



# St. Mary of the Lakes

*CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL*

We Make Missionary Disciples



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**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, January 21st, 2024**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:15 a.m.

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (*simulcasted*),  
10:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m.

## CLERGY AND STAFF

Very Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor,  
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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, Parish Trustee

Kevin Loughlin, Parish Trustee

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

## LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, FAX (609 AREA CODE)

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SML School:	196 Route 70	654-2546 x210
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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:  
[facebook.com/smlparish](https://facebook.com/smlparish)  
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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, and Hayley Worrell.



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

### Come Join Us in Prayer

**Rosary:** 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

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Lucille Rovani/Her Husband  
5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Davis/SML Clergy,  
Staff and Parishioners

### Sunday, January 21

7:30 a.m. Robert Lorusso/  
John and Rita Wisniewski  
9:00 a.m. Faith Hinchman/SML Clergy,  
Staff and Parishioners  
Joseph Hudson/Ray and  
Marguerite O'Neil  
10:30 a.m. Our Parishioners  
12:00 p.m. Darlene Hudson/Pat Pyne

### Monday, January 22

7:15 a.m. Mary Ann Russo/The Scarpello Family  
9:00 a.m. Christopher Basso/Bill and Missy Mazzio  
Linda Holzwarth/Lous and Ed  
Mary Pitts/Harvey Pitts

### Tuesday, January 23

7:15 a.m. Robert J. Bradshaw Jr./  
Chris and Ernest Russo  
9:00 a.m. Andrew Scibilia/The Vasturia Family  
Sarah Kambour/The Milano Family

### Wednesday, January 24

7:15 a.m. Frances Clinton/Maryann Hajduk  
9:00 a.m. Frank Pace/Jim and Marian Incognito  
Tina Marie Nielsen (Living)/  
The Jennison Family

### Thursday, January 25

7:15 a.m. Pamela LaMonica/SML Clergy,  
Staff and Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. Pamela LaMonica/Paul and  
Kathy Hellberg  
Ellen Ziegler/Frank and Kathy DelRossi

### Friday, January 26

7:15 a.m. Gloria F. Brodeur/Joe and Karen Grisafi  
9:00 a.m. Patricia Meyer/The Greed Family  
Carl and Janis Nielsen/  
The Jennison Family

### Saturday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Albert Moscatello/Linda Calderome  
Robert Warwick/Sandra Tantleff  
5:30 p.m. Robert Warwick/Sandra Tantleff

### Sunday, January 28

7:30 a.m. James O'Brien/The Loughlin Family  
9:00 a.m. Our Parishioners  
Jillian Schleuter/Nancy Folsom  
10:30 a.m. Pamela LaMonica/Kevin and Allison Ross  
12:00 p.m. Norine and Joseph Corigliano/  
The Jennison Family



We are the  
**BODY**  
of **CHRIST**  
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners who have made a gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, Saint Mary of the Lakes (SML) has once again exceeded its goal of \$140,000. Fifty percent of all gifts over will be returned to SML in the form of a parish rebate. God is good, and so are you!

The 2023 campaign has finished, and SML has pledged a total of **\$165,167**. When all pledges are paid, SML will receive a parish rebate of **\$33,583.50**. We thank you for contributing!

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Kickoff weekend has been scheduled for February 24th and 25th. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks. Prayerfully consider contributing to the 2024 campaign as many of you so generously have in 2023.



We rely on your generosity to provide a safe, clean and pleasing environment. Please take a moment to make a prayerful recurring online gift to our parish.

[TinyUrl.com/PGivingSML](https://TinyUrl.com/PGivingSML)

### New Parishioners

Saint Mary of the Lakes welcomes  
**Denise Alton**  
**Christopher and Patricia DiCristo**  
to our parish family!

### From Palms to Ashes

If you still have palms from Palm Sunday '23, you may place them in the baskets at any church entrance.

The palms will be burned the first week of February to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Before placing palms in the basket, please remove any packaging including plastic wrap and rubber bands.



## 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 or 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 table reservations will be made.

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. Are you intimidated by tech? Don't have the knowledge because they didn't teach you this in college? Rest assured, our setup is not complicated! Contact Stanley Thompson at [sthompson@smlparish.org](mailto:sthompson@smlparish.org) to help transmit Mass to those who want to see our parish, but truly cannot make it!



## Sunday's Gospel Reflection: True Fulfillment

### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B*

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.’” Mark 1:14–15*

Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: “This is the time of fulfillment.” First, the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry was, historically speaking, the “time of fulfillment,” in that, the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. However, the “time of fulfillment” of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting our sins and by becoming a fuller member of God’s Kingdom. Ponder for a moment the specific word “fulfillment.” What does this mean?

