



February 21, 2016

# St. Mary of the Lakes

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

We Make Disciples

40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055



### Parish 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 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 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](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org)  
 Reverend Carlos A. Florez, Parochial Vicar, [cflorez@smlparish.org](mailto:cflorez@smlparish.org)  
 Deacon Ken Motylinski  
 Deacon Timothy R. Collins  
 Susan B. Kraemer, Business Administrator  
 Christine Brandt, Pastoral Associate  
 Jean E. Hoover, School Principal  
 MaryPat Scordato, Director of Religious Education  
 Sister Regina McCalla, SSJ, Liturgy/Music Coordinator  
 Linda Xerri, Parish Youth Minister  
 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](mailto:email@smlparish.org)  
 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/smlparish](http://www.facebook.com/smlparish)  
 School website: <http://www.smlschool.org>  
 Knights of Columbus: <http://www.Medfordknights.org>

#### LOCATION, TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Office	40 Jackson Rd.	654-8208 Ext.110
Parish Health Ministry		654-8208 Ext.610
St. Mary of the Lakes School	196 Route 70	654-2546 Ext.210
Parish Religious Education	196 Route 70	654-2546 Ext.310
Parish Youth Minister	196 Route 70	654-2546 Ext.311
St. Vincent de Paul	Jones Rd	953-0021



### School Website

#### 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](http://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. Call the parish office (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110 as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Congratulations to our engaged couples. 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, 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.

## Second Sunday of Lent

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 21</b>
7:30 a.m.	Eileen Oyen—Maureen Nulty & Family
9:00 a.m.	Paul Zetts, Sr.—Elaine & John Barbagiovanni
10:30 a.m.	Ruth Jones—M/M H. Riley & M/M E. Abrams Frank A. Buccialia Sr.—John Cacase
12:00 p.m.	Geraldine Costello—Swift-Papp Family
6:00 p.m.	For Our Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 22</b>
7:15 a.m.	Mary McLaughlin—Father Dan
9:00 a.m.	Megan Clare O'Brien—Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 23</b>
7:15 a.m.	Ann Stone—Richard Cirelli
9:00 a.m.	John Odorisio—Larry Zimmer Alice Sweeney—Jack and Lisa Faricelli
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
7:15 a.m.	Patrick King—Environmental Awareness Ministry
9:00 a.m.	Nieves de Medrano—Olga Begley Marie Holloway—Peter & Geraldine Schneiders
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 25</b>
7:15 a.m.	Ryan Lazovitz—Stoughton Family
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Dodd—The Stecklers Margarida Viana—A friend
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 26</b>
7:15 a.m.	Helen D. Kesty Rosinski—Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of SML Catholic Church and School
9:00 a.m.	Genevieve Bauer—Bill & Paula Askin Neal H. O'Doherty—Ken and Barbara Spruge
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 27</b>
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Dodd—M/M Angermeier Ryan Lazovitz—McBride Family
5:30 p.m.	Herb Lorenz—His Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
7:30 a.m.	For Our Parishioners
9:00 a.m.	Judy Hays—The Conklin Family
10:30 a.m.	Frank and Marie Buccialia—Elmer Marguente and Al Jonathan Morse—Chris & Tricia Heiser
12:00 p.m.	Walter Freas—Mike & Cathy Alessi
6:00 p.m.	Virginia Grassi—Bob & Theresa Lewis

#### Stewardship

February 14, 2016

1st Collection : \$ 25,817.05

2nd Collection : \$ 4,221.07

## Baptisms

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

## Wedding Bans

### First Announcement

*Lacy Barnes and Michael Passarella*

Please pray for the soul of  
Arthur Costello  
and keep his family in your prayers.

## **Pray for the Sick**

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:**  
Patricia Thomas, Don Raman, Louis Tedeski, Kathryn Zaleski, Jean Boehm, Colin Yearly, Joanne Kojeski, Evelyn Doherty, Cathryn Roberts, Jennifer Kenderdine, Frank Parker, Florence DeRenzis, Jeffrey Edwards, Anne Flinn, Norman Rebel, Pam Poling, Bruce Bunning, Joseph Rowan, Bob Sherlock, Morgan Kelly, Kristin Hurley, Camille Smith, Stephen Schmitt, Manuel Pernas, Ron Lyczak, Kimberly Shifflett, Ron Sabo, Maureen Layman, Alyson Long, Margaret Lane, Elizabeth Murphy, John Orio, Dick Uth, Alex Roggio, Brooke Conklin, Michael Josephs, Marion Zetts, James Zuratt, Reily Gardner, Andrew Lee, Leslie Brown, Joanne Marinelli, Alexander Jennings, Colleen Patton DeSantis, Carol Santos, Marguerite Fenimore, AJ Russo.

## PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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

*Thank you for your service to our country.*

## **Easter Children's Mass**

Children are needed for the Children's Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. The rehearsal will be on Friday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m. in Church. If interested please sign the roster in the Jackson Rd. Entrance. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available.

## **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Easter Gifting**

Lent is not just a call to "give up something" but it's also just as important to "give something to the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, poor families are within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing *your* doorbell. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's annual Easter Gifting Program takes place on March 18, 19, and 20.

However, we are in need of the following donations by Sunday, March 13: canned vegetables, yams, sweet potatoes, canned fruit, potato flakes, stuffing, chocolate bunnies, Easter basket grass, jelly beans, egg coloring kits, Peeps, assorted Easter candy and small stuffed animals (Beanie Baby size). Donations can be placed in the containers in the church or delivered to the Msgr. James H. Dubell Caring Center on Jones Road. Your donations will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. God bless you for your support.

## **Parishioners Can Donate Altar Flowers, Make Prayer Requests**

Beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## **Faith in Our Future Survey**

All surveys have been collected as of February 15th. Once results of the survey 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.

## **New IHN Ministry Leaders: Marie and Bill Cox**

We're happy to announce that long-time parishioners Marie and Bill Cox will be the new leaders of our Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN).

Marie, who is Director of Human Resources at Medford Leas, has participated in a number of ministries and projects during her 20+ years as a member of the parish, including serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Renew Program facilitator, Landings Program facilitator, Parish Registration team member and most recently, with her granddaughter, in the IHN ministry. Bill spent 11 years as a Basketball Coach at St. Mary of the Lakes School, from where both their children graduated. He currently works as Regional Sales Manager for Golf Car Specialties.

Marie and husband Bill will be working alongside current leaders Phyllis and Jerry Grever during the next visit in April, as a way of transitioning into their new roles in May. When asked why she decided to step up to fill Jerry's shoes, she replied, "God asked me to." There's no better direction than that! When Bill was asked, he said, "I've had lots of chances to donate and contribute, but this is the first chance I've had to actually meet the people in need."

*The parish is more than grateful to Phyllis and Jerry for the outstanding and compassionate service they have given the parish and the homeless and needy during their 17-year leadership. We wish them great blessings in the years ahead!*

## **The Best Lent Ever**

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 takes you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus--and yourself--in a deeply personal way. Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent).

## **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.

## **We Welcome Candace Corrado to our Parish Office Staff**

Please welcome Candace Corrado, our new full-time parish office administrative assistant. In her new position, she will be responsible for performing a wide range of administrative and office support activities for the parish office as well as daily interactions with our parishioners. Candace has extensive administrative experience in the corporate world and with small businesses. She holds an AAS degree from Berkeley College of Business, West Paterson, New Jersey, has two teenage sons and has been a member of our parish for many years.

## **Thanks, Everyone, for a Great Hoagie Sale!**

Y.E.S. would like to thank all those who generously supported the annual Super Bowl Sunday hoagie sale. 50 teens arrived bright and early to make 200 pre-sold orders and an additional 200 which were then sold after the masses. The sale raised approximately \$1800 which will be given to Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake during the group's annual June service trip to Baltimore. Y.E.S. would also like to thank George Finan and Frank Babinchock, our parish Knights of Columbus volunteers who arrived early to help with set-up and preparations and to the parent volunteers, Lisa Larzelere, Pat Di Mona and Cheryl Sherlock, who pitched in to help out! Last but not least, we thank all of the parishioners who purchased hoagies or made a donation!

## **Calling all Knights of Columbus**

St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520 is hosting its second annual all-member meeting in the Emmaus Center on Sunday, February 21st after the 12:00 p.m. Mass. Lunch follows the 45-minute meeting.

Please make every effort to attend to discuss ongoing council activities and the many ways you can make a difference in our parish and community informed by the four core principles of the Knights: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

Regular business meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Social meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, same time, same place, unless otherwise indicated. *Vivat Jesus!*

## **Intergenerational Scripture Study for the Confirmed:**

### ***Passion and Resurrection***

Father Dan continues his intergenerational scripture study entitled, "Passion and Resurrection," on Monday, February 22 (with classes following on February 29 and March 7) from 7:00 p.m. – 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. 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.

## **Bereavement Support Group**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through March 22nd. Meetings are held in Fr Carlos' office in the Rectory. If interested, call the parish office (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110.

## **PREP Sacrament Update**

Second graders made the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Please remember them in your prayers.

