



# St. Mary of the Lakes

*CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL*

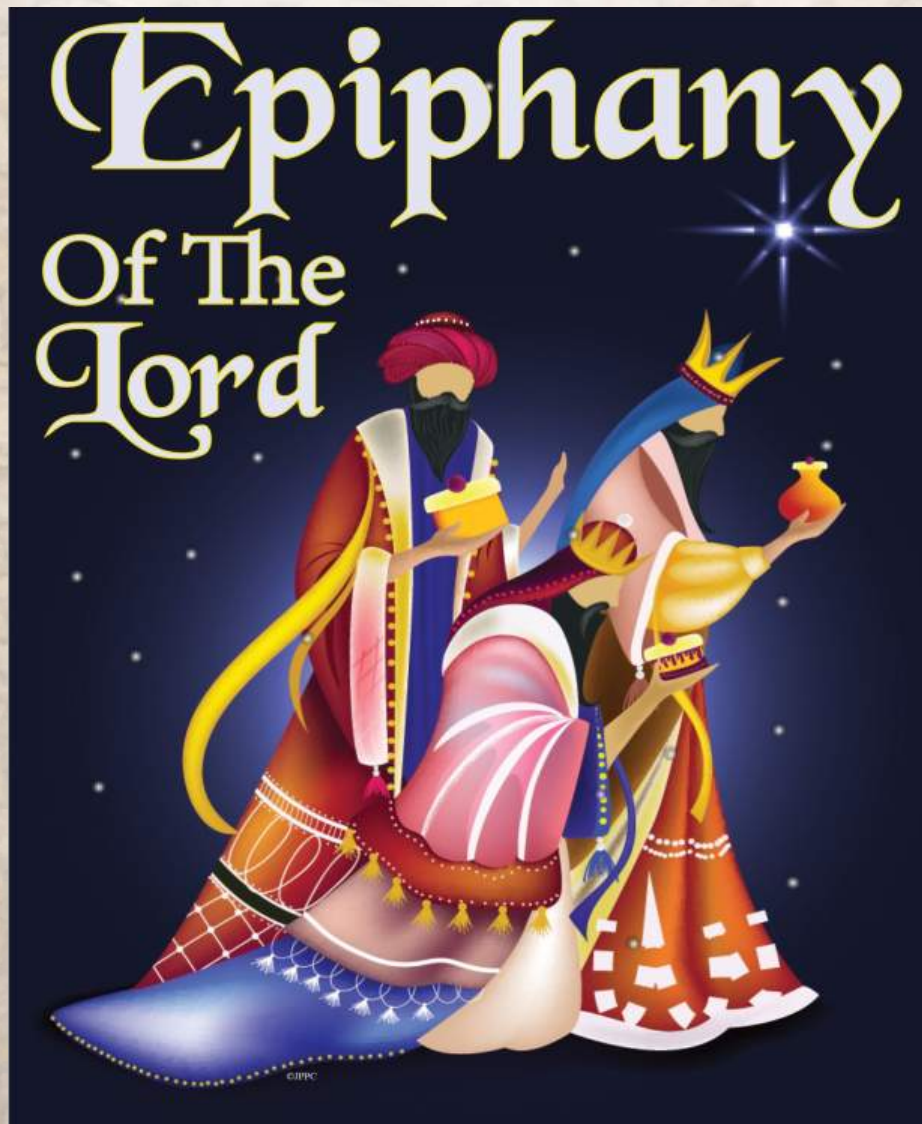
We Make Missionary Disciples



40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055

Parish Website: [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org)

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Sunday, January 7th, 2024

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday: 7:15 a.m.

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

Friday, January 19th: 7:15 a.m. only

Saturday Vigil: 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

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khrycenko@smlparish.org

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Deacon Louis (Ed) Mayer

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Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate

Lenora Gange, Administrative Assistant

Laura Dicus, Administrative Assistant

Stanley Thompson III, Marketing/Admin. 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

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Twitter: [www.twitter.com/smlparish](https://www.twitter.com/smlparish)

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)

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SML School:	196 Route 70	654-2546 x210
SML School Fax:		654-8125
Pastoral Associate:	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 x113
Parish P.R.E.P.:	96 Route 70	654-2546 x310
Parish Youth Minister:	40 Jackson Road	654-2546 x111
Marketing/Bulletin:	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x131
Music Coordinator:	40 Jackson Road	654-8208 x119
St. Vincent de Paul:	1 Jones Road	953-0021
Knights of Columbus:	Recruitment	458-0704

## 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 by the church exits, the parish office and on our website: [smlparish.org/registration](http://smlparish.org/registration).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Confessions are heard on Saturdays after the 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 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 one year in advance.

