



August 6, 2023

We Make Missionary Disciples



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: www.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 Kevin Hrycenko, Parochial Vicar, khrycenko@smlparish.org

Deacon Richard Lutomski

Deacon Louis (Ed) Mayer

Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator

Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate

Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

Andrew Nolan, Minister of Evangelization & Marketing

Laura Dicus, Administrative Assistant

Maria Sobel, School Principal

Todd Nolan, Parish Catechetical Leader

Lisa Helm, PREP Administrative Assistant

Frank Babinchock, Parish Youth Minister

Carolyn Cuperwich, Music Coordinator

Harry Meshirer, Parish Bookkeeper

Pat Kiernan and Kevin Loughlin, Parish Trustees

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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

ST. MARY OF THE LAKES ONLINE

Website Address: www.smlparish.org

Email Address: Frontdesk@smlparish.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/smlparish

Instagram: www.instagram.com/smlparish

Twitter: www.twitter.com/smlparish

School Website: www.smlschool.org

Knights of Columbus: www.medfordknights.org

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX (609 Area Code)

Parish Office	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x110
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Parish Office Fax		975-0137
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St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546 x210
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St. Mary of the Lakes School Fax		654-8125
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Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546 x310
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Parish Youth Minister	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 x111
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Marketing/Bulletin Editor	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x131
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St. Vincent de Paul Society	1 Jones Road	953-0021
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PARISH REGISTRATION: ALL ARE WELCOME "God is rich in mercy, because of His boundless love for us." Ephesians 2:4 tells us God's love knows no boundaries and neither does St. Mary of the Lakes. New parishioners, regardless of where they live, are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available in the parish office and on our website at www.smlparish.org. Click on Contact us/registration.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5th

- 9:00 a.m. Mary McMahon/Cleone Byrne
Helen Parker/Felicia and Joe Jablonski
5:30 p.m. Barbara Krol/AnnMarie Connors

Sunday, August 6th

- 7:30 a.m. Military and Law Enforcement Personnel
and their families/Peg and Jerry Oyen
9:00 a.m. Our Parishioners
10:30 a.m. Ana Giorgina D'Intino/Jim and Marian
12:00 p.m. Michael Grobelmy/His wife and
daughter

Monday, August 7th

- 7:15 a.m. Purgatorial Society
9:00 a.m. John "Jack" O'Donnell/The Campanaro
Family
Carl Sullo Sr./His family

Tuesday, August 8th

- 7:15 a.m. Christopher Sobel/Kelly Karbashian
Meda Luscko/Peg and Jerry Oyen
9:00 a.m. Ann and Dick Uth/Marilyn Crawford
Michael Howarth (Living)/Family friend

Wednesday, August 9th

- 7:15 a.m. Christopher Sobel/The Weiss Family
9:00 a.m. James Kehoe/Michele McCaffrey and
Theresa Miller
Ted Nash/Jan Nash

Thursday, August 10th

- 7:15 a.m. Joseph Gullo/Tom and Elizabeth McDonald
Kimberly Isola/Her parents
9:00 a.m. Louise Aub/Vickie Durr
John Van Iderstine (Living)/Deacon and
Mrs. James Cattanea

Friday, August 11th

- 7:15 a.m. Louise Aub/SML Clergy, Staff, and
Parishioners
Edward G. Perlak/Loretto Hrycenko
9:00 a.m. Anthony Chiusano/Tina Orio
Marck C. Rombach/Marta Rombach and
Family

Saturday, August 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Murray/Cleone Byrne
Eric Beaumont/Bob and Therese Lewis
5:30 p.m. Anthony Chiusano/Michelle Tivier

Sunday, August 13th

- 7:30 a.m. Deceased Knights of Columbus
9:00 a.m. Ronald and Iris Miller/ Jim and Katie
10:30 a.m. Our Parishioners
12:00 p.m. John V. Conte/George and Anna Mae
Wade



