

Inspired by God's word, we are a community of Christians who, through meaningful prayer and sacramental life, seek to love one another as Christ loves us and to fulfill this love through acceptance of and service to all people.

February 7, 2016



St. Mary of the Lakes



Parish Website

40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055



School Website

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:15 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

OUR COMMUNITY IS SERVED BY:

Reverend Daniel F. Swift, Pastor
father_dan@smlparish.org
Reverend Carlos A. Florez, Parochial Vicar
cflorez@smlparish.org
Deacon Ken Motylinski
Deacon Timothy R. Collins
Ms. Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator
Mrs. Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Jean E. Hoover, School Principal
Mrs. MaryPat Scordato, Director of Religious Education
Sister Regina McCalla, SSJ, Liturgy/Music Coordinator
Mrs. Linda Xerri, Parish Youth Minister
Ms. Georgiana Francisco, Minister of Evangelization and Marketing
Mr. William P. Kiernan and Mr. Michael Maher, Parish Trustees

OFFICE HOURS:

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

ST. MARY THE LAKES ONLINE:

Web Site Address: <http://www.smlparish.org>
Email address: email@smlparish.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/smlparish
School website: <http://www.smlschool.org>
Knights of Columbus: <http://www.Medfordknights.org>

LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Offices	40 Jackson Road	654-8208
Parish Health Ministry	Ext. 610	654-8208
St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546
Religious Ed. Office	196 Route 70	654-2546
Parish Youth Minister, Ext.311	196 Route 70	654-2546
St. Vincent de Paul	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 at the doors of the church, in the parish office, and on our website at smlparish.org (click on contact us/registration).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Friday mornings after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Saturdays from 4:30 to 5:00 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: Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Session prior to their child's Baptism. Sponsors also are encouraged to attend. Please call the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Congratulations to our engaged couples. Please call (609) 654-8208, Ext. 117 to make arrangements for your wedding. We suggest you call at least a year in advance.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): If you or someone you know is considering becoming a Catholic Christian or if you were baptized Catholic, but never received the Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call (609) 654-8208, Ext.113. There are no tests to pass or fail. There is only faith to give and share.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every Thursday after 9:00 a.m. Mass, concluding with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

MINISTERIAL VISITS: The sacraments are available to anyone confined to home or institution. Please contact the rectory if you know anyone who is unable to get to church.

Mass Intentions

Sunday February 7

- 7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Sam Barbagiovanni – Tom & Sandra Hurley
10:30 a.m. Mary Schiappa – Hellbergs
Julia Daoud Young – Lisa Dallara & Family
12:00 p.m. Deceased Benefactors of Society of St. Vincent de Paul
6:00 p.m. Vincent Lania – Turner Family

Monday February 8

- 7:15 a.m. Clare Carberry – The Woods Family
:00 a.m. Carolyn Quagliero – Y.E.S. Team

Tuesday February 9

- 7:15 a.m. Francesca Russo – The Di Stasi Family
9:00 a.m. Daniel Akouka – Family
Francis X. King – Tom & Ann King

Wednesday February 10 Ash Wednesday

- 7:15 a.m. For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Kenneth Motylinski Sr. – Diane Wolf
1:15 p.m. At School - For Our Parishioners
7:30 p.m. Paul Zetts Sr. – Clergy, Staff and
Parishioners of SML Catholic Church and School

Thursday February 11

- 7:15 a.m. Paul Zetts Sr. – Bert Minnella
9:00 a.m. Genevieve Bauer – Bill & Paula Askin
Lucille Canale – Clergy, Staff and
Parishioners of SML Catholic Church and School

Friday February 12

- 7:15 a.m. Warren Murray – Family
9:00 a.m. William Wickersky – Rosemary & Joseph
Thomas Amato – Miryam & Emil Ghaly

Saturday February 13

- 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of K of C 6520
5:30 p.m. Eleanor Ulliot – Her Family