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Pray with the Real Presence of the Eucharist. The Adoration Chapel off the Jackson Road entrance is open 24/7.

**MINISTERIAL VISITS** Sacraments are available to anyone confined to their 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 Marie Cox, president: (609) 953-0021

Follow what the parish is up to through social media:  
Like us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/smlparish](https://www.facebook.com/smlparish)  
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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 6th**

5:30 p.m. Paul Costello/Joe and Lorraine Glowacki

**Sunday, January 7th**

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

9:00 a.m. **Donna Pritchett/The RCIA Team**

10:30 a.m. **Jeanne Bergen/Jim Marian Incognito**

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

**Monday, January 8th**

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

9:00 a.m. **Dodie DiGiacinto/Joe and Sue Tedeschi  
Edith Barnes/**  
"Your Loving B-I-L", Tony D'Aquino

**Tuesday, January 9th**

7:15 a.m. **Carl Vesper/Vasturia Family**

9:00 a.m. **John Wolgamot/Mary and Tony Muoio  
Michael Perretta/Scarpello Family**

**Wednesday, January 10th**

7:15 a.m. **John Toth/Mary and Ed Walton**

9:00 a.m. **Domenic McNulty/Mary and Tony Muoio  
Lenora Ladik/Scarpello Family**

**Thursday, January 11th**

7:15 a.m. **James Amato Jr./Tom and Terri  
Vosbikian**

9:00 a.m. **Patrick McNulty/Mary and Tony Muoio  
Edward Monell/Kit and Ken Denn**

**Friday, January 12th**

7:15 a.m. **Apna Thuruthickara/Her Sister**

9:00 a.m. **Robert Campanaro/  
The Campanaro Family  
The Gerner Family/The Gullo Family**

**Saturday, January 13th**

9:00 a.m. **Molly Rovello/Mary and Tony Muoio**

5:30 p.m. **William E. Webb Jr./The Welsh Family**

**Sunday, January 14th**

7:30 a.m. **Faith Hinchman/The Loughlin Family**

9:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of KoC**

10:30 a.m. **Our Parishioners**

12:00 p.m. **Shirley DeSantis/Michelle and Tim Welsh**

## Come Join Us in Prayer

- **Rosary:** Monday - Saturday (After morning Mass)
- **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



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 Lutomski, 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 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, Andrew Boyle, Joan Irwin, Michelle Sprenger, Eileen McFadden, Michael Gill, Itai Rosen, Denise McFadden, Betty West, Phillip Greunder, Kathleen Chwastek, Tim Denihan, Amanda Bader, Cynthia Lewandowski, Donna Skalski, Barbara Skalski, Kristin Oyola, Shannon Adamucci, John Cirenda, Melissa, Kathie Belonger, Bernadette Giambuzzi, Marilyn Peoples, Bob Kehoe, April McFadden, Joan Block, John Lock, Dick Pensabene, Joel Martin, Judy and Jack Martin, Jane Andrews, Laurence Peterson, Tom King, Judy and Jack Martin.



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

## Sunday's Gospel Reflection: A Manifestation to the World

### *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." [Matthew 2:1-2](#)*

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God's call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

## Facts and Significance Behind the Epiphany



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At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son, the new King. When three astrologers from the East, the Magi, saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Pointing the way, in the form of a star, was creation itself. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation," inviting us to look at how Christ is manifest in our own hearts.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolized kingship. When we ponder the gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our King to whom we pledge complete submission.

