



February 28, 2016

# St. Mary of the Lakes

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

We Make Disciples

40 Jackson Road, Medford, New Jersey 08055



Parish Website



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 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  
 William P. Kiernan, 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

### 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.

## Third Sunday of Lent

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday February 28

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, Marguerite and Al  
Jonathan Morse—Chris and Tricia Heiser  
12:00 p.m. Walter Freas—Mike and Cathy Alessi  
6:00 p.m. Virginia Grassi—Bob and Theresa Lewis

#### Monday February 29

7:15 a.m. Margaret Bramble—The Cirelli Family  
9:00 a.m. Ray Aub—John and Elaine Barbagiovanni

#### Tuesday March 1

7:15 a.m. Augie DeVito—Rev. Daniel F. Swift  
9:00 a.m. William Bielec—Wife, Clara

#### Wednesday March 2

7:15 a.m. Helen D. Kesty Rosinski—Environmental  
Awareness Committee  
9:00 a.m. Raymond Aub—Joan Bryan  
Patrick King—Jennifer Gentleman Rose

#### Thursday March 3

7:15 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. Gene and Jean Kelly—Pat Mensel  
Charles McCarrick—His Family

#### Friday March 4

7:15 a.m. Helen D. Kesty Rosinski—Mary Ann and Rita  
Toscano  
9:00 a.m. Mary Quigley—Nina, Ronnie, Thea, Teresa and  
SMLS  
Dolores Shields—Bill and Mary Heslin

#### Saturday March 5

9:00 a.m. Marie and Thomas Pipitone—Rita, daughter  
5:30 p.m. Leonard Talarico—The Xerri Family

#### Sunday March 6

7:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
9:00 a.m. Henry R. Kane—The Sudeck Family  
10:30 a.m. Frank and Marie Buccialia—Elmer, Marguerite,  
and Al  
Charles T. Feudtner—The Welsh Family  
12:00 p.m. Jack Robert Ulyot—Family  
6:00 p.m. Glenn P. Nazarok—Ron and Lisa Conklin

#### Stewardship

February 21, 2016

1st Collection : \$ 27,458.57

2nd Collection : \$ 3,575.82

## 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, April 9th , at 10:00 a.m. in the Emmaus Center.

## Wedding Bans

### Second Announcement

*Lacy Barnes and Michael Passarella*

Please pray for the soul of  
**Mary Doherty, Marion Zetts and Joan Holmes**  
and keep their 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:**

Robert Rogers, Patricia Nutz, 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, 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.**

## **Children's Mass on Easter Sunday**

Children are needed for the 10:30 a.m. Children's Easter Sunday Mass. Rehearsal is on Friday, March 18th at 4:00 p.m. in the church. Sign the roster at the Jackson Road entrance if you would like to participate. Speaking/non-speaking parts 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.

Right now, however, we need 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.

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

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

Father Dan continues his intergenerational scripture study entitled, "Passion and Resurrection," on Monday, February 29 (with one more class following on March 7) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Join Father Dan as he takes 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) .

## **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 (609) 654-8208, Ext. 110.

## **A Plenary Indulgence during the Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis has granted that we may obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy. An indulgence is described as a remission of the temporal punishment from sins that are already forgiven. Venial sins are forgiven at every Mass through the penitential rite or reception of Holy Communion. Mortal sins are forgiven through the Sacrament of Confession. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment while a partial indulgence removes part of it.

To gain indulgences, either partial or plenary, it is necessary that the faithful:

- be in the state of grace (free from all sin);
- confess all mortal sins;
- receive Holy Eucharist;
- pray for the intentions of the Holy Father; and
- make a pilgrimage within 20 days to and pass through a Holy Door of Mercy.

In the Diocese of Trenton, there is a Holy Door of Mercy at the following churches:

Holy Cross, Rumson  
St. Aloysius, Jackson  
St. Barnabas, Bayville  
St. Catherine, North Middletown  
St. George, Titusville  
St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square  
St. Mary, Colts Neck  
St. Mary, Middletown  
St. Paul, Burlington  
St. Peter Church, Point Pleasant Beach  
St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold

Visit [www.dioceseoftrenton.org](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org) for dates/ times.

