.m. Protection of Babies in the Womb /

St. Mary of the Lakes Respect Life Committee

Mary Ann Phillips / The Powell Family 10:30 a.m.

Our Parishioners 12:00 p.m.

Monday, May 1st

7:15 a.m. **Purgatorial Society**

9:00 a.m. Liz Hanson (living) / The Monday Night

Prayer Group

Angie and Andy Corigliano (living) /

Their Family

Tuesday, May 2nd

7:15 a.m. Craig Ammerman / Maryann Hadjuk

Kathryn Anne Kirk / Peg and Jerry Oyen

9:00 a.m. Gunther Steger / The Xerri Fami

Wednesday, May 3rd

Doris M. Curley / St. Mary of the Lakes 7:15 a.m.

> Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners Madeline Deane / Carol Coyle

9:00 a.m. Barbara Ricchini-Moyer / The Ricchini

Jim Ricchini / The Ricchini Family

Thursday, May 4th

Paul Marabella / Joan Block 7:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Scott Ritch / Sam and Linda Xerri and

Family

Mary Custer / The Jennison Family

Friday, May 5th

7:15 a.m. Robert Bevilacqua / St. Mary of the

Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners

9:00 a.m. John Sheehan / The Hagan Family

Michael Roettger / Sid and Stella Benstead

Saturday, May 6th

9:00 a.m. Don D'Amato / Tom and Terri Vosbikian

In Thanksgiving for 50 years of Marriage /

5:30 p.m. Angelo Del Rossi / Frank and Kathy Del Rossi

Sunday, May 7th

7:30 a.m. Military and Law Enforcement Personnel

and Families / Peg and Jerry Oyen

9:00 a.m. Margaret Ann (Peg) Wright / The King

Haley Trapp / St. Mary of the Lakes Choir 10:30 a.m.

Our Parishioners 12:00 p.m.



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, Mia Daly, Meghan D., Robert McCormick, Ryan Jastrzemski, Bill Anderson, Laura Palacio, Peggy Luciani, Jesse Verrecchia, Tommy Willis, Charles Baker, Joe Halloran, Niki Kruse, Joe White, Joseph Lambarski, Garrett and Marie Pitman, 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, Cynthia Lewandowski, Donna Skalski, Barbara Skalski, Kristin Oyola, Phil Gallagher, Shannon Adamucci, Michael Gill, Betty West, Elizabeth Hansen, John Cirenda, Melissa, Kathie Belonger, Marilyn Peoples, Andrew Boyle

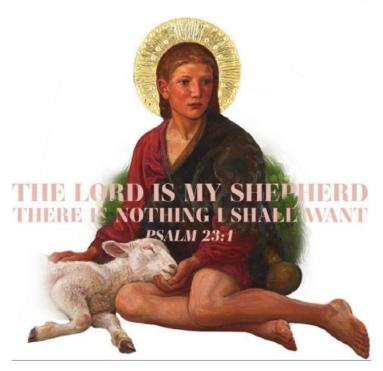
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Come Join Us in Prayer

- 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

4th Sunday of Easter



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 | God has made Jesus both Lord and God.

Responsorial

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

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25 | You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

John 10:1-10 | 1 am the gate for the sheep.

Congratulations to all those who were baptized at St. Mary of the Lakes 60 years ago in April 1963

Mark Liederbach
Christopher Rakoczy
Robert Reeves
John Gindhart
Corrine Powell
Timothy Ahearn
Patricia Sorino
Henry DeRiddler
Michael Vannoy

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Vincent and Linda Lemming
The Nguyen Family
Salvatore and Eileen Palmieri
George Del Giorno

Congratulations
to those who were married at
St. Mary of the Lakes
60 years ago in April 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller

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

Please pray for the souls of Mary Barboun and Teresa Weber

Marriage Bann

(Second Announcement)
May 13th
Sean Conner and Karly Simon



With Praise and Gratitude to Almighty God
Mrs. Michele Mayer and Family
Cordially Invite You to Attend
the Ordination of Their Husband and Father
Louis (Ed)
to the Order of Deacon

by

His Excellency
The Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, CM, JCD, DD
Bishop of Trenton

