



August 27, 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

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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 PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

ST. MARY OF THE LAKES ONLINE

Website Address: www.smlparish.org

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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

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

Parish Religious Education 196 Route 70 654-2546 x310

Parish Youth Minister 40 Jackson Road 654-2546 x111

Marketing/Bulletin Editor 40 Jackson Road 654-8208 x131

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 26th

- 9:00 a.m. **Mary and Steve Barboun/The Paul Family**
Eric Beaumont/Terri Lewis
- 5:30 p.m. **Michael Nardi/The Sparks Family**

Sunday, August 27th

- 7:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**
- 9:00 a.m. **Patricia and Corynn Moseley (Living)/**
Mary K. Henrichsen
- 10:30 a.m. **Ed Bell/The Stone Family**
- 12:00 p.m. **Domenico DiFilippo/Debbi Cancelliere**

Monday, August 28th

- 7:15 a.m. **Michael Bolinski/SML Clergy, Staff, and**
Parishioners
- Rosemary Schamp/Marie Cox**
- 9:00 a.m. **Lucille Rovani/Her Family**
Carmella Iannetta/Her Family

Tuesday, August 29th

- 7:15 a.m. **Joe Mooney/The Jennison Family**
Faith Hinchman/Her Husband
- 9:00 a.m. **Michael Roettger/Nancy and William**
Saraceni
- Ted Gasik/Anna Celia**

Wednesday, August 30th

- 7:15 a.m. **Stephen J. Paul/Karen and Bill Harland**
- 9:00 a.m. **Thomas Murray/Bob and Mary Jane**
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- Grace Joyce/SML Clergy, Staff, and**
Parishioners

Thursday, August 31st

- 7:15 a.m. **Thomas Greene/SML Clergy, Staff, and**
Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. **Sister Justina Miller/Wanda Gravett**
Nancy Swift/The Jennison Family

Friday, September 1st

- 7:15 a.m. **Evelyn Douglas/Pat and Judy Kiernan**
- 9:00 a.m. **Maryjane Mullen/The Fullerton Family**
Gary Koncewicz/The Osmond Family

Saturday, September 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. **Joseph Gullo/Steve and Gloria Enes**
James and Kathryn Moseley/Her
Daughter
- 5:30 p.m. **Carol Castellano/Fran, Elaine, Gaila, and**
Jacqueline

Sunday, September 3rd

- 7:30 a.m. **For Military, Law Enforcement**
Personnel, and Families/Peg and Jerry
Oyen
- 9:00 a.m. **Lawrence Dunne/His Wife**
- 10:30 a.m. **Ed Bell/The Haines Family**
- 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, Jim Burke, Zak Reynolds, Elizabeth Lutowski, 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, Joan Block



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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Scheduling an Event / Meeting

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

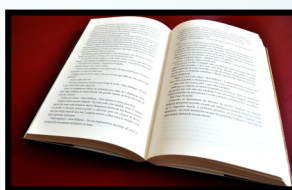
Please include the following with request:

- 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.

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.

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



Bulletin Sponsored Ads

If anyone is interested in receiving more information about placing an advertisement in our sponsored business section, please contact:

Kathleen Gregory

kgregory@jppc.net

215/858-9733

First Names in August

Join us in our effort to bring our
SML Parish closer together!

TO PARTICIPATE:

- #1 GRAB A BLANK NAMETAG AT ANY ENTRANCE
- #2 WRITE YOUR FIRST NAME WITH A SHARPIE MARKER
- #3 WEAR IT AT CHURCH EVERY WEEKEND IN AUGUST

"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. 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. ***Your participation is appreciated!***

FIRST NAMES IN AUGUST

JOIN US IN OUR EFFORT TO BRING OUR PARISH CLOSER TOGETHER!

TO PARTICIPATE:

- #1 GRAB A BLANK NAMETAG
- #2 WRITE YOUR FIRST NAME WITH A SHARPIE
- #3 WEAR IT AT CHURCH EVERY WEEKEND IN AUGUST!