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

## **Calling All Prayer Shawl Makers (And Those Who May Want to Join)**

The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting is on Tuesday, March 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. Join us in sharing ideas and discussing our ministry over coffee and light refreshments. Consider becoming part of our ministry by knitting or crocheting a shawl while praying in the privacy of your own home. Thank you also for any yarn donations you can provide. Contact: Rosemary Peters, (856) 574-4098.

## **Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 Update**



Thank you to everyone who made their pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. It will take the Diocese several weeks to tally all pledges from all the parishes.

As Father Dan stated in his homily on Appeal Weekend, within the Annual Catholic Appeal is the opportunity for a parish rebate. Fifteen percent of all monies raised up to goal will be returned to St. Mary of the Lakes (SML), and 50 percent of all money raised over goal is returned to the parish. When we reach our parish goal of \$139,600, SML will receive a rebate of \$21,000. Over goal, SML will receive 50 percent of all gifts. In addition, if we can increase our participation by 10 percent or 53 families, we will receive an additional \$7,000. So if you have never given to the appeal, please consider making a gift. Pledge forms are available at the doors of the Church or make your gift on line at <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal/>.

### **Ministry of Catechesis, Lay Formation, and Evangelization**

Each parish and Catholic school is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 50,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. About 300 adults are brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese each year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning.

These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith. These programs along with our website, radio and TV, social media and The Monitor reach out to 830,000 Catholics yearly.

### **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](mailto:phil_madeline@msn.com)

## **NEW READER INSTALLATION**

Ten parishioners have volunteered for the ministry of reader and following their training will be installed by Father Dan this Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are grateful for their service.

Pam Bennington, Abigail Loughlin, Kevin Bishop, Rosemarie Loughlin, Georgiana Francisco, Ed Mayer, Nicole Fox, Ellen Walsh, Ralph Gallo, Maureen Yanak.

### **Knights of Columbus Bowling League**

After the huge success of the inaugural Fall bowling league, the parish Knights of Columbus Council 6520 is forming a Spring bowling league for men/women at Medford Lanes, 665 Stokes Road, Medford, on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., from March 16 through May 18. Membership is \$15 per person, per week, and includes three games, shoe rental, and an end-of-season social. We hope you'll join us for an enjoyable way to socialize with fellow parishioners. To register or for information, contact Bill Mazzio, [williammazzio@yahoo.com](mailto:williammazzio@yahoo.com) or (609) 458-0704 or Bob Bradshaw at (609) 654-7125/[nannypopb@verizon.net](mailto:nannypopb@verizon.net).

### **A Reminder About Snow or Other Event Mass Cancellations**

*If the Governor declares a state of emergency, daily Mass/es will always be cancelled.* If there has been a snowstorm, please call the parish office and the recording will state whether or not Mass will be offered. If the parking lot and walks have yet to be cleared, Mass would be cancelled so no one will slip and get hurt.

*Additionally, St. Mary of the Lakes Parish Office will follow the snow schedule of St. Mary of the Lakes School.* If the school is closed or has a delayed opening, the parish office will be closed or have a delayed opening.

### **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.

## **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 Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 42 West Main Street, Moorestown. Performance specializes in Church, American Spirituals/Gospel music and classic show tunes. A free-will offering will be accepted, with all proceeds benefitting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

## **Our New Mission Statement: We Make Disciples**

The Parish Pastoral Council has been praying about, and discerning, a mission statement that captures and provides direction for all that we do at St. Mary of the Lakes, and one that is easy to remember. Our new mission statement, *We Make Disciples*, is taken from Our Blessed Lord's Great Commissions in Matthew 28:19, and says it all succinctly!

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 think. In fact, men *and* women die of the disease in almost equal number each year. Despite increase in awareness, only 54 percent of women know that heart disease is their No. 1 killer.

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.

To reduce risk of 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 stress levels and find healthful ways to cope with stress.

## **Attention Men!**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Saint Mary's parish, Middletown, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with 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."

Guest speakers include Ken Clemens, NFL quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, Catholic Radio host Peter Herbeck, and entrepreneur/author Brian Gail. Includes music, Catholic vendors, and sharing fellowship with men who want to grow in faith. There will also be a youth breakout session for young men from eighth grade to college age. The cost is \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door), students, \$10; includes breakfast and lunch. To register, visit [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org) or send name(s), check, SASE to Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, PO Box 816, Morrisville, PA 19067.