Sunday February 14

- 7:30 a.m. Dolores Vitt
9:00 a.m. John Piontkowski – Rose & Johnny
10:30 a.m. Paul Zetts Sr. – Richard & Ann Minnium
Julia Daoud Young – Clergy, Staff and
Parishioners of SML Catholic Church and School
12:00 p.m. Frank A. Buccialia Sr. – Clergy, Staff and
Parishioners of SML Catholic Church and School
6:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

Stewardship

January 31, 2016
First collection: \$ 33,391
Second collection: \$ 3,898

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Please call the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 to schedule your child's baptism and to arrange to attend our Baptism Preparation Workshop. The next workshop will be Saturday, February 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center.

Please Pray for the Sick

Due to space limitations, prayer requests over a year old will be placed in a category called **Long Term Prayer Requests**. These names will not be individually published, but they will be prayed for every day at Mass.

Long Term Prayer Requests, as well as the

following: Joanne Kojeski, Joseph Armando, Harry Schulz, Evelyn Doherty, William Hendrickson, Cathryn Roberts, Jennifer Kenderdine, Rose Mary Cervenka, Frank Parker, Florence DeRenzis, Jeffrey Edwards, Kathryn Illo, Anne Flinn, Norman Rebel, Pam Poling, Bruce Bunning, Juanita Worthy, Joseph Rowan, Bob Sherlock, Michael Delissio, Morgan Kelly, Kristin Hurley, Lisa Baron, Barbara Dunn, Camille Smith, Stephen Schmitt, Manuel Pernas, Joseph Mulhern, Louise Billich, Ron Lyczak, Kimberly Shifflett, Paula Askin, Kayley Berezney, Ron Sabo, Maureen Layman, Alyson Long, Margaret Lane, Elizabeth Murphy, Vincent Lania, John Orio, Dick Uth, Alex Roggio, Sally DiBella, Maggie Lacovara, Brooke Conklin, Michael Josephs, Maryann Labow, Marion Zetts, James Zuratt, Riley Gardner, Andrew Lee, Nicholas J. Neary, Catherine Walsh, Leslie Brown, Martin Calpin, Joanne Marinelli, Alexander Jennings, Colleen Patton DeSantis, William Heslin, Carol Santos, Marguerite Fenimore, AJ Russo, Robert Rogers, John Stetomick, James Richards

PRAY
FOR OUR
TROOPS

GM3 David Lewis, USN, LTJG Kevin Hickey, Ensign Sean Hickey, Lt. William G. Hock, USAF; Private John R. Anderson, USA; C2C Kyle Brandt, USAF; Captain Matthew Sturgis, USA; Spc. Nicholas Graham; 2nd Lt. Erin Rademaker, USA; 1st LT Katherine Collins, USA; Ensign Jeremy Griffin, USN; Pvt. Nicholas Lawrence, USA;

Thank you for your service to our country.

Faith in our Future Parishioner Survey

Handing on the message of the Gospel is at the core of our mission as Catholics. To strengthen and continue this mission, parishes in the Diocese of Trenton will be undertaking an evaluation process entitled, "Faith in our Future," in an effort find ways to meet some of the important challenges we face today, including the shortage of priests, limited resources, reduced number of facilities, et al. We will be responding with recommendations and new opportunities to meet these challenges, such as incorporating venues for new evangelization, realigning our priestly leadership, uncovering new resources, to name a few, so that we can better share the Gospel in ways that will benefit Catholics for generations to come.

To this end, Father Dan has appointed a task force of nine parishioners who have the pulse of St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church and School. They are: Elaine Barbagiovanni, Debbi Borie-Holtz, Marta DeGisi, Stella Dunn, Jim Dwyer, Pat Kiernan, Millie Linnett and Nancy Sanson, Marylynn Skahan.