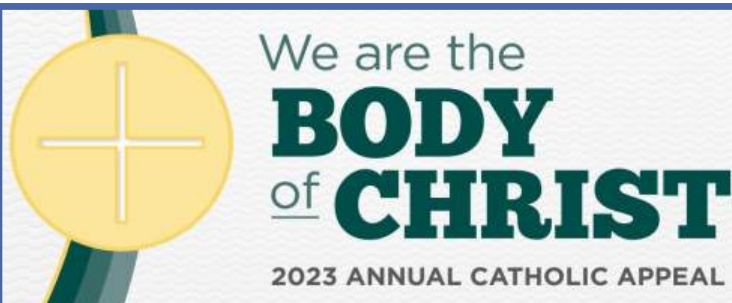
Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature.

Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

### Quick Facts:

- Celebrated on January 6, or the first Sunday after January 1 if not a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Honors the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.
- First celebrated at the end of the second century.
- Originated in the Eastern Church.
- Made a feast day at the Council of Tours in 567.





Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who have made a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, Saint Mary of the Lakes (SML) has once again reached its goal of \$140,000. Fifty percent of all gifts will be returned to SML in the form of a parish rebate. God is good, and so are you!

As of **December 27th**, SML has pledged **\$162,267**. We thank you for making a gift to 2023's ACA! When all pledges are paid, SML will receive a parish rebate of **\$32,133.50**.

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Kickoff weekend has been scheduled for February 24th and 25th. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

## Adoration Chapel Flowers

Our beautiful arrangements for the Christmas season were made possible by the generosity of

**The Mitchell Family**



A Blessed Christmas and Epiphany!

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Friday, February 9th, 2024

Have you ever noticed all of the event pictures week after week? It takes many volunteers who have donated their time and talent to make events like these possible, and we want to thank you at our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Please join us at  
Marco's Restaurant  
Indian Spring Country Club  
Marlton, NJ

Volunteers age 21+ are invited, and may bring their spouse or a guest. No invitations are being sent, so no one will be overlooked. If you have so much as held the door for another parishioner, consider yourself invited!

Wine, beer, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres: 6:00–7:00 p.m.  
Cash bar: 7:00–10:00 p.m.  
Music for dancing: 6:00–10:00 p.m.

Entrees: Filet Mignon Au Poivre, Chicken Florentine, Honey Glazed Salmon, Pasta Primavera (Vegetarian and Gluten Free). Call or e-mail the office (see page 2) with choice of entrée by 1/26. Open seating, no reservations will be taken by table.

Over 60 Ministries have shared their gifts generously and made a return with increase in the Lord. Yet God is not done with any of us. We still have much to do to further the Kingdom of God on earth. Thank you to all those who gave of their time, their treasure and their talent. May God richly reward you for the sacrifices you make!

-Father Dan

## Livestreamers Wanted

We have a great small team, but we need more streamers for weekend and daily Mass. Contact Stanley Thompson at [sthompson@smlparish.org](mailto:sthompson@smlparish.org) to help transmit Mass to those who want to see their parish, but truly cannot make it.



## Christmas Altar Setup



Thank you to all who helped decorate our altar for Christmas.

Aidan Balzer  
Kayla Balzer  
Michael Blakely  
Christine Brandt  
Gene Brandt  
Dominick Falcone  
John Falcone  
Linda Falcone

Nick Falcone  
Joan Gilland  
Fr. Kevin Hrycenko  
Maryann Mason  
Kara McGough  
John McHugh  
Fr. Dan Swift  
Michelle Tiver

## Community Sunday

Hosted by the Community and Health Ministries

Make some room on your calendar after Church!  
Please stop by the Emmaus Center **next Sunday, January 14, 2024** after 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.  
Mass for *Community Sunday*.

See your fellow parishioners and enjoy coffee, tea, a donut or a delicious bagel from Medford Bagel Shop.

You may also your blood pressure checked at the same time. We hope to see you there!



## Chair Fitness Class for Seniors 55+

Chair Fitness Class is coming up soon!  
The next Chair Fitness Class will take place on **Saturday, January 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the Emmaus Center.  
The Parish Health Ministry is offering this complimentary fitness class exclusively to seniors ages 55+.

This chair fitness class aligns with the recommended 150 minutes of weekly exercise for older adults, enhancing cardiovascular health and promoting overall well-being from low-intensity activity.

If you are interested in attending the class, please fill out the sign up sheet at the Parking Lot entrance of the Church, or confirm via call/text: (609) 222-4501.