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, Jim Burke, Zak Reynolds, Elizabeth Lutonski, Mia Daly, Meghan D., Robert McCormick, Ryan Jastrzemski, Bill Anderson, Laura Palacio, Peggy Luciani, Jesse Verrecchia, Tommy Willis, Joe Halloran, Phil Gallagher, Niki Kruse, Charles Baker Family, Joe White, Joseph Lambariski, 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, Andrew Boyle, Joan Irwin, Michelle Sprenger, Eileen McFadden, Michael Gill, Itai Rosen, Denise McFadden, Rose Piontkowski, Betty West, Phillip Greunder, Kathleen Chwastek, Tim Denihan, Amanda Bader, Cynthia Lewandowski, Donna Skalski, Barbara Skalski, Kristin Oyola, Shannon Adamucci, Elizabeth Hansen, John Cirenda, Melissa, Kathie Belonger, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Marilyn Peoples, Bob Kehoe, April McFadden



Capt. Christian Aguilar, USA; Capt. Kyle Brandt, USAF; 1st 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; 2nd LT Waverly Hock, USAF; MAJ William Hock, USAF; 2nd 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; 2nd LT Doug MacDonald, USMC; 1st LT Michelle Mathews, USMC; MIDN 4/D Patrick McKernan, USA; PO3 Allston Megill, USN; Airman 1st Class Anthony J. Pinto; 1st 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; 2nd LT Alexander Feighery, USA; 1st 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

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



First Reading

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6,9

A Song of Praise to God our King

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–19

Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1–9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Scheduling an Event / Meeting

Contact the SML front desk via e-mail at:
frontdesk@smlparish.org

Please include the following with request:

- Name of Event / Meeting
- Point of contact information (e-mail and phone)
- Event/Meeting Date(s) Requested
 1. Make note if recurring/frequency
 2. Number of approximate attendees
 3. List preferred location being requested
 4. Include any special requests and room layout (i.e. Number of tables, chairs)

Allow for approximately one week notification of addition or change of event to update Calendar.



Bulletin Announcement Submissions

Please submit any request for a bulletin announcement at least ten days prior to publication to our Minister of Evangelization & Marketing: anolan@smlparish.org



4th Wedding Bann

Benjamin Hayhow + Jacqueline Gsell

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 visit smlparish.org and hover on the **ABOUT** tab on the home page, click **PASTOR**, then scroll down to *Fr. Dan's Video Homilies*.

Suggested Reading from Father Dan's Homily



Every once in a blue moon, someone will ask Father Dan, "*Father, can you please recommend a good book?*" Father's list of

suggested readings can be found on smlparish.org by hovering over the **ABOUT** tab with your mouse, then clicking **PASTOR**. Then, click the tab labeled **Fr. Dan's Suggested Reading List**. Follow the instructions to access the reading list and download the document.

First Names in August

At each weekend Mass in August, 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 nametags at Masses four times a year: February, May, August, and November.

"First Names in August" 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.

PREP NEEDS YOU!

By virtue of our baptism, we are ALL called to hand on the faith and be a witness to the Gospel.

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is looking for catechists, classroom aides, and hall monitors for this coming school year. We are especially in need of catechists for Tuesday Afternoon and Evening classes. The grades and times are listed below:

4th Grade (4:15 pm – 5:30 pm)

6th Grade (6:45 pm – 8:15 pm)

Please consider joining this important ministry in our parish. Contact Todd Nolan, Director of Religious Education at tnolan@smlparish.org or call 609-654-2546, ext. 315. Thank you & God bless!

PSALMS: The School of Prayer (Join this 11-Week Bible study)

At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. Join this 11-week Bible study: *Psalms - The School of Prayer*.

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Visit ascensionpress.com or please contact Leonor at (609) 351-5420 or leonorczarnecki@gmail.com to register. Deepen your dialogue with God through the Psalms.

TASK Needs Our Help! The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) urgently needs the following donations to create hygiene bags for families with young children. Boxes will be placed at the back parking lot entrance to collect the following items:



- ⇒ Full-size adult & children's shampoo
- ⇒ Full-size adult & children's toothpaste and toothbrushes
- ⇒ Full-size body wash
- ⇒ Bars of soap
- ⇒ Deodorant
- ⇒ Disposable razors and shaving cream
- ⇒ Pads (heavy flow) & tampons
- ⇒ Baby wipes
- ⇒ Gallon-size Ziploc bags

Monetary donations can be made online at: task.charityproud.org/Donate/?cid=16994