The task force has completed an evaluation of St. Mary of the Lakes in the following areas:

- Sacramental Life of the Parish
- Evangelization, Catechesis, and Catholic Schools
- Communal Life
- Leadership and Stewardship

Beginning this weekend, parishioners will have an opportunity to complete a survey and provide input in the same areas. The survey will be available on the homepage of our parish website (www.smlparish.org) or it will be available in hard copy located in the pews at today's Mass. It only takes five minutes to fill out, so you can return hard copies to the ballot boxes at the church entrances.

Surveys filed electronically will automatically be returned to an independent research firm for compilation.

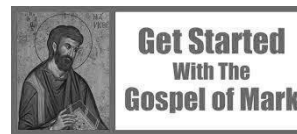
Please be sure that each survey is filled out by only one person (i.e., not one per household) and can be filled out by anyone over the age of 18, regardless of number of adults per household.

Note: if your email address is on file with the parish, you will receive an email invitation to take the survey the morning of February 8th, but you may choose any of the formats noted to complete/return the survey.

All responses are confidential and will not be made public. Results are being collected and summarized by an independent certified research firm.

Once the survey results are in, we will enter into conversations with other area parishes and form "clusters," with the hope of making recommendations to the Bishop and a Diocesan Planning Commission, on which Father Dan has been asked to serve.

Intergenerational Scripture Study for the Confirmed: Passion and Resurrection



Father Dan will offer a four-week adult scripture study entitled, "Passion and Resurrection," on Monday, February 15, 22, 29 and March 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. This scripture study will take an in-depth look at the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark, with comparisons made to Matthew and Luke. Anyone who has been confirmed, i.e., teens and older, is welcome to attend. To register, call the parish office or sign the roster located at the Jackson Road entrance. Please BYOB (bring your own Bible) and \$3.00 to the first class to cover the cost of printed materials. If you need a Bible, New American Bibles will be sold for \$6.00 at the class.

Young Adult Ministry to Begin at St. Mary of the Lakes

Father Dan is interested in starting a Young Adult/Millennials Ministry at St. Mary of the Lakes for parishioners ages 25 to 35 years of age. The kick off and information meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. If you would like to participate, please plan to attend.

Return Old Palms

Please return old palms to the bins at the church door foyers. Remember to remove any wrapping (plastic or brown bags) or rubber bands before placing them in the bin.

Celebrating Catholic Scout Sunday

On this second annual Scout Sunday at St. Mary of the Lakes, 11 boys from Pack 108 and one girl will be honored with special Catholic scout awards for demonstrating the core scout value, Duty to God. Last year, 13 boys earned special awards, making Pack 108 one of the largest participants in the program sponsored by the Diocese and the Garden State Council, with a total of 23 awards.

Some of the services and activities in which Cub Scouts participated this year include writing letters and donating Halloween candy to troops overseas, donating toys to needy families (with assistance from the Medford Police Department), making lunches for the homeless in Philadelphia, creating St. Valentine and St. Patrick's Day cards, singing and praying with infirmed Sisters at the St. Katharine Drexel Shrine and helping with conservation cleanup projects.

For their service, the following are honored today with the 2016 Catholic Scout awards:

The Light of Christ Award

Noah Parrot, Joseph Tuzla, Christian Reveille, Paul Romano, Ryan Torchy, Charlie Ross,
Sean Alfaro

The Parulis Dei Award

Matthew Joyner, Art Wheeler

St. Katherine Drexel American Saints Patch

Giovanni Leonardo, Patrick Kearney,
Rebecca Sheffield

Cub Scout Pack 108 St. Mary of the Lakes is the chartered organization for Cub Scout Pack 108. A majority of these scout attend St. Mary of the Lakes School or the PREP program.

Memorial Opportunity

Father Dan is ordering a purple cope and humeral veil to be worn during Stations of the Cross and Benediction this Lenten Season. He would like to offer this as a memorial opportunity for an offering of \$1,000.00. Memorial information can be sewn into the cope. If interested, contact the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110.