Saturday, the Twentieth of May
Two Thousand Twenty-Three
Ten O'Clock in the Morning
St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral
151 North Warren Street
Trenton, New Jersey

Livestreamed on youtube.com/trentondiocese

As You Have Shared in His Years of Preparation by Your Love, Friendship and Prayers You Are Cordially Invited to Attend a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, the Twenty-First of May Twelve O'Clock in the Afternoon St. Mary of the Lakes Church

A Light Reception Will Follow in the Emmaus Center



Memorial Mass for Sister Justina



A Memorial Mass will be offered for Sister Justina on Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a light reception in the Emmaus Center, All are invited to attend.



The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is ongoing throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year, the Bishop seeks the support of our parishes, our clergy, Catholic education, and social services. 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 ACA. The ACA gives us the opportunity to support the Church beyond our parish. Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who have made a gift to the ACA, St. Mary of the Lakes (SML) has once again reached its goal of \$140,000.

Going forward, fifty percent of all gifts will be returned to SML in the form of a parish rebate. Those who have yet to make a gift may pick up a pledge card at the church doors. God is good, and so are you!

As of April 24th, SML has pledged \$140,683.

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!

Please Welcome Todd Nolan



Please welcome Todd Nolan as the Parish Catechetical Leader. His primary responsibilities will be as the Director of Religious Education for the PREP Program and the Religion Coordinator at SMLS. He will also be responsible for Children's Masses, Children's Church, and other catechetical ministries at SML. Todd earned a Masters in Theology and has much experience in catechesis and religious education. He has been a youth ministry coordinator and high school theology teacher in both PA and MI. He has also worked in higher education at Ave Maria University (FL) and most recently for Catholic Distance University. Todd and his family moved to Medford Lakes about a year ago and are parishioners of SML. Todd begins his ministry at SML on May 1st.

May Crownings



At all Masses during Mother's Day Weekend, May 13–14th, the Blessed Mother will be crowned. Each Mass will require one girl from grades 6–8 and four girls who received their First Holy Communion. A rehearsal will be held on Thursday, May 11th, at 4:30 p.m. in the church. If interested, please sign the roster at the Parking Lot Entrance or visit smlparish.org for the sign-up link.



Join the SML Young Adult Ministry for their kickoff meeting on Wednesday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. outside the church at the fire pit. The Young Adult Ministry is open to young men and women aged 19–25 and will be a fantastic evening filled with food, refreshments, and music. It's a great chance to connect with fellow ministry members, make new friends, and learn about the exciting plans we have for the future. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something special!



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.

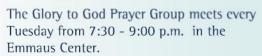
For more information, contact smlprep@smlparish.org.



CELEBRATE MASS

HANG OUT AND HAVE DINNER

Glory to God



Contact Marianne Perkins at 609-760-9221 or marnperk@gmail.com with any questions.



Legion of Mary

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.



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 to during and after the event. Recognition on the K of C cou(4) Complimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinn	
☐ Platinum Sponsors: \$3,500.00 & up Includes recognition signage displayed in the banquet website, and recognition in the golf event booklet. (3) Co	room and on the golf course, recognition on the K of C council mplimentary golfers, to include golf, lunch and dinner.
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☐ Bronze Sponsors: \$500.00 & up Includes recognition signage on the golf course, recogniti booklet. (1) Complimentary event dinner	ion on the K of C council website, and recognition in the golf event
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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



Make it a Date Night While Benefiting the Less Fortunate

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. Net proceeds benefit Medford's Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Family Promise of Burlington County, and 1st Way of Burlington County.

Don't want to golf? Dinner-only tickets are available, so you can have a chance to win great gift baskets and raffles. To register, contact Bill Schmidt at billschmidt902@gmail.com.

Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day cards are available at all entrances to the church. To have your loved one placed on the parish Mass board, please place your offerings in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office no later than noon on Wednesday, May 3rd.



Streaming Ministry



Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers of all ages to assist with livestreaming 9:00 a.m. Masses. No previous technical experience is necessary, and training will be provided.