## Mass Cards: Request Mass Intentions



You may now request Mass intentions online! Go to [smlparish.org/mass-intentions](https://smlparish.org/mass-intentions). The parish office will receive and process your request. Cards can be picked up from the parish office, or if necessary, we would be happy to mail it. Intentions can also be requested by calling or coming to the parish office during open hours.

## Glory to God



The Glory to God prayer group resumes their normal meeting schedule of every Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Please contact Marianne Perkins with any questions at (609) 760-9221 or [marnperk@gmail.com](mailto:marnperk@gmail.com).



## Epiphany Blessing of Chalk

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to use blessed chalk as a part of blessing one's home in the New Year on the Feast of the Epiphany – celebrated on January 7<sup>th</sup> in 2024. Be sure to take a packet of blessed chalk located at church entrances to use to bless your home.

*The home blessing can be done as follows:*

Use the blessed chalk to write above the doorways:  
20+C+M+B+XX

20XX for the current year;

C, M, B for the 3 Magi (Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar) and for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” (Latin for “May Christ Bless this House”).

As you are writing, pray one these prayers:

- May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

- Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

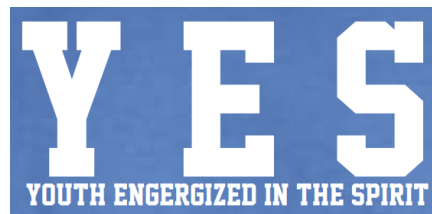
**Amen.**

- Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law. We give thanks to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



Taken from <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/documents/2016/6/litEpiphanyChalkBlessing.pdf>



### Upcoming Events

Our youth ministry will take part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service on **Monday, Jan. 15th**. Teens are invited to meet in the school auditorium at **9:00 a.m.** Sign up here (required): [tinyurl.com/bpaa49e9](https://tinyurl.com/bpaa49e9)

There are so many other events to participate in throughout the spring semester! Take a look by going to the bottom of [smlparish.org](https://smlparish.org).

If you or someone you know in 7th through 12th grade loves service with a purpose, or just wants to meet new friends from our church, consider Y.E.S..

Next meet: **Sun, Jan 7th @ 5 p.m. Emmaus**

MLK event setup: **Sun, Jan 14th @ 1 p.m. School Aud.**

MLK event: **Mon, Jan 15th @ 9 a.m. School Aud.**

### Forgiven:

## The Transforming Power of Confession

As part of our year of parish Eucharistic revival, we will be offering the FORMED series, Forgiven, on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our focus during this year is on understanding and believing in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, but are our hearts properly disposed to receive Communion?

In this 3-week series, participants will discover the merciful way that God seeks us out when we have sinned and calls us back to himself. We will examine the sacrament from the perspective of both the priest and the penitent and will explore the scriptural foundation of the sacrament. This study helps us recognize the beauty of the Rite of Penance and the transformative power of the grace and healing God offers us in this sacrament.

The program will be offered in the Emmaus Center on **Monday the 8th, 22nd, and 29th at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, the 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 1:00 p.m.**



Interested? Questions? Contact Christine Brandt at [cbrandt@smlparish.org](mailto:cbrandt@smlparish.org) or (609) 654-8208 x113.

## 2024 Saint Mary of the Lakes Carnival and Musicfest

Announcing the dates of the 2024 Saint Mary of the Lakes Carnival and Musicfest: Monday, May 13th to Saturday, May 19th, 2024. Off the tremendous success of the 2023 Saint Mary of the Lakes Carnival and Musicfest, we are already gearing up for the 2024 event.

As the event grows, we hope to add new people to our committee each year. We are looking to add new elements this year such as a possible vendor bazaar area, a silent disco for teens and a popular children's entertainer for Saturday afternoon. All of our chairs are super busy with existing committees already, so they also could use additional dedicated and hard working parishioners to help in their efforts as well.



Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Meeting Room in the school.** Anyone interested in finding out more details or attending, can contact **Maria King** at [mking@smlcarnival.org](mailto:mking@smlcarnival.org). We promise that you will work hard, laugh a lot and meet terrific co-committee people and volunteers. We hope you will consider joining!