From the Pastor's Desk Annual Catholic Appeal 2016



Next weekend is Pledge Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) throughout the Diocese of Trenton. Each year, the Bishop seeks the support of all members of the diocese to further the work of our ministries, especially in poor parishes and those still suffering the effects of Hurricane Sandy. Each of us has a vital part in all we do in Christ's name, and each of us can share in all we do with a gift to the ACA. The ACA gives us the opportunity to support the Church beyond St. Mary of the Lakes.

This year, St. Mary of the Lakes' goal is \$136,900. As in past years, 15 percent of the goal, or \$20,940, will be returned to St. Mary of the Lakes in the form of a parish rebate. Once we surpass our goal, 50 percent of all gifts will be returned to the parish.

There is also the additional incentive to receive an even greater rebate. If we can increase our participation by 10 percent, or 53 gifts, we will receive an additional \$6,980. Thank you in advance for making a gift to this year's ACA!

The Best Lent Ever

Don't give up chocolate this Lent, advises the DynamicCatholic team, who asks, "Have you ever had a memorable Lent? Have you ever had a life-changing Lent?" DynamicCatholic invites you to join Matthew Kelly and thousands across the country for "Best Lent Ever." Based on Kelly's new bestseller, *Rediscover Jesus*, this free email program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus--and yourself--in a deeply personal way. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent.

Parishioners Can Donate Altar Flowers, Make Prayer Requests

Beginning April 3rd, the Sunday after Easter, parishioners have the opportunity to donate \$130 for flowers on the altar to honor a loved one or to make a special prayer request. If you would like to adorn the altar after Easter, contact the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext.110.

Help Society of St. Vincent de Paul Bring Comfort to the Poor

In today's Gospel, the Disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We, too, are called to follow Jesus, who tells us that, "Whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Please take a bag today as you exit the church, fill it with the following foods we are in special need of and bring it to Mass next weekend: Tuna fish, jars of spaghetti sauce, potato flakes, meals in a can, e.g., SpaghettiOs, pasta and macaroni and cheese. Your donation can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in doubt and loneliness.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at (609) 953-0021 for help.

Bingo in Burlington

St. Paul School Bingo (250 James Street, Burlington) resumes Sunday, February 14th in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. and continues every Sunday evening. Bring friends, have fun, and maybe even win a few dollars! In addition to 12 games included in \$5.00 admission, there are four pay-to-play special games, including a progressive jackpot. February admission includes coupon for free hamburger/hotdog. Participants must be 18 years or older to play. Call Holly (609) 760-7502 or Matt (609) 744-9805 for information.

PREP Sacrament Update

Second graders will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on February 13th and 20th. Please remember them in your prayers.

Confirmation will be celebrated Wednesday, April 20th. Please pray for our eighth graders as they approach this milestone in their journey of faith.

Anointing of the Sick

If for any reason you would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please see either Father Dan or Father Carlos after Mass.

The Bear's Den

The Bear's Den hosts its monthly meeting on Friday, February 12th in the Emmaus Center from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a social evening for adults, 18 years and older, who have special needs and are living at home. This month, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with games, arts and crafts, and some extras. If anyone would like to join please call Pat at (609) 388-4445.

Bereavement Support Group

Our Bereavement Support Group will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for seven weeks beginning Tuesday, February 9th and ending Tuesday, March 22nd. Meetings will be held in the parish meeting room at St. Mary of the Lakes School. If interested, call the parish office at (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110.

Parish Nursing Foundation

Registered nurses interested in being certified in parish (faith community) nursing can take the course at the Diocesan Chancery in April. Faith community nurses focus on the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the parish community.

The St. Francis Medical Center is launching a training program for registered nurses who maintain an active New Jersey State License and are willing to provide spiritual care for members of a parish. This 38-hour course is based on the standardized core curriculum developed through the International Parish Nurse Resource Center. The course is given at the Diocese of Trenton, Pastoral Center, and 701 Lawrenceville Road in Trenton on Saturday, April 2, April 9, April 16, and April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.. You must register by March 17th.