This behind-the-scenes role is a great way to make a big impact in our parish by filling an important role assisting during Masses.

Students, (if below the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent) for each Mass you live-stream, you will earn one service hour.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact John Scott at jscott@smlparish.org or 609-654-8208 ext. 116.

"May" I Call You by Name?

At each weekend Mass in May, parishioners are asked to make a name tag and wear it to Mass.

In keeping with our strategic plan to be a more welcoming parish, developed based on St. Mary of the Lakes' Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey results, we will now use name tags at Masses four times a year: February, May, August, and November.

"'May' 1 Call You by Name" will provide another opportunity to put names to familiar faces in our parish and welcome newcomers and guests alike by name. Your participation is appreciated! Name tags will be provided at all entrances.

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Monday - Thursday 6pm - 10pm Friday - Saturday 6pm - 11pm

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Friday May 19th Bob Pantano's Dance Party

Monday May 15th St Mary of the Lakes Theater Dept & Tonewood Flatts

Tuesday May 16th Deez2Guyz

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Wednesday May 17th The Juliano Brothers

Thursday May 18th Don't Call Me Francis

Saturday May 20th The Deck Band

Super 50/50 Raffle Drawing

Tickets are \$5.00 each, or a booklet of six tickets for \$25.00. Please place your check and ticket stubs in an

envelope marked 50/50 RAFFLE and return them to the parish office or place them in the Sunday collection basket. All returns must be received by Friday, May 12th. We now have \$18,000 in the pot. The first-place winner would receive \$4,500, and each of the second-place winners would receive \$450.



MEGApass Tickets are Available!

A MEGApass is very simple and exactly what the name implies. It is a pass you purchase once that gets you on every ride, every night, as many times as you want. Buy it once and ride all night, every night, all week long.

MEGApasses can be purchased now with a presale discount for \$45 at Murphy's Markets in Medford and Tabernacle.

Volunteer Now

Get ready to have a blast! St. Mary of the Lakes is seeking volunteers to help make this year's carnival another huge success. To sign up, visit the parish website homepage and click the "Volunteer Here" link to volunteer for specific times and positions. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to: volunteers@smlcarnival.org.

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School Thanks Our 2023 Sponsor Companies and Families for Their Support



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Gold

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Silver

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Bronze

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ADP Electric
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Ponzio's Diner Bakery Bar Hajduk Family Leo's Ice Cream Company Stinsman Photography Lakeview Custom Millwork Lenora and Michael 

Sponsorship Opportunities May 15-20 **2023**

Gold Level: \$400

Sponsorship on 4ft x 2ft (4 color) banner featuring your own custom message or your company logo and information. Signage at this level of sponsorship will have high visibility placement in prime locations on the carnival midway.

Silver Level: \$250

Sponsorship on a 3ft x 2ft (2 color) banner featuring message of support and/or achievement. Signage at this level of sponsorship will have placement throughout the carnival midway.

Bronze Level: \$100

Sponsorship on a 2ft x 2ft (single color) banner featuring your name/family or company logo.
Signage at this level of sponsorship will be placed in locations throughout the carnival.

All sponsors will be named and thanked on the Parish/School social media, websites and weekly Mass bulletin

Sample Ideas

Smith & Sons Best Plumbers in NJ Call 555-555-5555 (Your Logo Here) God Bless Mary Smith on her First Holy Communion Love Grandma & Grandpa King Family Class of '90 - Tom Class of '95 - Doug Class of '96 - Brad Best Wishes for Another Successful Carnival & MusicFest! The Kenny Family

These are just examples of messages. Feel free to create your own custom message.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your sponsorship is vital to helping us achieve our carnival fundraising goal.

○ Gold Level: \$400	Contact Person: _
○ Silver Level: \$250	Contact Email: _
O Bronze Level: \$100	Contact Phone: _
	Address: _
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Please attach what you would like to display on your banner and any logos if applicable. Please submit your custom message with check payable to St Mary of the Lakes by May 5th

- 1. Drop in collection basket at Mass marked Carnival
- 2. Send to SML school in envelope marked Carnival
- 3. Mail to: St Mary of the Lakes Parish Carnival 40 Jackson Road Medford, NJ 08055

If you have any questions regarding any of the sponsorships, please call Maria King at 609-313-7982 or email her at mking@smlcarnival.org for more info.