### P.R.E.P. Helpers Welcome



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) welcomes any Catholic interested in helping as a sub, classroom aid, or hall monitor. Our program takes place on Tuesdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. then 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. then 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Contact **Todd Nolan**, DRE at [tnolan@smlparish.org](mailto:tnolan@smlparish.org) or call (609) 654-2546, ext. 315

### Children's Church



Children in PRE-K & K are invited to participate! Families attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass, **the children will walk to the Emmaus Center from church**, then return to the church before the end of Mass. Upcoming days: **January 21st**, February 4th, March 17th, April 7th, and April 21st. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program. For more information, please contact Todd Nolan: [tnolan@smlparish.org](mailto:tnolan@smlparish.org)

### The Littlest Disciples Ministry



The littlest Disciples will be hosting events for newborns through age 10 along with their families after 10:30 a.m. Children's Mass. Come to The Emmaus Center for kids/family crafts along with snacks on Sundays: **January 7th**, February 11th, March 3rd and April 14th.



## Visit from a Former Student

Father Dan and Father Kevin with Grace Huegel



Grace is a former student of Father Dan from St. Benedict in Holmdel, currently an Aspirant for the Salesian Sisters. Please keep her and her vocation in your prayers.

## Just Married

Prayerful Best Wishes Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ferry



Please extend your prayerful bedtime wishes to Dannette and Dick Ferry who were married at St. Mary of the Lakes on Saturday, December 23rd.

## Assisting the Trenton Soup Kitchen



## The Ministry of Consolation offers Bereavement Support

The parish Ministry of Consolation conducts a bereavement support group for those who have experienced a loss. The support group covers a broad range of grief concerns focusing on the journey from grief to healing. Sessions are held once a week for seven consecutive weeks. The next session will start seven weeks before Easter in the Parish Office Conference Room. The Conference Room offers privacy, and all meetings will be conducted in the strictest confidence. If you or a loved one can benefit, consider contacting the parish office at (609) 654-8208 x110.



## Ministry of Consolation Needs Help

The Consolation Ministry needs new Consolation Ministers and Adult Altar Servers. There is a set schedule where members are on duty for a week at a time. Consolation Ministers meet with a family who are grieving the loss of a loved one and help them make decisions regarding the details of a funeral Mass. Adult Altar Servers/Sacristans in our Ministry set up the church for a funeral and assist the priest during the funeral Mass. If you are already a Sacristan, you know half the job! We are looking for both men and women to help our Ministry grow. We will train you to be either a Consolation Minister or an Adult Altar Server/Sacristan. Interested parties should be available at any time during the week or weekend. This is rewarding work with members of our congregation who are going through a very difficult time. If you are interested in finding out more about our Ministry and possibly joining us, please email Sue Roggio at: [chairfxr@aol.com](mailto:chairfxr@aol.com), or call the Church office at (609) 654-8208, and they will assist you.

## Legion of Mary Bulletin Corner

### Featured Saint of the Month

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, was born in 1774. In 1805, she made her Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. She established a Catholic school in 1808 in Baltimore and in 1809 established a religious community in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Her small community of teaching sisters grew and expanded. She was canonized on September 14th 1975 by St. Pope Paul VI. God, Grant us so to follow Christ after her example. AMEN

### 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. We meet **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. Conveniently, you may also opt to pick up from the Emmaus Center. Please leave a voicemail to Teresa McHenry at (609) 388-4528.

### Rosary

Please join the Legion of Mary on **Tuesday, January 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center** to pray the Rosary in honor of the Blessed Mother's Feast Day, The Solemnity of Mary and March for Life. Rosaries and how to pray the Rosary booklets will be available.





St. Mary of the Lakes Presents  
*The 41st Annual Fashion Show*

Sunday February 4th 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*The Merion*  
Route 130 South, Cinnaminson



## Tombola Basket Donation

St. Mary of the Lakes School will host its 41st Annual Fashion Show. This event draws an audience of about 300 people and has become our school's largest fundraiser. The significant donations of those who attend, as well as the generous contributions of local and corporate businesses, have made this event highly successful.

We hope you will consider supporting the event with a donation of merchandise, a gift certificate, or a few items from your business to incorporate into our tombola baskets which will be displayed at the event.

Business names will be prominently displayed with your donation showcasing your contribution to our school. 100% of the funds raised through the Fashion Show are used to enhance the educational programs and to provide additional materials needed by the teachers and students of St. Mary of the Lakes School. Contributions are tax-deductible.