Registration fee: \$350 per person payable to St. Francis Medical Center; includes continental breakfast, lunch. Contact Mary Jo Abbondanza, St. Francis Medical Center (609) 599-5282 or mabbondanza@stfrancismedical.org

Rosary Prayer Groups

Weekdays & Sat. after the 7:15 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Masses & Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Health Ministry Tips: Women and Heart Disease

It's worth remembering that heart disease is the leading cause of death for African American and Caucasian women in the U.S. In 2009, the disease took almost 300,000, or one in every four females. Here are some additional points to remember:

Heart disease isn't a "man's disease" as some people think. In fact, men and women die of the disease in almost equal number each year. Despite increase in awareness over the past decade, only 54 percent of women know that heart disease is their No. 1 killer.

Among Hispanic women, heart disease and cancer cause roughly the same number of deaths each year. For American Indian or Alaska Native and Asian or Pacific Islander women, heart disease is second only to cancer.

About 5.8 percent of all white women, 7.6 percent of African American women, and 5.6 percent of Mexican American women have coronary heart disease.

Almost **two-thirds** (64 percent) of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have **no prior symptoms**, so even if you have no symptoms, you may still be at risk.

Symptoms: while some women have no symptoms, others experience angina (dull, heavy-to-sharp chest pain or discomfort), pain in neck/jaw/throat or in upper abdomen or back. This may occur during rest, begin during physical activity, or triggered by mental stress.

Women are more likely to describe chest pain that is sharp, burning and more frequently have pain in the neck, jaw, throat, abdomen or back. Sometimes heart disease may be silent and not diagnosed until one experiences signs/symptoms of a heart attack, heart failure, arrhythmia or stroke.

Risk Factors: high blood pressure, high LDL cholesterol, and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. About half of Americans (49 percent) have at least one of these three risk factors.

Other medical conditions/lifestyle choices such as diabetes, overweight/obesity, poor diet, physical inactivity, excessive alcohol use and smoking can also raise the risk.

Screening: To reduce your chances of getting heart disease it's important that you:

- Know/regularly check your blood pressure,
- Be tested for diabetes
- Quit smoking
- Make healthful food choices
- Limit alcohol intake to one drink a day
- Lower your stress level, find healthful ways to cope with stress

Benefit Concert for Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Laudate Chorale, under the direction of Stephen Lucasi, will present a concert for the benefit of our chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 42 West Main Street, Moorestown. The Chorale is comprised of up to 60 singers from South Jersey who have come together to give back to the community, and specialize in traditional Catholic Church and American Spirituals/Gospel music and classic show tunes. Most are seasoned choir singers with a passion for making music, making this an event the whole family—and friends--will not want to miss. A free-will offering will be accepted, with 100 percent of the proceeds directly benefitting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Daughters Day of Reflection

The Daughters of St. Therese begins Lenten reflection on Thursday, February 18, beginning with 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by recitation of the Rosary and light refreshments in the Emmaus Center, where Sister Marcy Springer of Francis House will speak about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, how it relates to our lives, and enriches our Lenten journey. Let us use this day to refresh and reset our own spirits, with Sister Marcy guiding the steps of our renewal. Remember to bring a bag lunch.

Memorial Opportunity

Four small votive candle stands in the chapel area for \$1,000 each. There are two on each side. Items can be memorialized. If interested, contact Phil Mitchell at 609-714-0663 or phil_madeline@msn.com

Rosary Prayer Groups

Weekdays, after the 7:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses, Saturdays after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Contemporary Music Group

The Contemporary Music Group, *Redemption*, will sing at three 6:00 p.m. Masses each month. If you'd like to sing with the group, call Sister Regina, 609-654-8208, Ext. 119.

