



June 4, 2023

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#### 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](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org)

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Laura Dicus, Administrative Assistant

Mary Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Maria Sobel, School Principal

Linda Xerri, Director of Religious Education

Todd Nolan, Parish Catechetical Leader

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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School Website: [www.smlschool.org](http://www.smlschool.org)

Knights of Columbus: [www.medfordknights.org](http://www.medfordknights.org)

#### LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX (609 Area Code)

Parish Office 40 Jackson Road 654-8208 x110

Parish Office Fax 975-0137

St. Mary of the Lakes School 196 Route 70 654-2546 x210

St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax 654-8125

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

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

### Saturday, June 3rd

5:30 p.m. **Anthony Chiusano / Nancy Mitchell**

### Sunday, June 4th

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

9:00 a.m. **Dominic Conti / The Xerri Family**

10:30 a.m. **Darwin Joseph DeMeo "Uncle Sonny" / Susan Kraemer**

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

### Monday, June 5th

7:15 a.m. **Purgatorial Society  
Robert William Chambers / His loving wife, Marguerite J. Chambers and Family**

9:00 a.m. **Barbara O'Brien / Mary Ann Toscano  
James Hagan / Gary and Maureen Pancoast**

### Tuesday, June 6th

7:15 a.m. **Valerie and Jay Jennison (living—15th Wedding Anniversary)**

9:00 a.m. **Jim Maloy / Diane Kelly  
Bill Stout / Joe Pasquarello**

### Wednesday, June 7th

7:15 a.m. **Beth Davis / Diane Kelly  
Christopher Rosato / Grace and Dan Rosato**

9:00 a.m. **Michael Gill / St. Mary of the Lakes Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners  
Robert C. Gaskill / His Mother, Debbi Cancelliere**

### Thursday, June 8th

7:15 a.m. **Mary Custer / Joan Block**

9:00 a.m. **Michael Cusack / Maureen Schuller  
Michael Roettger / Geri Chiesa**

### Friday, June 9th

7:15 a.m. **Jacqueline Potocki / Eddie and Lynn Konizer**

9:00 a.m. **Theresa Hallahan / Maryann and Walt Hajduk and Jim Mackle  
Jack McFadden / His Loving Mom**

### Saturday, June 10th

9:00 a.m. **Dorothy Moebius / The Weiss Family**

5:30 p.m. **Alene Wisniewski / Michele Tiver**

### Sunday, June 11th

7:30 a.m. **William "Bill" Schluth / The Loughlin Family**

9:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

10:30 a.m. **Jack McHugh / His Wife, Helen**

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, Mia Daly, Meghan D., Robert McCormick, Ryan Jastrzemski, Bill Anderson, Laura Palacio, Peggy Luciani, Jesse Verrecchia, Tommy Willis, Charles Baker Family, 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, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Jim Burke, Mary Jane Mullen, Eileen Palko



Capt. Christian Aguilar, USA; Capt. Kyle Brandt, USAF; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Erin Corcoran, USA; CAPT Kevin Emmons, USA; BG Steve Gilland, USA; MAJ Suzanne Gillern; PVT CM Sean Grannan, USA; LTJG Jeremy Griffin, USN; Chief Warrant Officer Kevin James Haddon, USA; LT Sean Hickey, USN; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Waverly Hock, USAF; MAJ William Hock, USAF; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Rachel Kelly, USAF; LT Commander Matthew Knepper, USN; Capt. Patrick Kneram, USA; SGT Brett Koerner, USMC; PVT Morgan Lawrence, USA; GM3 David Lewis, USN; MIDN Abigail Lutz, USNA; Christopher Macready, USMC; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Michelle Mathews, USMC; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USA; PO3 Allston Megill, USN; Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Pinto; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Victor Prato, USA; CM Jonathan Ross, USN; ENS Nolan Smith, USN; TSGT Adrian Tomkus, USAF; LTJG Bruce Lemyre; Staff Sergeant Brady Guthrie; SPC Eric White, USA; PFC Aaron Bill, USMC; 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Alexander Feighery, USA; 1<sup>st</sup> LT Grace Winton, USA

## 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



# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



*GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT  
HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON JOHN 3:16*

## Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Alex and Jaime D'Angeli  
The Bassant Family

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

Please pray for the soul of Diane Bradshaw

## Marriage Bann

(First Announcement)