## **Annulment Information Sessions**

For many, the process of marriage annulment is mysterious and often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In an effort to dispel these misconceptions, the Diocese is sponsoring annual Annulment Information Sessions in parishes in each of its counties. For additional information, call (609) 406-7434 or email [rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rmoore@dioceseoftrenton.org). There will be a session in Burlington County at Jesus the Good Shepherd in Riverside on Thursday, March 3rd, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **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.

## **Help with Heating/Gas Bills**

Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills. Applications will be accepted until **April 30, 2016**. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill, but are not eligible for low income programs, moderate income programs, such as the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 or visit [pseg.com/help](http://pseg.com/help) or [pseg.com/auda](http://pseg.com/auda) (Spanish).

## **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking Update**

February 8 was the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a Sudanese girl who was enslaved at the age of 7 and named Bakhita, "Fortunate One", by her captor. She experienced the physical and moral humiliations of slavery. St. Bakhita, canonized in 2000, 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. For prayer resources, visit: [sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org). Ending Slavery is everyone's work.

## **St. Andrew the Apostle Lenten Reflection Experience**

Join St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Gibbsboro, NJ for a Lenten Reflection Experience on March 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Msgr. Nicholas Amato, a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore where he has served over 20 years as pastor, will conduct the service. Monsignor is an adjunct faculty member of Shalem Institute and is on the spiritual formation team at St. Luke's in Silver Spring, Md. We invite you to learn how to pray in the way Theresa of Avila, John of the Cross and Thomas Merton did as he guides us through "Prayer That Makes a Difference." Cost \$20.00 and includes breakfast, hot lunch, and three sessions presented by Msgr. Amato. Call Sister Alma (856) 784-8019 for more information.

## **Diocesan Event to Celebrate Jubilee Year of Mercy**

On March 19th, there will be an event to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Preaching, confessions, procession with the Blessed Sacrament and prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and plenary indulgence by Bishop David O'Connell. The celebration will take place at St. Joseph Parish in Toms River from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be speakers both in English and Spanish: Msgr. Sam Sirianni and Fr. Mick Lambeth for English and Fr. Carlos Aguirre and Rev. René Pulgarin for Spanish.

Come and let the Mercy of the Father embrace you! "...We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now is found" Luke 15:32.

Child care will be provided. Cost for Lunch: \$10. To participate, register with Sandra López at (609) 403-7138 or at our parish office.

## **Parish Nursing Foundation**

Registered nurses interested in being certified in parish 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.

St. Francis Medical Center is launching a training program for RNs 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, at 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.. Register by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee of \$350 per person includes continental breakfast/lunch. Contact Mary Jo Abbondanza, (609) 599-5282 or [mabbondanza@stfrancismedical.org](mailto:mabbondanza@stfrancismedical.org).

## **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH**

1603 Marne Highway  
Hainesport, New Jersey

### **PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

PRESENTED BY  
FATHER MICHAEL SULLIVAN, OSA

The Mission begins Sunday, March 13th  
at 7:00 p.m.

March 14th through 16th  
after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m.

## **Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**

Personal Retreat Day, Wednesday March 2, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation \$10—\$40 with spiritual direction. To register, call (609) 877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)

## **Bingo in Burlington**



St. Paul School Bingo (250 James Street, Burlington) has resumed in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. 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 and 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.

## **Practice test for seventh graders at Merion Mercy**

Merion Mercy will be administering a practice high school placement test (HSPT) for seventh graders on February 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with lunch included. Registration can be completed at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com). The fee is \$35.00. There will also be an extensive tour for parents that will take place during the testing.



## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 21, 2016 to Sunday, February 28, 2016

Sunday, February 21	Masses  Children's Church  K of C Annual General Meeting  YES Sr. Meeting	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church  10:30 a.m.—Conference Room  1:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center  7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Monday, February 22	Masses  Contemporary Music Group  RCIA  Lenten Scripture Study	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church  7:00 p.m.—Church  7:00 p.m.—Conference Room  7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Tuesday, February 23	Masses  Bereavement Support Group  Parish Finance Council	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church  10:00 a.m.—Fr. Carlos' Office—Parish Office  7:00 p.m.—Rectory Dining Room
Wednesday, February 24	Masses  Bible Study  Legion of Mary  Adult Choir Practice  Glory to God Prayer Group	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
Thursday, February 25	Masses  Adoration  Prayer & Bible Study  Children's Choir Practice  Benediction  K of C Social 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 26	Masses  Confessions  K of C Stations of the Cross	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church  9:30 a.m.—Church  7:30 p.m.—Church
Saturday, February 27	Masses  Baptism Preparation Program  Confessions	9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.—Church  10:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center  4:30 p.m.—Church
Sunday, February 28	Masses  Children's Church	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.—Church  10:30 a.m.—Church