If you would like to participate, we kindly ask you to send us your gift no later than **January 15, 2024**, to: "St. Mary of the Lakes School PTA – Winter 2024 Fashion Show Tombola", 196 Route 70, Medford, New Jersey 08055.

You can also make a monetary donation towards a tombola basket and the committee will create it. Please donate at <https://buytickets.at/stmaryofthelakes/1033014>. Questions? Contact [SMLfashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:SMLfashionshow@gmail.com).

## Diocesan Youth Conference

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Please provide sandwich choice and whether you'll be staying at the Basilica or attending the March.

### That Man Is You Men's Ministry

The next series for "That Man Is You" Men's Ministry starts **January 15th**. There will be coffee and breakfast before listening to the speaker introduce the theme for small group breakout sessions. T.M.I.Y. is **every Monday at 6:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center** and it wraps up right before 7:15 a.m. Mass (optional).

To join visit the following link: <https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/5145B0> and for more information contact **Andre Caldini** (609) 760-4026, or email: [aj.caldini@yahoo.com](mailto:aj.caldini@yahoo.com)





## St. Mary of the Lakes This Week

### Sunday, January 7th

- R.C.I.A./8:30 a.m./Emmaus Center
- YES Meeting/5:00 p.m./Emmaus Center (Details on page 7)
- PREP/6:30 p.m./Emmaus Center

### Monday, January 8th

- See our Mass schedule on page 2 and Rosary schedule on page 3.

### Tuesday, January 9th

- Prayer Shawl Meeting/10:30 a.m./ Emmaus Center
- Forgiveness Study/1:00 p.m./Emmaus Center (Details on page 7)
- Legion of Mary/3:00 p.m./ Emmaus Center (Details on page 10)
- Glory to God Prayer Group/7:30 p.m./ Emmaus Center (Details on page 6)

### Wednesday, January 10th

- Legion of Mary/9:30 a.m./ Emmaus Center (Details on page 10)
- Faith Seekers Book Club/10:00 a.m./ Emmaus Center
- Children's Choir/5:30 p.m./ Church Choir Loft
- The Psalms/6:30 p.m./Emmaus Center
- Adult Choir/7:00 p.m./ Church Choir Loft

### Thursday, January 11th

- Thursday Prayer and Bible Study/10:00 a.m./ Emmaus Center
- KoC Business Meeting/6:30 p.m./ Emmaus Center
- Teaching Mass/7:00 p.m./Church

### Saturday, January 13th

- Chair Fitness Class/2:00 p.m./ Emmaus Center
- KoC Roses for Life Sale/ After 5:30 p.m. Mass/Church

### Sunday, January 14th

- KoC Roses for Life Sale/ After all Masses/Church
- Community Sunday/After 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses (Details on page 10)
- R.C.I.A./8:30 a.m./Emmaus Center
- Y.E.S. MLK Day Setup/1:00 p.m./Emmaus Center (Details on page 7)
- PREP/6:30 p.m./Emmaus Center

## Family Promise Needs Volunteers

Family Promise of Burlington County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a faith-affiliated nonprofit serving families experiencing housing insecurity in Burlington County. We provide a variety of services, such as emergency shelter to families that have already lost their homes, direct financial assistance to families that are in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure, and help with first month's rent and security deposit for families establishing a new home. All our services come with comprehensive case management—assessment, planning, and guidance to ensure the family's continued success in establishing permanent, stable housing.

Covid-19 took a tremendous toll on our organization, as it did for many nonprofits. Prior to the pandemic, we had a team of over 200 dedicated volunteers that helped us serve our client families. We are trying to re-engage those volunteers, on whom we rely on so heavily.

The commitment is for a couple of hours per week. Volunteers will answer the phone and record basic information about the caller and their situation into a database. Training will be provided.

We also have two professional opportunities. We'd like someone with an accounting background to volunteer for a couple of hours per month to do our bank reconciliation and annual tax return.

We also need a CPA to audit three years of tax returns to make us eligible for larger grants. We will continue to audit our annual returns going forward. The auditor role will be a paid contract position.

Anyone interested should contact Scott Rush at [srush@fpburlco.org](mailto:srush@fpburlco.org). People interested in the accounting positions should include a resume.

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