June 24th

Hunter Beck and Rebecca Bohi



## First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 | *The Lord, the Lord, a  
merciful and gracious God.*

## Responsorial

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55 | *Glory and praise  
forever!*

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | *The grace of Jesus  
Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit.*

## Gospel

John 3:16-18 | *God sent his Son that the  
world might be saved through him.*

## Congratulations

to all those who were married at  
St. Mary of the Lakes  
10 years ago in June 2013

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Caruso  
Mr. and Mrs. John Furgione

## Congratulations

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

Carter Naurath  
Alexis Poletti  
Aubrey Poletti  
Theodore Knight  
Anthony Martella  
Chase Robinson  
Chase Zebrowski  
Jason Tedesco  
Floyd Irwin

Jordyn Powers  
Matthew Forchic  
Jack Leyon  
Caden McMullen  
Emma Thomsen  
Gian LaPenta  
Lily Uston  
Annabelle Zinn



## What Are You Hearing?



Ben Marini



Ed DiPierro



Elaine Curreri



Ed Mayer



Judy Kiernan



Ed Bohi



Leonor Czarnecki



Marianne Perkins



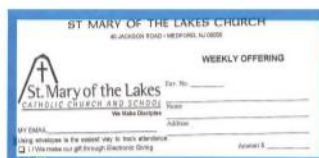
Matt Curreri

At monthly Parish Council meetings, an automatic agenda item asked of members is, "What are you hearing, good or bad?" Father Dan and the Parish Council would like to know. Above are the current Parish Council members serving St. Mary of the Lakes. If there is anything you would like Father Dan and the Parish Council to know, please tell a member, and they will bring it up at the next meeting.

## Using the Sunday Envelope to Track Your Attendance

Our Blessed Lord is one who counted and tracked. How did He know that He was sending 72 disciples (Luke 10)? He counted and tracked them. How did the Good Shepherd know He was leaving 99 sheep behind to track down the one that was lost (Luke 15)? He counted and tracked them. We count because you count.

It is your responsibility to track your weekly attendance at Mass. This will be necessary if you are asked to be a godparent or a confirmation sponsor, as you will be required to present a certificate of eligibility (stating that you are a practicing Catholic who attends Mass weekly) at the church where the sacrament will be celebrated. Being a godparent or confirmation sponsor is an honor that is reserved for those who attend Mass weekly. An accurate record of your active participation can only be maintained either by using envelopes or if I see and remember that you are attending Mass on a regular basis (Code of Canon Law, Canon 874,3). Electronic givers are asked to check the box indicating the same on the weekly envelope. With a weekend attendance of over 1,700 persons, it is not reasonable to expect that I will be able to remember your weekly attendance.



The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Trenton  
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## Mass for Life

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Overturn of Roe v Wade*



**Saturday June 24, 2023 at 9:30am**

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

Mass will conclude in time to walk to the 11 am Rally for Life at the  
Statehouse Annex, 145 West State Street.

The Rally for Life is sponsored by

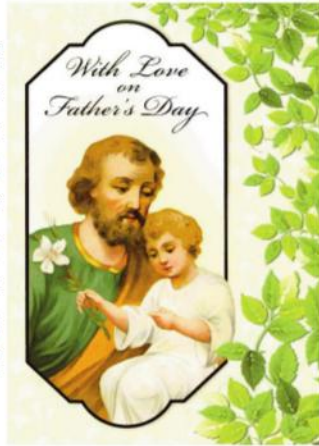
New Jersey  Right to Life.

Please direct all questions regarding the Mass to the Cathedral Rectory Office, 609-396-8447  
Please direct all questions regarding the Rally for Life to NJRTL 732-562-0562



# Father's Day

Father's Day cards are available at all entrances to the church. To have your loved one placed on the parish Father's Day Mass board, please place your offerings in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office by Monday, June 12th.



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023 DIOCESE of TRENTON

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 May 30th, SML has pledged \$145,894. 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!

### Legion of Mary & Traveling Pilgrim Virgin

If you desire to increase your spiritual life, our Blessed Mother is waiting for you at our Legion of Mary prayer group, which meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. All are welcome.

The Traveling Pilgrim Virgin Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" is a source of many blessings. Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the Blessed Mother into their homes for a week of praying the

Rosary for peace and vocations. Please call Teresa McHenry at 609-388-4528 and leave a voicemail.