The word “fulfilled” can be contrasted with its opposite “unfulfilled.” To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

First, Jesus was hungry, and the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread to satiate that hunger. This is a temptation to fleshly fulfillment. Second, the devil tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove He was the Son of God. This is a temptation to fulfillment by pride—pride to convince another of one’s importance and identity. Third, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised them to our Lord if Jesus worshiped him. This is a temptation to fulfillment by obtaining earthly wealth and power. Of course, Jesus rejected all three temptations as a way of showing that none of these truly fulfill us. He did this just prior to the beginning of His public ministry so as to then go forth preaching the true message of fulfillment. “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to

completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

Reflect, today, upon your own interior desire for fulfillment in life. How do you try to satiate this desire? Do you allow the evil one to trick you into thinking that fleshly desires, pride or wealth, are the answer? Reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse yourself in His Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfillment in life!

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## A Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and Life

*From the Respect For Life ministry*

The 22nd of January is a day of prayer for the legal protection of babies in the womb. Our Respect For Life ministry has provided this prayer, and additional resources can be found on page 13.



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<http://tinyurl.com/yckyd7v>

*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.*

## A Message to All Mothers and Mothers-To-Be

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” Mothers, your future holds so much for you and your baby. You have been blessed with new life. The Lord assures you of His strength in every difficulty. He will never forsake you.

Neither will we through your pregnancy, the birth of your baby and beyond. There are many groups to support you and your baby at all stages.

The Pro-Life Team at St. Mary of the Lakes will walk with you in your needs. For additional information please contact Ann Babinchock at (609) 304-6163 or [fb4849@comcast.net](mailto:fb4849@comcast.net)

## Upcoming: Friendly in February

At each weekend Mass in February, parishioners are asked to write up a name tag and wear it to Mass.

In keeping with our strategic plan to be a more welcoming parish, based on Saint Mary of the Lakes Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey results, we take advantage of the tags four times a year: February, May, August and November.

*Friendly in February* 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.

## Chair Fitness Class for Seniors 55+

Chair Fitness Class is coming up soon!  
The next Chair Fitness Class will take place on **Saturday, January 27th 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+.

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



## Candlemas Day: Blessing of Candles

On **Friday, February 2nd**, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. This is the day Jesus, the light of the world, was presented in the temple.

This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day, the day on which candles that are used in the church are blessed, symbolizing Christ as the light of the world.

All are invited to bring candles used in the home to be blessed at the **7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** Masses.



## Inclement Weather Notification

Fr. Dan's decision for a closing or delayed opening can be heard when listening to the parish office phone greeting.

When the governor declares a state of emergency, SML follows his directive; the parish office and school are closed, and Masses/Confessions are cancelled. Otherwise, Fr. Dan will decide if Mass/Confessions are cancelled based on the condition of the parking lot and sidewalks.

## January Health Tips: Dehydration *from your Parish Health Ministry*

In the last bulletin, causes of dehydration were discussed. This week lists the signs of dehydration.

### Signs in Adults:

- Muscle fatigue
- Reduced cognitive processing
- Dizziness
- Confused or dazed
- Thirst
- Infrequent urination and dark colored urine
- Dry mouth

### Signs in Children:

- Easily irritable
- The top of the skull has a sunken soft spot
- Tearless crying
- Dry tongue/mouth
- Sunken cheeks and eyes
- Infrequent urination (no wet diapers for three hours)

*Check back next weekend for information on how to effectively treat dehydration.*

## Glory to God



The Glory to God prayer group meets 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).

## Matthew 5 to 11

“Jesus Began to Teach Them . . . and Learn from Me.”  
*Matthew 5:1 . . . 11:29*

This 16 week series will prepare high school students for Confirmation, and provide adults with a deeper understanding of Our Catholic Faith.

Upcoming Classes (day, theme, instructor):

**2/4**, Mary, Christine Brandt

**2/11**, Holy Spirit, Paul, Early Church, Apostolic Succession, Tod Nolan

**3/3**, Introduction to the Sacraments, Tod Nolan





## Upcoming Events

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

**Soonest event:** Sun, Jan 21st @ 5 p.m. Emmaus Center

**Next Event:** Sun, Feb 4th @ 5 p.m. Emmaus Center

Y.E.S. will participate in the Diocesan Youth Conference!  
Details and registration at: [dotyouth.org/dyc](http://dotyouth.org/dyc)

## Lenten Mission offered by Rev. Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap.

**Monday, February 26th to Thursday, February 29th**  
**7:00 p.m. in the church**

*Abridged version after the 9:00 a.m. daily Mass.*

Born in Philadelphia, Fr. Simeon has served the Church in many capacities as a pastor, military chaplain, clergy retreat master, and ecumenical speaker.



The theme for our mission is "The Freedom to Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic". Each day's topic is as follows: "Stories of Escape from Self" Luke 7:36-50, "Escape from False Values and Religious Adolescence" Luke 14:28-33, "Quest Stories: Humanity as Grace" John 3:1-10, and "Love Stories: The Freedom Only Christ Can Give" John 4:4-42.