Thus says the LORD, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: You are mine."

Isaiah 43: 1-4

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 a Tuesday & Wednesday Evening class. The days, grades, and times are listed below:

- Tuesday Evenings: 6th Grade (6:45 PM – 8:15 PM)
- Wednesday Evenings: 7th Grade (5:45 PM – 7:15 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. Come deepen your dialogue with God!



ROSARY - LEGION OF MARY

Please consider joining the Legion of Mary on Wednesday evening, **September 13th at 6:00 p.m.** by the Blessed Mother statue on the front lawn of the church to pray the rosary in honor of three feast days – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Most Holy Name, and Our Lady of Sorrows. Rosaries and booklets on how to pray the rosary will be available on-site. In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Church.



Fr. Dan's Homilies on Video

Fr. Dan's homilies are posted weekly on YouTube, search "SML Parish" and subscribe, and the parish website www.smlparish.org. Click the ABOUT tab on the home page, click PASTOR, then scroll down to *Fr. Dan's Video Homilies*.



God Bless You, Dominic and Harry!
We're Praying for You!



Part Time - Administrative Assistant

As a Catholic school within the Diocese, Mary of the Lakes School is seeking a part time administrative assistant for the main office. The hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM and includes the summer months between school years.. 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 runs smoothly. The Part time administrative assistant owns daily tasks. In addition, he/she is the primary back up when the full-time assistant is not available.

Candidates should have minimum 3-5 years administrative experience in a school or business environment. Strong computer, oral and written communication, 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 at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

Full Time Primary Elementary Teacher

St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School in Medford, a growing parish of 4,200 families with a school of 390+ students is seeking one full-time Primary Elementary Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The successful candidate will work collaboratively with a grade level partner and will be responsible for teaching elementary reading, writing, and math readiness skills to our elementary grade students in a faith-filled environment. Successful candidates will demonstrate an understanding of best educational practices including hands-on learning, differentiated instruction and a belief in constructivist learning. Candidates should have experience teaching and be committed to a Catholic education. Minimum qualifications include holding a NJ Elementary Education or PreK-3rd Grade Certificate/Early Childhood Certificate as well as a good working knowledge of different technology platforms including Google Classroom. This position is ideal for someone who is looking for a close knit school community where you can actively practice your faith. Successful candidates will be subject to fingerprinting/background check and will also have to attend Virtus training. Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest to Jim Sterbenz at jsterbenz@smlschool.org. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

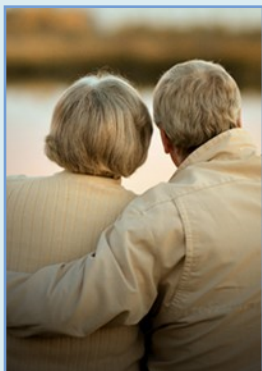
Mass Cards: Request Mass Intentions

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.

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.



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.

Family Prayer for Vocations

God, Our Father, we thank You for blessing us with a wonderful family. Watch over us, keep us safe, and help us to always love each other.

Thank you for blessing us with a wonderful Church family, and for the gifts of the Priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers that minister to Your Church. They help us to live according to Your Word. They guide us, Lord, to see You in all things. Continue to bless and strengthen them, Lord.

Dear God, please send more men and women to serve You and Your Church. We pray that it is Your will, members of our own family will hear and answer Your call to serve You as a priest, Religious Sister or Brother, so that generations to come will continue to share in the joy we know in You. Amen.



Pray for Vocations in this Year of Parish Renewal of the Eucharistic Revival

Without our priests and bishops, we would not be able to receive the precious Body of Jesus, the Lamb of God, and renew the Covenant.

Throughout this year especially, we invite you to cut out the prayer for vocations on the right to carry with you or put in a prominent place where you will see it every day to pray for an increase in vocations so we may continue to enjoy the privilege of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Enjoy this Family Prayer for Vocations

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.