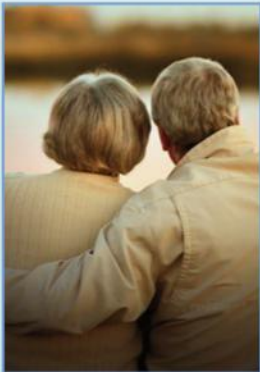
Mass Cards: Request Mass Intentions

There is now a new way to request a Mass intention for a living or deceased family member, friend, or loved one at St. Mary of the Lakes for our parishioners who are unable to come to the parish office during our business hours. We are excited to announce that you may now request Mass intentions through the parish website! The process is simple: visit smlparish.org, and under the ABOUT tab, click "Request a Mass Intention." From there, all you must do is provide the necessary information and submit your request. The parish office will receive and process your request. Mass cards can be picked up from the parish office, or if necessary, we would be happy to mail it to a provided address. Further details can be found on the parish website. Mass intentions can also be requested by calling or coming to the parish office **Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



A Mass Offering

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Pope John Paul II said "I place much of my hope for the future of marriage in Worldwide Marriage Encounter". Worldwide Marriage Encounter is being supported by Bishop Sullivan for support of Catholic married couples. Please put this in your church bulletin on Sunday:

Married Couples: Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are Sep 29-Oct 1 and Dec 1-3, 2023.

Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org
Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

Welcome Chris Hodge to the Finance Council

Chris attended SML throughout his childhood and joined the parish when he and his wife Leslie and children Thomas and Eleanor moved back to Medford in late 2020. Professionally, Chris works as an economist at an investment bank in New York City and specializes in financial asset management. He also serves as an Intelligence Officer in the US Navy and is a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. Please welcome Chris Hodge as a member of the Finance Council.

Also, thanks Ralph Gallo who served as chair of the finance council and trustee for the last seven years. Father Dan is very grateful for his financial advice and leadership during his term on the council.



Kevin Loughlin has accepted the responsibility of chair and will continue as parish trustee.
Pat Kiernan will replace Ralph as the second trustee.

Welcome to St. Mary of the Lakes:

Ashley Johnson
The Lopez Guadarrama Family
The Caicedo Family



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



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 July 31st, SML has pledged **\$151,042.00**. 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!



St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, August 6th

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

Monday, August 7th

- The Chosen (Season 3) / 3:30 p.m. / Emmaus Center
- The Eucharist / 7:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Tuesday, August 8th

- The Eucharist / 10:00 a.m. / Emmaus Center
- YES Meeting / 6:00p.m. / Emmaus Center

Wednesday, August 9th

- Legion of Mary / 9:30a.m. / Emmaus Bocci Room
- Faith Seekers Book Club / 10:00a.m. / Emmaus Center Blackboard
- Teen Bible Study / 7:00p.m. / Emmaus Center

Thursday, August 10th

- KoC Meeting / 6:00 p.m. / Emmaus Center

Friday, August 11th

Saturday, August 12th

Sunday,

- Baptisms / 1:30p.m. / Church
- AA Meeting / 7:00 p.m. / Parish Meeting Room

While You're Away ...

When you go to Mass while on vacation, be sure to take home the parish bulletin and/or any other types of literature that catch your eye from whatever church you attend at your vacation destination. When you return home, place it at one of the Jackson Road and Parking Lot entrances of the Church so that we can read what kinds of ministries/activities/events are in other parishes. Also, if there is a great idea from your vacation church that you'd like to share with this parish, kindly email bulletin@smlparish.org

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.



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.

MEN'S RETREAT SAN ALFONSO'S RETREAT HOUSE



Join fellow parishioners in a great spiritual experience that will help deal with challenges in your life and bring you closer to the Lord. Enjoy the beauty of the ocean front property and fellowship with catholic men from the tri-state area. The Men's Retreat held at San Alfonso's Retreat House in West Long Branch, Monmouth County is scheduled for **September 8, 9, and 10** (Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday). For more information, please call **Larry** at **856-905-8607**.



The St. Joan of Arc Church Carnival

is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 21, through Saturday, Aug. 26, on the church grounds at Evans and Willow Bend roads in Marlton. Ride, food and games begin at 6 p.m. Nightly entertainment. There will be a 50/50 (last winner took home over \$38,000), hourly raffles and "Tree

of Gift Cards" raffle. Tuesday Night Pig Roast. Wednesday Night \$1 Hot Dogs. Beer Garden. Corn Hole. Free Parking.