This mission will consider the great challenge of growth in faith using the insights of the Scriptures and the writings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. As John Henry Cardinal Newman once said, "The only evidence of life is growth."

The talks are geared to Catholics and non-Catholics. This is a great opportunity to invite those who have left as well as your non-Catholic spiritual friends as we prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord!

## 2024 Saint Mary of the Lakes Carnival and Musicfest

**Monday, May 13th to Saturday, May 19th, 2024**

Off the tremendous success of the 2023 event, we are already gearing up for the 2024 event.

As the event grows, we hope to add new people to our committee. All of our chairs are super busy with existing committees, so they also could use additional dedicated and hard working parishioners to help!

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 will be visiting Paris, Lisieux, Omaha Beach, Ars, Nevers, Paray Le Monial, Avignon and Lodes**

Info on our 2024 France Pilgrimage has arrived! Spiritual director, Father Dan.



**11-Day**  
*Pilgrimage to France*  
WITH ST. MARY OF LAKES PARISH, MEDFORD

*September 22- October 2, 2024*

**MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION**

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**See this link to start your journey now!**

## 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 is a craft and snack event after the 10:30 a.m. Childrens Mass. Newborns through age 10 along with their families are invited to the Emmaus Center for crafts and snacks on Sundays: **February 4th (rescheduled)**, March 3rd and April 14th. For more information, please contact Mary Bell: [mbohitrack@verzon.net](mailto:mbohitrack@verzon.net)

## Kid's Corner

Brought to you by  
Children's Church and The Littlest Disciples

Ages 3+

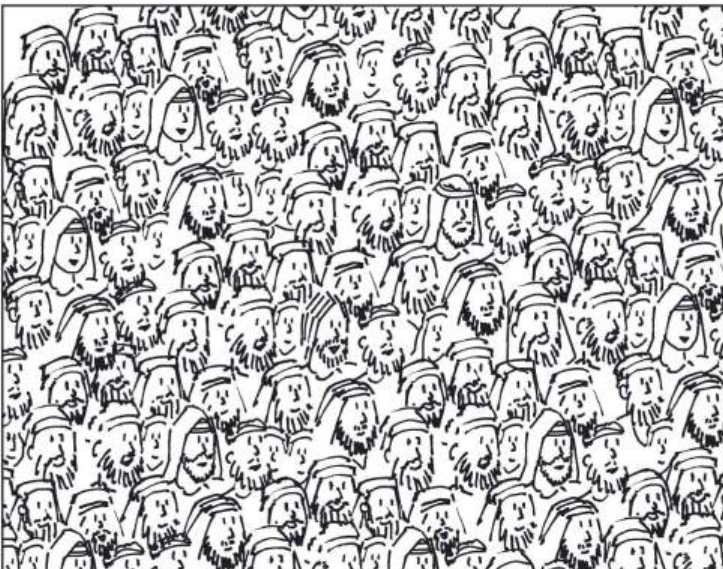
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### The Calling of the 1st Disciples

Jesus came to Galilee telling about God.

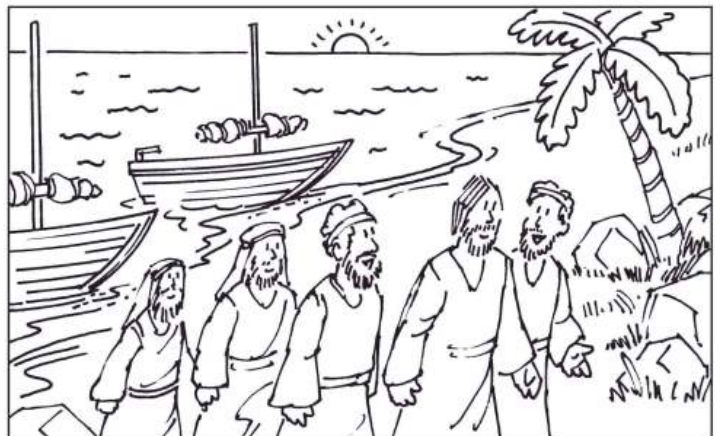


Find and **circle** Jesus in the crowd.



At once, they all left their boats  
and followed Jesus.

**Circle** 6 differences in the bottom picture.





## Community Sunday



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



### Teaching Assistant 4th Grade Part Time Position

Our school is seeking a part time teaching assistant (25 hours per week) immediately for our 4th Grade classes. Our 4th grade consists of two classes and this assistant will split time between both classes. Job responsibilities include assisting the homeroom teachers by supporting students in the classroom and occasionally providing individual and small group assistance on school assignments. The role also consists of supervising students during lunch and recess.