St. Mary of the Lakes

Y.E.S. Group Car Wash

Location: SML Church rear parking lot

Saturday, September 23rd

Time: 9:00 a.m.

We will be selling \$5 tickets after each Mass on the weekends of September 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th

\$5.00/Car Wash Ticket

Tickets sold on September 23rd will be \$10/wash



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 unmanned trailer is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.





THE KNIGHTS INVITE YOU!

For the last year, the Knights of Columbus Council 6520 has held a monthly rosary prayer service. We are now opening it up to all parishioners. **We have a meditation, praying of the rosary in the church, followed by fellowship and pizza the Emmaus Center.**

At our first session after the summer hiatus, we will have Deacon Ed Mayer speak to us about indulgences: what they are and why they are important to us Catholics. [Please join us on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the church.](#)

RSVP not mandatory, but would be helpful - contact [Garry Roettger](mailto:garryroettger@yahoo.com) garryroettger@yahoo.com

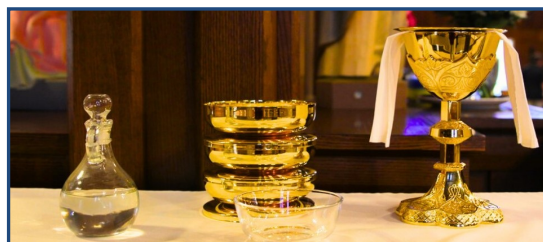
LEGION OF MARY TRAVELING PILGRIM VIRGIN

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.



SACRISTANS ARE 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.



Small Groups this Fall!

Every parish across the country has been invited to host the *Jesus and the Eucharist* study during the Year of Parish Revival. This seven-session series will answer fundamental questions about Jesus, our salvation, and the Church as well as unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist. Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio Divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country.

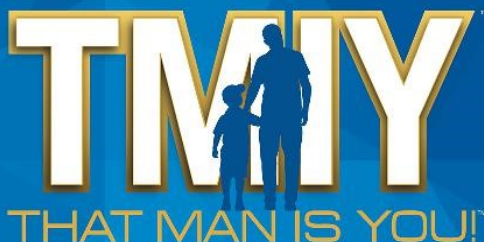
We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less. You can sign up to join a small group starting next weekend, September 3rd. At this time, there are groups meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center, a Tuesday afternoon group meeting at 1:00 p.m. place to be determined, and groups meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room at SMLS. The groups will meet weekly beginning the week of September 17th and ending before Thanksgiving.

This Fall take the time to join a small group to grow and deepen your relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ in His Church and in the Eucharist. If you have any questions or would like to host a small group, please contact Christine Brandt at cbrandt@smlparish.org or 609-654-8208 ext. 113.



THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! Seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



ALL THINGS NEW

FEATURING NEW, DYNAMIC PRESENTERS

DISCOVER:

- Earth-shattering theological insights from some of the greatest theologians of our day.
- New Creation Story, New Spiritual Life, New Adam, New Eve, New Fruitfulness, New Tree of Life, New Fruit from the New Tree of Life.
- A new day is dawning for Catholic men. Now is our hour! The future of the world and the Church is happening on our watch. His mercy is new every morning. A new hope is rising!
- Enkindle a deep Catholic spirituality and arm yourself with the two most powerful spiritual weapons.
- Renew a profound, faithful and reverent love for the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church rooted in Sacred Scripture.
- Discern what kind of men we need to save the Church and the world.
- Become the man your family, our Church, and our world desperately awaits.
- Be inspired to set out to re-evangelize the de-Christianized and secularized.
- Become a new creation in Christ!