Kitchen and Lunch Service Manager

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School is seeking a parttime 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.









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Questions? Please email PTA@smlschool.org

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 isterbenz@smlschool.org.



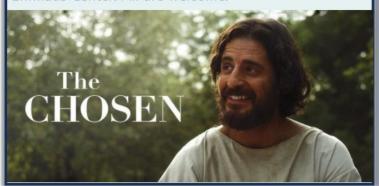






Monday Nights Watching Season Three of "The Chosen"

"The Chosen" is currently a three-season, twenty-four-episode series (with more episodes to come) portraying the life of Christ and His disciples. The series is non-fiction, making heavy use of the scriptures (mostly the Gospels with some Old Testament foundations) and fiction, which does not contradict scripture but enhances what could possibly have been. Father Dan will continue showing Season Three, one episode per evening, followed by question/answer and discussion, on 5/1, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, and Tuesday, 6/27, from 7:00–8:15 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. All are welcome.





Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Join us in the Emmaus Center to watch this 4-part series and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way.

There are two meeting times:

- Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 11th.
- Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning May 16th.

To register and purchase a study guide, contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org or 609-654-8208 ext. 113.

Fourteenth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

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

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

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

Feed My Sheep Casserole Ministry

Casseroles are accepted year-round in the parish office Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (unless the office is closed for a holiday or holy day). Casseroles must be homemade and pre-frozen when delivered, as they are stored until the delivery volunteers can take them to the organizations this ministry supports.

Students can record three service hours per month for a donation. To receive service hours, students must be involved in the casserole's preparation.

There are no dietary restrictions; we only ask that some protein be included in the casserole that you prepare. Students should record their time using the Mobile Serve App, which can be downloaded on a student's or parent's cell phone. Directions to download the app can be found by visiting www.smlparish.org on the YES page under the Faith Formation tab. Please obtain a signature in the app from the parish office admins or the youth minister when you drop off your donation.



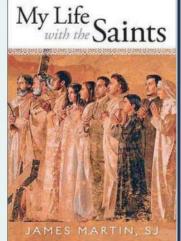
Faith Seekers Book Club

The Faith Seekers Book Club welcomes spring with a new book selection, *My Life With the Saints* by James Martin. This memoir was written in 2006 and encompasses saints throughout Christian history. Explore the lives of Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Pedro Arrupe, Mother Teresa, and others. Their life experiences will guide us through our earthly journeys and will help each of us find holiness in our own lives.

Our group is a fun and lively group open to sharing and listening to thoughts on the readings. Plan to join us on

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. Happy reading! Contact MaryJane at mja1030@aol.com with any questions.





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VIRTUS training sessions are offered at parishes throughout the diocese. Parishioners are permitted to attend training at any parish in the diocese. In May, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the re-certification class on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

Pre-registration is mandatory at <u>virtusonline.org</u> as space is limited.

The parish office is not able to register on your behalf.

For registration or login issues, please call 1-888-847-8870.



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

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

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



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 www.smlparish.org and click "Virtual Prayer Candle" under the "ABOUT" tab.



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Bulletin Announcement Submissions

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

St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, April 30th

- RCIA—Mystagogy / 9:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- YES Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Monday, May 1st

- Men's Gospel Group / 7:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Children's Choir / 5:30 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- KoC Officer Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room
- The Chosen / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, May 2nd

- Carnival Committee Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, May 3rd

- · 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
- VIRTUS Re-Certification / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Thursday, May 4th

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

Friday, May 5th

 Carnival Committee Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

Saturday, May 6th

Sunday, May 7th

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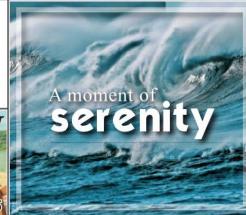
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