Candidates should have a commitment to Catholic education and previous experience working with Children is preferred. Successful candidates must pass a fingerprint/background check and take VIRTUS Training.

Qualified candidates should submit their letter of interest, resume, references, and salary requirements by January 31st, 2024 to: Jim Sterbenz, School Operations Coordinator at [jsterbenz@smlschool.org](mailto:jsterbenz@smlschool.org).

## 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 **Tuesday, February 6th** 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 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, February 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center** to pray the Rosary.







## 2024 School Fashion Show

Help support our school through one of our biggest fundraisers! Get your fashion show tickets online at <https://buytickets.at/stmaryofthelakes/1096533> or cut out the ticket form below.

### Lock in your “love” at Saint Mary of the Lakes School Fashion Show with Love Lock Bridge Super Tombola



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SALES END Wednesday, January 25th



## Blood Drive

The Red Cross is in a national blood emergency. Donate at the Emmaus Center on **Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and receive a \$10 Amazon gift card! Appointments preferred. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use code 6520.

## Become a Knight

If you want to help those in need, serve your parish, and grow in your faith, then join the Knights of Columbus. 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. Contact William Mazzio at (609) 458-0704 or [williammazzio@yahoo.com](mailto:williammazzio@yahoo.com)

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## Medieval Music



The Society of St. Cecilia at St. Anthony of Padua presents *St. Hildegard of Bingen - A Celebration of Medieval Music*, with soloist Melissa Thornton, on **Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.** at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 28 Oratory Way, Red Bank (Chestnut Street entrance). Admission is a free will offering.

## Fundraising Funnies

The "Man of a Thousand Voices" Joe Conklin, along with two other comedians take stage at the school auditorium on **Saturday, April 13th**. Food comes with the show in form the knights know best: beef and beer! Tickets: \$60 each (available at [TinyUrl.com/JoeC24](http://TinyUrl.com/JoeC24) or the office). Show: 8 p.m. Doors open: 6:30 p.m.



## Pray the Rosary

Experience the power of prayer by joining us for a Rosary session in the Church on **Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m.** At Fatima, the Blessed Mother said: "Say the rosary every day for world peace". Pray the rosary with us; praying the rosary in a group is more powerful than praying it alone.

## Knights in Action

Congratulations to Rob Garner for being awarded Knight of the Month. Rob and a friend distributed almost 220 Christmas trees around the church. Also congratulations to Garry and Anne Roettger for being named Family of the Month. Both orchestrated the beautiful St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in December. 120 people attended the program with Father Dan reading the Gospel and providing a homily. Multiple other Knights and parishioners contributed with readings or decades of the rosary. The SML choir also provided beautiful music.

## That Man Is You Men's Ministry

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). There will be coffee and breakfast before listening to the speaker introduce the theme for breakout sessions. Join: <https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/5145B0> 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 21

- R.C.I.A./8:30 a.m./Emmaus Center
- Children's Church/At 10:30 a.m. Mass /Emmaus Center (Details on page 8)
- Y.E.S./5:00 p.m./Emmaus (Details on page 7)

### Monday, January 22

- Forgiven Study/10:00 a.m./Emmaus Center
- Forgiven Study/7:00 p.m./Relocated to Parish Meeting Room (at School)

### Tuesday, January 23

- Forgiven Study/1:00 p.m./Emmaus Center
- P.R.E.P./4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m./School
- Glory to God Prayer Group/7:30 p.m./ Emmaus Center (Details on page 6)

### Wednesday, January 24

- 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
- Adult Choir/7:00 p.m./Church Choir Loft

### Thursday, January 25

- Thursday Prayer and Bible Study/10:00 a.m./ Emmaus Center
- KoC Rosary (followed by refreshments/6:30 p.m./ Church then Emmaus Center (Details on page 12)

### Saturday, January 27

- Chair Fitness Class/2:00 p.m./ Emmaus Center (details on page 6)

### Sunday, January 28

- Matthew 5 to 11/8:30 a.m./Emmaus Center (Details on page 6)
- Y.E.S. MLK Day Setup/1:00 p.m./Emmaus Center (Details on page 7)
- H.S. P.R.E.P./6:30 p.m./Emmaus Center

### Bulletin Outside of SML

If you or someone you know can no longer make it to church and would like to receive the weekly bulletin in the mail, please contact the parish office at 609-654-8208 ext. 110 with your name and address. The weekly bulletin is also available online at [smlparish.org/bulletins](http://smlparish.org/bulletins)

## Options for Her: A Volunteer Opportunity

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## Rachel's Vineyard: Healing the Wounds of Abortion

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If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, consider attending one of our retreat weekends. We are less than an hour drive from SML. For information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at (732) 536-6871.

Upcoming retreats:

Evening of Friday, February 16th to Sunday the 18th  
Evening of Friday, November 15th to Sunday the 17th

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For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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