All-access ride bracelets which can be used any night of the carnival can be purchased in advance for the special price of \$30 at ShopRite of Marlton, in the church vestibule after all weekend masses, or at the rectory Mon-Thurs 9:30-12:30 and 2-5. Cost at the carnival will be \$40 per bracelet.

Gym Teacher (PE) Job Description - Part Time Role

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic School Gym Teacher (Physical Education) is responsible for planning and implementing physical education activities for students ranging from PreK to 8th grade. Additionally, he/she monitors students and evaluates student 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 gym prior to school and equipment prior to each class. He/She prepares and implements engaging lesson plans, provides safe learning experiences for all students by explaining rules and safety guidelines for all gym games. **A Teaching certification is required.** Minimum 2-3 years experience supervising students / children in sports and/or group activities is preferred. Strong oral and written communication skills needed. . The role requirements include being able to physically walk and stand for long periods of time and be able to carry, push, set up, and clean up required gym equipment



JOIN OUR TEAM



Part Time – Administrative Assistant

St. Mary of the Lakes School is seeking a part-time administrative assistant for the main office. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The role reports directly to the school principal. He/she works in conjunction with the full-time administrative assistant, ensuring the main office and school run smoothly. He/she is responsible for supporting the full-time administrative assistant and is the primary backup when the full-time assistant is not available. The part-time administrative assistant owns daily tasks such as overall student attendance, including late arrivals and early dismissals. He/she distributes key information to and from all respective classrooms. The part-time role provides student transportation forms. This includes processing new and returning student transportation forms to ensure they are complete and accurate. The part-time administrative assistant supports the full-time administrative assistant as needed, including maintaining the main office school calendar, the faculty and staff calendar, the PTA calendar, and all other event calendars. In addition, the part-time administrative assistant role assists ongoing school communications through various communication vehicles and up-to-date email and phone distribution lists. The role provides assistance when needed, supporting regular school meetings, gatherings, school masses, and parent and/or faculty meetings. He/She assists in welcoming visitors and directs them as needed. Other "Ad Hoc" activities occur on a regular basis. The part-time assistant is expected to provide leadership and appropriately handle various tasks as they arise. Candidates should have a minimum of 3-5 years of administrative experience in a school or business environment. Strong computer, oral, and written communication skills and exceptional "people skills" are required. The successful candidate will be subject to fingerprinting/background checks and will also have to attend virtue training. Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Administrator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

Full Time – Middle School Teacher

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, a growing parish of 4,200 families with a school of 380+ students is seeking one full-time Social Studies and Religion teacher, grades 7-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. The successful candidate would serve as a 8th grade homeroom teacher responsible for teaching the core curriculum of Social Studies and religion for grades 7/8th. Candidates should have experience in teaching Social Studies at the middle school level and be committed to a Catholic education. Teaching experience in religion would also be valued but not required for consideration. Minimum qualifications: NJ Teaching Certificate K-8th or Content Area Certification, knowledge of Google Classroom, fingerprinting/background check and Virtus Certification. Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume' and salary requirements to: Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Administrator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org.

About the Employer

As a Catholic school within the Diocese of Trenton, St. Mary of the Lakes Elementary School's primary mission is the formation of children in the Catholic faith. Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume' and salary requirements to: [Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Administrator](mailto:jsterbenz@smlschool.org), at jsterbenz@smlschool.org



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. 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 Bill Mazzio at williammazzio@yahoo.com or text me at 609-458-0704 Vivat Jesus!



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.



The Christian Caring Center is collecting school supplies to help over 200 children to prepare for school. They fill backpacks for students from preschool to high school. St. Mary of the Lakes Church will collect these school supplies during the month of August for students whose families receive assistance from the Christian Caring Center in Browns Mills. Here is the list of supplies that you can donate:



- ⇒ Composition Notebooks
- ⇒ Construction paper
- ⇒ 3-ring binders
- ⇒ 3-ring paper
- ⇒ Dividers
- ⇒ Folders
- ⇒ Pencil cases
- ⇒ Colored pencils
- ⇒ Scissors
- ⇒ Pens
- ⇒ Crayons
- ⇒ Markers
- ⇒ Rulers
- ⇒ Glue sticks

Please put your donations in the bins at the Jackson Road entrance and Parking Lot entrance.