SPEAKERS:



DR. SCOTT HAHN
FOUNDER, ST. PAUL CENTER



DR. JOHN BERGSMAS
PROTESTANT PASTOR TO
CATHOLIC PROFESSOR



MARK HARTFIEL
VICE PRESIDENT,
PARADISUS DEI



DR. MARK MIRAVALLE
WORLD-RENOWN
MARILOGIST



MICHAEL GORMLEY
LAY EVANGELIST



STEVE BOLLMAN
PRESIDENT,
PARADISUS DEI

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Monday
Morning Meeting
Saint Mary of The Lakes
Emmaus Center
September 18th

JOIN US!

MORNING SCHEDULE:

6:00 Breakfast
6:15 Presentation
6:45 Small Groups
7:10 Dismissal

REGISTRATION:

For more information or register
please contact:
Andre Caldini
609-760-4026
aj.caldini@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, 8/28** from 3:30-4:45 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. **All are welcome!**



Twenty-Ninth Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Behold, I stand at the gate, and knock. [Apoc. iii. 20] O most loving shepherd, Who, not satisfied with sacrificing Thyself once to death on the altar of the Cross for the love of Thy sheep, hast moreover been pleased to hide Thyself in this Divine Sacrament on the Altars of our churches, to be always near, and to knock at the doors of our hearts, and thus obtain Thy admission! Ah, did I but know how to enjoy Thy nearness to me as did the Sacred Spouse in the Canticles, who says: I sat down under His shadow, Whom I desired. [Cant. ii. 3] Ah, did I but love Thee, did I but really love Thee, my most amiable Sacrament, I also should wish never to leave the foot of a tabernacle either night or day; and fixing myself near Thy Majesty, concealed under the apparent shadow of the sacred species, I also should find those Divine sweetnesses and that happiness which souls enamoured of Thee there find. Ah, do Thou be graciously pleased to draw me by the odor of Thy beauties, and of the immense love which Thou manifest in this Sacrament: Draw me: we will run after Thee to the odor of Thy ointments. [Cant. i. 3] Yes, my Saviour, I will leave creatures and all earthly pleasures, to run after Thee in this Sacrament: As olive-plants, round about Thy table. [Ps. cxvii. 3] Oh, what abundant fruits of virtues do those happy souls, like olive-plants, bring forth to God, who assist with love before the sacred tabernacle! But I am ashamed to appear before Thee, O my Jesus, so naked and so devoid of all virtues. Thou hast commanded that all who approach the altar to honor Thee should present a gift: Thou shalt not appear empty before Me. [Exod. xxiii. 15] What, then, am I to do? Am I no more to appear before Thee? Ah, no; this would not please Thee. Poor as I am, I will approach Thee; and do Thou provide me with the gifts which Thou desirest. I see that Thou dwellest in the Sacrament, not only to reward Thy lovers, but also to provide for the poor out of Thy riches. Be it so, then; let us now begin. I adore Thee, O King of my heart, and true lover of men. O shepherd, loving Thy sheep beyond all bounds, to this throne of Thy love I now approach; and having nothing else to present to Thee, I offer Thee my miserable heart, that it may be entirely consecrated to Thy love and to Thy good pleasure. With this heart I can love Thee, and I will love Thee as much as I can. Draw it, then, to Thyself, and bind it wholly to Thy will, so that, filled with consolation, it may be able from henceforth to say, as Thy dear disciple said, that it is bound by the chains of Thy love: I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ. [Eph. iii. 1] Unite me, my Lord, entirely to Thyself, and make me forget myself, that I may have the happiness one day to lose all things, and even myself, to find Thee alone, and to love Thee forever. I love Thee, my Sacramental Lord; to Thee do I bind myself, to Thee do I unite myself; make me find Thee, make me love Thee, and never more separate Thyself from me.



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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.

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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.



St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

Sunday, August 27th

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

Monday, August 28th

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

Tuesday, August 29th

- KoC Cornhole Meeting / 6:30 p.m. / Parish Conf.
- "Glory to God" Prayer Group / 7:30 p.m. / Emmaus

Wednesday, August 30th

- 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, September 1st

Friday, September 2nd

Saturday, September 3rd

Sunday, September 4th

- 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 frontdesk@smlparish.org