Real home improvement is not about hammers and nails; it's about relationship. Enrich your marriage. Enrich your home. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is September 29th - October 1st.

Questions? Need more information? Call the application couple at 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)

Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)



Our Community Sunday and Health Ministries invite you to come to our next Community Sunday on Sunday, June 11th, in the Emmaus Center 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 some refreshments. Our Health Ministry is providing free blood pressure screenings too.

### Have you moved?

If you have moved, or move in the future, whether you remain in the Medford area or move outside of our parish boundaries, please inform the parish office so that we may keep our records current.



## 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](http://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.

## ANXIOUS OR DEPRESSED? HELP IS AVAILABLE.

Our Early Intervention Support Services (EISS) provides mental health screening, counseling services and medication management in a comfortable, welcoming outpatient setting.

- No insurance necessary
- Walk-ins welcome
- 7 days a week – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Burlington County**  
Delaware House, 25 Ikea Drive  
Westampton, NJ 08060  
Call 609.386.7331

**Mercer County**  
1225–1255 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road  
Building B, Suites 504–505  
Hamilton, NJ 08619  
Call 609.256.4200



  
**Catholic Charities**  
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[CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org](http://CatholicCharitiesTrenton.org)



## Did you know that you can memorialize the flowers and sanctuary lamps in the church?

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

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

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



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## Put Your Faith into Action: Become a Knight of Columbus

If you want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then join the Knights of Columbus Council 6520. We are having a membership drive the weekend of June 10th and 11th at each Mass.

Medford's Knights of Columbus are involved in many charitable activities, from children's events to collecting food for the hungry. All the good works of the Knights are informed by our four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

You can focus on one event, such as our annual Christmas dedication trees, or get involved in several programs. Your volunteer time is up to you. Members attend meetings as their schedules allow.

Membership is open to men age 18 or older who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Church, and are in good standing with the Church. As a member of the Knights, you'll be part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.

For more information, contact Scott Lattimer at [slattimer@aol.com](mailto:slattimer@aol.com) or visit [www.medfordknights.org](http://www.medfordknights.org). Vivat Jesus!

## 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](mailto:billschmidt902@gmail.com).

## Food Drop Off

The Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, are collecting food to restock the pantry and feed our local community. Donations can be placed in the trailer in the back of the church's parking lot. The trailer is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is unmanned.



## Second collection for SVDP



The second collection this weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your continued generosity, which enables St. Vincent's to help men, women, and children with food and financial assistance for housing, auto insurance, utilities, and other expenses.

As one of the largest charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a nonprofit, Catholic lay organization of men and women who come together to grow spiritually and offer person-to-person service to those in need.

If you donate through [parishgiving.org](http://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.





St. Mary  
of the Lakes  
SCHOOL

# JOIN OUR TEAM

## Teaching Assistant - PreK4

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School is seeking a full-time teaching assistant for the 2023–2024 school year. This full-time position is for a PreK4 class. We are looking for someone with experience working with young children for the PreK4 full-time role. Job responsibilities include supporting students in the classroom and supervising students during lunch/recess. Candidates should have a commitment to Catholic education and enjoy working with children. Successful candidates will have to pass a fingerprint/background check and take VIRTUS training. Salary will be determined based on experience.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements by June 23rd to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Administrator, at [jsterbenz@smlschool.org](mailto:jsterbenz@smlschool.org).

## Teaching Assistant - Fourth Grade

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School is seeking a part-time teaching assistant (25 hours per week) for the 2023–2024 school year for our fourth grade classes. Our fourth grade consists of two classes, and the teaching assistant will split time between both fourth grade classes. Job responsibilities include assisting the homeroom teachers by supporting students in the classroom and occasionally providing individual and small group assistance on school assignments. In addition, the role also consists of supervising students during lunch and recess. Candidates should have a commitment to Catholic education, and previous experience working with children is preferred. Successful candidates will have to pass a fingerprint/background check and take VIRTUS training.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements by June 23rd to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Administrator, at [jsterbenz@smlschool.org](mailto:jsterbenz@smlschool.org).