CORNHOLE

Medford Knights Charity Fund

TOURNAMENT

3rd Annual Charity Tournament

Saturday, September 16, 2023 Start time 11:00 am — 5:00 pm

Day of Event Registration: 10:00 am — 10:45 am

St. Mary's of the Lakes School Gym — Medford, NJ

Fee: \$75.00 per 2 person team

Registration limited to 32 Teams

Registration includes:

(2) person team

Lunch ticket for 1 Sandwich & Bag of Chips

Prizes for the top 3 teams

We will also serve refreshments (not included in the fee).

Tournament Rules:

Double Elimination

Best 2 of 3 / 15 point games for the first 2 rounds.

After the 2nd round all games will be 1 game of 21 points.

All Net Proceeds Benefit:



Christian Caring Center

Supporting the less fortunate in our communities

Payment info:

Make checks payable to:
Medford Knights Charity Fund.
a 501 (c) 3 Tax Deductible fund.
Mail registration form & check to:

Peter Perno
205 Sunny Jim Dr.
Medford, NJ 08055

Name: _____
Address: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other Member of my Team:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Check Level of Experience: A__ B__ C__ Novice__

To ensure your slot, pre-registration payments must be received by August 31, 2023.

No Refunds after September 1, 2023. We will only include your registration when payment is received.

For questions contact Jim Gibson
609-668-2897 or Email:
jimg96@comcast.net

SPONSORSHIPS are available - benefiting the Christian Caring Center

Sponsorships include recognition signage displayed at the event, and will also be displayed on our Medfordknights.org/cornhole website.
(please check sponsorship level below)

- ☐ Event Sponsor \$500
- ☐ Corn Sponsor \$250
- ☐ Hole Sponsor: \$100

DEADLINE for Sponsorships: August 31, 2023

Make check payable to:

Medford Knight Charity Fund Mail check to:
Peter Perno, 205 Sunny Jim Drive, Medford, NJ 08055
you can also use

VISA/PAYPAL Donations

@ Medfordknights.org/cornhole

For questions, please contact:

Jim Gibson at 609-668-2897, if desired, company logo or artwork may be included with payment or emailed to jimg96@comcast.net



VIRTUS[®]Online

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. On **Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Emmaus Center, St. Mary of the Lakes will offer the re-certification class for those who have been previously certified but whose certification is, or soon will be, expired.

Pre-registration is *mandatory* at 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 or email helpdesk@virtus.org

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.

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.

Before and After Care

St. Mary of the Lakes School is seeking part-time staff to work at the before- and after-school programs. Responsibilities include supervising students as they play, complete crafts, have quiet time, etc. Candidates must be available in the morning from 6:45–8:00 a.m. for before-care. After-care hours are from 2:45 to 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. Interested applicants should send their letter of interest and resume to Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator, at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. The successful candidate must complete fingerprinting and background check as well as VIRTUS training.

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 with any questions.



Respect for Life

I pledge to honor life, the sacred gift of our loving God. To speak His truth without fear, and to act on behalf of the innocent and vulnerable.

I am a child of God with a blessed heart. I will spread the word that human life and its protection are God's design. Death's evil lies will not confuse me. I will work and pray to end abortion and euthanasia.

For more information on the St. Mary of the Lakes Respect Life Ministry, please contact Ann Babinchock: fb4849@comcast.net

Are you struggling with a difficult or unplanned pregnancy? Visit dioceseoftrenton.org/pregnancy-resources or call 609-403-7192 for resources available to assist woman during pregnancy and after their child's birth. All calls are strictly confidential.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S FILM SERIES: "THE MASS"

Findings from recent studies indicate that less than one third of American Catholics hold the belief that the Eucharist truly is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

In light of this crisis, Bishop Robert Barron joined forces with his fellow bishops to find a solution. Out of their discussions, the National Eucharistic Revival was born. In simple terms, the National Eucharistic Revival is a movement initiated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, aiming to rekindle a profound understanding and devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To actively contribute to this revival, Word on Fire has made Bishop Barron's captivating film series, titled "The Mass," available for free viewing online! We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful series. You may access "The Mass" through St. Mary of the Lakes' parish website homepage.



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.