Shoebox Recycling Program

A message from the Environmental Awareness Committee: did you know you can recycle your gently used shoes through ShoeBox Recycling (SoleMate)? The shoes are sent to the needy in countries that have requested them, giving jobs to people and keeping materials out of the landfill. Drop off good, used shoes at Vaughan Hall in Medford Lakes (Colony Club office in rear of building). Proceeds from the collection will benefit our parish ministries. For information on our Ministry, call (609) 668-1673 or visit smlparish.org.

Receiving Low Gluten Host

If you have Celiac disease and would prefer to receive a low gluten host, please go to the railing by the Tabernacle at the end of Holy Communion and identify yourself. The priest, deacon or Eucharistic minister of Holy Communion will give you a consecrated low gluten host at that time.

Attention Men!

The 19th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 27th at Saint Mary's parish in Middletown from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and features holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell. Men, come join other Catholic men from across the Trenton Diocese for inspiring talks based on the theme, "Merciful Like the Father".

Ken Clemens, NFL quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, Catholic Radio host Peter Herbeck, and entrepreneur/author Brian Gail will be guest speakers. Includes music, Catholic vendors, and sharing fellowship with men who want to grow in faith. A youth breakout session for young men from 8th grade to college age also will be offered. Cost: \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door), students, \$10. Breakfast, lunch included. Register online at www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org or send name(s), check, SASE to Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067

World Marriage Day Dinner

Dinner/Dance will be held Saturday, February 13th at St. Pius X Forked River Parish from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$75.00 per couple. For more info, visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/worldmarriageday.

Paul VI High School presents *Footloose*

Paul VI High School presents the Broadway musical *Footloose* on February 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each for general admission, and can be reserved by emailing nestrella@pvihs.org. More information is available at www.pvihs.org.

Footloose Dinner Theater at Paul VI: meet cast, crew at a dinner theater production Saturday, February 20th. Admission includes dinner buffet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a reserved seat for Saturday evening performance at 7:30. Tickets are \$25 for adults/\$13 for children 10 and under. For reservations, email kristin.king25@gmail.com.

Paul VI Alumni Night: Alumni are invited to visit their alma mater for the February 26th 7:30 p.m. performance. General admission ticket prices of \$12 include seating in the beautiful Paul VI theater and a complimentary wine and cheese held before the show from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Mary Anne Yeager at myeager@pvihs.org for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Calling all encountered couples to a Community Enrichment Weekend with a dialogue, Our Story Through the Years, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, game time and Dancing, March 18th to 20th at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. Contact John/Theresa Garrity (609) 226-6318 or johntheresag@comcast.net.

Camden Catholic High School

Class of 2020 Freshman Registration: Saturday, February 20th at 8 a.m. in the Pisa Dining Hall.

Irish Party: Saturday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Pisa Dining Hall. Features live music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, beer/wine, Irish whiskey tasting, raffles, wine pull, 50/50 tickets. \$40 single, \$75 couple. Age 21 and over. Email noemi.merenyi@camdenccatholic.org.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th Grade Students: now being scheduled through 2016. Call Janet Indelicato at (856) 663-2247, Ext. 136 or janet.indelicato@camdenccatholic.org.

St. John Neumann Church Annual Day of Recollection

Divine Mercy, the Power of The Holy Spirit, Forgiveness/Healing and Wisdom: St. John Neumann, Saturday, February 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Special Youth Track added this year! Come experience/learn about Divine Mercy, forgiveness, healing, gifts of The Holy Spirit. Guest Speakers include Kathleen McCarthy, author/host, *In His Sign* on Catholic Radio and Maria Richardson, Youth Congress Director for World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia 2015. Donation of \$15 with Continental Breakfast included. Bring bag lunch. Contact Maria Arvonio, (609) 410-4126, maria.arvonio@yahoo.com, or Maria Novack (215) 490-5709, osprey192@gmail.com.