## Teaching Assistant - Middle School

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School is seeking a part-time teaching assistant (25 hours per week) for the 2023–2024 school year for our middle school classes. Our middle school consists of grades 5–8, and the teaching assistant will split time between grades and classes. Job responsibilities include assisting the homeroom teachers by supporting students in the classroom and occasionally providing individual and small group assistance on school assignments. In addition, the role also consists of supervising students during lunch and recess. Candidates should have a commitment to Catholic education. In addition, strong mathematics, writing, and reading skills with teaching or tutorial experience with children is preferred. Successful candidates will have to pass a fingerprint/background check and take VIRTUS training.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume, and salary requirements by June 23rd to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Administrator, at [jsterbenz@smlschool.org](mailto:jsterbenz@smlschool.org).



## Gym Teacher

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School seeks a part-time gym teacher (physical education). The St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School gym teacher is responsible for planning and implementing physical education activities for students ranging from PreK to 8th grade. Additionally, he/she monitors students and evaluates their achievement of goals. This teacher emphasizes sports-related skills, games, movement patterns, and general fitness activities, all within an environment that embraces our Catholic identity. He/she maintains records and student information for gym class. They are responsible for communication with all parties relating to the progress of students in the gym class. The gym teacher participates in all faculty and staff engagements, including in-service training. The gym teacher is responsible for planning annual events such as Field Day and other school-wide events. This is a 10-month part-time position (25–28 hours per week). Attendance is required for all scheduled school days and in-service training days.

Job duties include preparing/setting up the gym prior to school and the equipment prior to each class. He/she prepares and implements engaging lesson plans and provides safe learning experiences for all students by explaining the rules and safety guidelines for all gym games.

A teaching certification is required. A minimum of 2–3 years of experience supervising students or children in sports and/or group activities is preferred. Strong oral and written communication skills are needed. The role requirements include being able to physically walk and stand for long periods of time and being able to carry, push, set up, and clean up the required gym equipment. Qualified candidates should submit resumes and a letter of interest to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator, at [jsterbenz@smlschool.org](mailto:jsterbenz@smlschool.org).

## School Happenings and Events



St. Mary of the Lakes  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### May Crowning





**"Come & See"**  
**Priestly Discernment BBQ**  
*Thursday, June 29th*  
5:30 - 8:30 PM

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*St. John the Baptist Parish*  
1282 Yardville-Allentown Road  
Allentown, NJ 08501

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The Diocese of Trenton requires anyone over 18 who participates in a parish ministry to attend a VIRTUS training session every four years to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. This means every adult who currently volunteers for SML Church, School, or PREP and has not previously attended a VIRTUS session, or who has not taken a refresher course in the past four years, must attend a session as soon as possible.


VIRTUS training sessions are offered at parishes throughout the diocese. Parishioners are permitted to attend training at any parish in the diocese. In June, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the initial certification class, "Protecting God's Children," on Wednesday, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center.

Pre-registration is mandatory at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) as space is limited.

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

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

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A Free Will Offering

For More Information  
St. Anthony of Padua  
121 Bridge Avenue  
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732-747-0813

**PROMISE TO  
PROTECT**



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

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





## Becoming Catholic - R.C.I.A.

Are you—or anyone you know—interested in becoming a Catholic? Or, perhaps you are a Catholic but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and desire to do so.

You are invited and welcome to attend the R.C.I.A. process here at St. Mary of the Lakes. R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a period of formation where we pursue the truths, teachings, and practices of our Catholic faith in an open forum with sound presentations and lively discussion.

Each meeting is led by one of the members of the team. The R.C.I.A. process involves time not only for instruction but also growth in the practice of the faith through discussion and prayer.

R.C.I.A. will begin on September 10th. If interested in finding out more about the process, contact Christine Brandt at 609-654-8208, ext. 113, or [cbrandt@smlparish.org](mailto:cbrandt@smlparish.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 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, and Tuesday, 6/27, from 7:00–8:15 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. All are welcome.