Summer Bible Study Is Back

Now Meeting Monday evenings and on Tuesday mornings. (Meeting moved from Thursday evening) Discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the liturgy. Join us for a six-lesson DVD study, "The Eucharist in Scripture," presented by Dr. Scott Hahn. Based on his best-sellers "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," this study will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation.

The study will be offered Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning July 10th and 11th.

The cost of the workbook is \$22.00 and includes streaming of the videos. Workbooks will be available for purchase in the parish office. Purchasing a workbook is suggested but not necessary to attend the study.

Contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org or 609-654-8208, ext. 113, to register or if you have questions.

Sacristans Needed

Have you thought about joining a ministry but don't think you have the time? The Sacristan Ministry only requires about 15-20 minutes before Mass to set up for Mass and less than 10 minutes at the end to clear the sacred vessels from the sanctuary, rinse and dry them. Sacristans are needed for all Mass times; you choose which Mass time(s) you want and how often you want to serve. Training is provided.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Deacon Ed Mayer at lemayeriv@yahoo.com.



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



Monday Afternoons

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 begin showing Season Three, **one episode per afternoon**, followed by question/answer and discussion, **on Mondays 8/7, 8/14, 8/21 and 8/28** from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. **All are welcome!** Please sign up at the Parking Lot Entrance.



Twenty-Sixth Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

The holy Church sings in the Office of the Most Blessed Sacrament: "There is no other country, however great, whose gods are nigh it as our God is nigh to us." [Resp. 7,-----Deut. iv. 7] When the Gentiles heard how far our God carried His works of love, they exclaimed: Oh, how good a God is this God of the Christians! And, indeed, although the Gentiles imagined their gods according to their own caprices,-----yet, if you read history, you will never find in all their fables, and among the many gods they invented, that they went so far as even to imagine a god as enamoured of men as is our true God; Who, to show His love for His adorers, and to enrich them with graces, has worked such a prodigy of love as to become their constant companion, and to remain night and day concealed on their Altars, seeming as if He knew not how to separate Himself from them, even for a moment: He hath made a remembrance of His wonderful works. [Ps. cx. 4] Thou, then, my most sweet Jesus, hast been pleased to work the greatest of Thy miracles in order to satisfy the excessive desire which Thou hast to remain always near and present to us. Why, then, do men fly from Thy Presence? And how can they live for so long a time at a distance from Thee, or visit Thee so seldom? How is it that when in Thy Presence they get so weary that a quarter of an hour appears an age? Oh, patience of my Jesus, how great art Thou! Yes, my Lord, I understand Thee; Thy patience is great, because the love Thou bearest to men is great. and this it is which, so to say, forces Thee to dwell always in the midst of creatures so ungrateful. Ah, my God, Who, because Thou art infinite in perfections art also infinite in love, permit not that I should for the future be, as I have hitherto been, of the number of these ungrateful ones. Grant me a love equal to Thy merits and to my own obligations. At one time I also was weary in Thy Presence, either because I loved Thee not, or because I loved Thee too little; but if by Thy grace I am enabled to love Thee much, I shall no longer find it tedious to remain even for whole days and nights at Thy feet in the Most Holy Sacrament. O Eternal Father, I offer Thee Thine Own Son Himself; accept Him for me, and through His merits give me so ardent and tender a love towards the Most Blessed Sacrament, that, constantly turning towards some church in which He dwells, I may think of, and desire with longing anxiety, the time when I may be able to go and entertain myself in His Presence. My God, for the love of Jesus, give me a great love towards the Most Blessed Sacrament!

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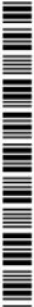
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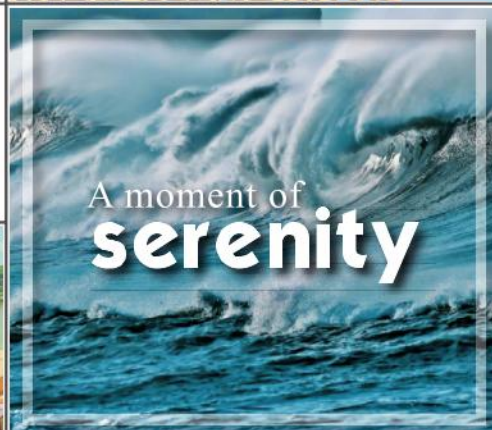
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