Holy Eucharist Seeks Director of Music Ministry

Holy Eucharist Parish, a Tabernacle parish with almost 2400 families, is seeking a full-time Director of Music Ministry. Responsibilities include planning liturgies and music, selection, training and oversight of cantors, coordinating and conducting parish choirs including adult and children (youth) choirs, and accompaniment (keyboard, guitar, drums, flute, etc.) development and facilitation of active participation by the congregation in the liturgies and participation in faith formation events.

Qualifications include:

- Knowledge of Catholic/contemporary music across liturgical spectrum
- Organizational, computer, and leadership skills. Ability to work collaboratively with pastor/parish staff, and volunteers to achieve common ministerial goals.

Submit resume/letter of interest to mwarner@holyeucharist.org by February 11th.

Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center, Rancocas
Opening The Door: An Ash Wednesday retreat, February 10th, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Using the age-old image of the open door, we enter into this holy season with expectation of God's mercy and grace. Liturgy is included with reception of ashes. A \$25 donation includes lunch/book. Call (609) 877-0509 to register.

Pre-Need Cemetery Planning

The Catholic Church recognizes the many emotions that family members experience when facing the death of a loved one. Surrounded by family and friends, accompanied by the prayers and sacraments of the Church, the time of death can be a graced moment when faith and family bonds are strengthened. With this foundational understanding, the Church encourages communication among family members well in advance of the need to make funeral and cemetery arrangements. Those with responsibility for Catholic cemeteries uniformly encourage all families to consider the purchase of grave, crypt, or niche spaces in advance of need. This pre-planning assures that the time surrounding death can be devoted to family members supporting one another and the proper planning of the liturgical rites that will celebrate the deceased's movement to eternal life. Contacting the cemetery begins the flow of information about burial alternatives, associated costs, and payment options. Our diocesan cemetery, Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery, stands ready to help guide you through this process. For information, contact Deacon Ed Heffernan (856) 317-6400/ deaconed@jesusbreadoflife.net.

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intentions:

Universal Prayer Intention: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Intention for Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Update

Tomorrow is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese girl who was enslaved at age seven. Named Bakhita or "Fortunate One" by her captor, she experienced the physical and moral humiliations of slavery. She was canonized in 2000 and is considered the patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray to St. Bakhita to protect children, especially those who are exploited for sex or labor. Visit sistersagainsttrafficking.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 7, 2016 to Sunday, February 14, 2016

Sunday, February 7	Masses Hoagie Pick-up RCIA Children's Church	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Church Starting after 9:00 a.m. Mass - Emmaus Center 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 10:30 a.m. – Emmaus Center
Monday, February 8	Mass RCIA	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. – Church 7:00 p.m. – Church
Tuesday, February 9	Mass Bereavement Support Group Young Adult Ministry	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. – Church 10:00 a.m. – Parish Meeting Room 6:45 p.m. – Emmaus Center
Wednesday, February 10	Mass Bible Study Legion Of Mary Ash Wednesday Glory to God Prayer Group Adult Choir Practice	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. – Church 10:15 a.m. – Emmaus Center 11:00 a.m. – Conference Room 7:30 p.m. - Church 7:30 p.m. – Emmaus Center 8:30 p.m. - Church
Thursday, February 11	Mass Adoration Prayer & Bible Study Children's Choir Practice Benediction Knights of Columbus Business Mtg	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. – Church 9:30 a.m. – Church 10:00 a.m. – Emmaus Center 3:30 p.m. – Parish Meeting Room 7:00 p.m. – Church 7:30 p.m. – Emmaus Center
Friday, February 12	Mass Confessions Bear's Den Stations of the Cross	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. – Church 9:30 a.m. – Church 7:00 p.m. – Emmaus Center 7:30 p.m. - Church
Saturday, February 13	Mass First Reconciliation Confessions	9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. – Church 10:00 a.m. – Church 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Church
Sunday, February 14	Masses Community Sunday Children's Church	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. – Church After 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses 10:30 a.m. – Conference Room