## Nineteenth Visit to the Most Holy Sacrament

It is sweet to everyone to be in the company of a dear friend; and shall we not find it sweet, in this valley of tears, to remain in the company of the best friend we have, and Who can do us every kind of good; Who loves us with the most tender affection, and therefore dwells always with us? Behold, in the Most Blessed Sacrament we can converse at pleasure with Jesus, we can open our hearts to Him, we can lay our wants before Him, and we can ask Him for His graces; in a word, in this Sacrament we can treat with the King of Heaven, in all confidence and without restraint. Joseph was only too happy when, as the sacred Scripture tells us, God descended by His grace into his prison to comfort him: She went down with him into the pit, and in bands she left him not. [Wisd. x. 13] But we are yet more highly favored; for we have always with us in this land of miseries our God made Man, Who, by His Real Presence, is with us all the days of our life, and comforts and helps us with the greatest affection and compassion. What a consolation it is to a poor prisoner to have an affectionate friend, who keeps him company, consoles him, gives him hope, succors him, and thinks of relieving him in his misery! Behold our good friend Jesus Christ, Who in this Sacrament encourages us, saying; Behold, I am with you all days. [Matt. xxviii. 20] Behold Me, He says, all thine: I am come from Heaven into thy prison expressly to console thee, to help thee, to deliver thee. Welcome Me, and do so always; cling to Me and thus thou wilt never feel thy miseries; and afterwards thou wilt come with Me to My kingdom, where I shall make thee perfectly happy.

O God, O incomprehensible ocean of love, since Thy condescension towards us is so great, that in order to dwell near us Thou descendest upon our Altars, I propose often to visit Thee; I am determined, as often as I possibly can, to enjoy Thy most sweet presence, which is the beatitude of the Saints in Heaven. Oh, could I but always remain in Thy presence, to adore Thee and to make Thee acts of love! Arouse, I beseech Thee, my soul, when through tepidity or worldly affairs it neglects to visit Thee. Enkindle in me a great desire always to remain near Thee in this Sacrament. Ah, my loving Jesus, would that I had always loved Thee! would that I had always pleased Thee! I console myself that I still have time to do so, not only in the next life, but also in this. I am determined to do so; I am determined to love Thee indeed, my sovereign good, my love, my treasure, my all. I will love Thee with all my strength.

Ejaculatory prayer. My God, help me to love Thee!



## Catechism Corner

### The Dogma of the Holy Trinity



*The Trinity is One.* We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the “consubstantial Trinity”. The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: “The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that

which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God.” In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), “Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church 253



### Vacation Bible School Registration Deadline Extended

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 running June 26th–29th . 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 15th 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 15th.

For more information, contact [smlprep@smlparish.org](mailto:smlprep@smlparish.org).

## Kid’s Corner

### The Most Holy Trinity

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Exodus 34:9

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## 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](http://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*.



## Glory to God

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

Contact Marianne Perkins at 609-760-9221 or [marnperk@gmail.com](mailto:marnperk@gmail.com) with any questions.

## 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](http://www.smlparish.org) and click "Virtual Prayer Candle" under the "ABOUT" tab. *You may include an offering with your Sunday gift.*



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## St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

### Sunday, June 4th

- YES Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

### Monday, June 5th

- Men's Gospel Group / 7:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- The Chosen / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

### Tuesday, June 6th

- "Presence" Adult Faith Formation / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- KoC Officers Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room
- Glory to God Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center

### Wednesday, June 7th

- Legion of Mary / 9:30 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Altar Server Rehearsal / 4:00 p.m. / Church
- VIRTUS Certification Session / 6:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. / Church Choir Loft
- KoC Golf Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

### Thursday, June 8th

- Thursday Prayer and Bible Study / 9:45 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- Eighth Grade Graduation / 6:00 p.m. / Church
- KoC Business Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- "Presence" Adult Faith Formation / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

### Friday, June 9th

- Respect Life Ministry / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Office Conference Room

### Saturday, June 10th

- YES Graduation Reception / 6:45 p.m. / Emmaus Center

### Sunday, June 11th

- Community Sunday / Following 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. Masses / Emmaus Center
- Choir Picnic / 1:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- Baptisms / 1:30 p.m. / Church
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room



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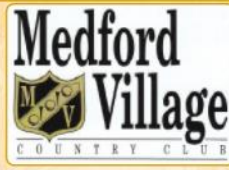
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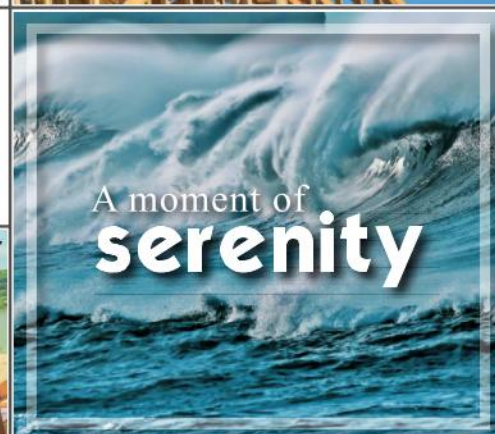
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