## **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.

## Parishioner of the Year



The Parish Pastoral Council, with the blessing of Father Dan, has named Philip Mitcheli as Parishioner of the Year.

Mr. Micheli and wife Madeline were recognized for their numerous contributions that have helped create a beautiful and holy atmosphere in the church and for their praise-worthy ability to reach out to others in need.

Mr. Mitcheli's many contributions, assistance, and support include being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Minister of Consolation, a sacristan, an altar server at funerals and for accepting the role of Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee. He also helps when extra ushers are needed, maintains our sound system and prayer candles, and is fondly known as the "washer of holy water fonts and keeper of all things plated."

In presenting the Parishioner of the Year Award to Mr. Mitcheli, Father Dan, on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, expressed everyone's fondest wishes and prayers for health, happiness, and a rich reward in Heaven.

## PREP Sacrament Update

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.

## 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.

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Jesus is clear in today's Gospel message: "Bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Your generous almsgiving in the Second Collection on March 5/6 will offer the poor the opportunity to celebrate God's love this Easter.

## Have You Ever Wondered What One Man Can Do?

Maybe the answer lies in joining the Knights of Columbus.

If you care about those in need, serving the parish, and growing your faith, consider joining the **Knights of Columbus Council 6520**. As a member, you will become part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world.

Medford's Knights of Columbus is involved in many charitable activities, from children's events to collecting food for those in need to parish maintenance. All the Knights' good works are informed by four core principles: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Whether you would want to participate in one event, e.g., our annual golf tournament, or be involved in many programs, your volunteer time is up to you. And, members attend meetings as their schedules allow.

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. Visit [www.medfordknights.org/membership.html](http://www.medfordknights.org/membership.html) for more information.

## Memorial Opportunity

Four small votive candle stands in the chapel area are available 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)

## Annual Catholic Appeal 2016 Update



Thank you to everyone who made a gift to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Our parish has already pledged 54 percent of our goal of \$139,600.00, or \$75,750.00. ACA pledge forms are at the doors of the Church for parishioners who have yet to make their gift.

Ministry to Families, Youth and Young Adults

These ministries strive to promote a Catholic understanding of life through faith formation at every stage of human living. They support you and your family, recognizing that your family is "holy, not because it is perfect, but because God's grace is at work in it, helping it to set out anew every day on the way to love." Your gift promotes individuals and families. Youth events and service opportunities, young adult gatherings, marriage and Baptism preparation and the ministry for separated and divorced persons are just a few additional services that are offered.

## 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. Come to bowl and/or socialize with fellow parishioners! To register or for information, contact Bill Mazzio, [williammazzio@yahoo.com](mailto:williammazzio@yahoo.com) / (609) 458-0704 or Bob Bradshaw at (609) 654-7125/[nannypopb@verizon.net](mailto:nannypopb@verizon.net).

## Area Lenten Penance Services



*And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:40-41*

*And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither knew they what to answer him.*

St. Mary of the Lakes March 14, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Joan of Arc March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
St. John Neumann March 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist March 19, 10:00 a.m.  
St. Isaac Jogues March 22, 7:30 p.m.

## Calling All Prayer Shawl Makers and Those Who May Want to Join



The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Emmaus Center. Come to share ideas and discuss our ministry over coffee and light refreshments. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, or if you want to learn how, consider joining The Prayer Shawl Ministry. We knit and crochet attractive shawls while praying in the privacy of our home, then offer them as a gift to the sick and/or infirm. Thank you also for any yarn donations you can provide. Contact Rosemary Peters, (856) 574-4098 or the parish office if you want a shawl for a loved one, friend, or someone you know is experiencing an illness, cancer treatment, or other conditions.



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



Long-time parishioners Marie and Bill Cox have accepted to lead our Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN).

Marie, who is Director of Human Resources at Medford Leas, has participated in many ministries and projects during her 20+ years as a parish member, including serving as Eucharistic Minister, a Renew Program and Landings Program facilitator, Parish Registration team member and, most recently, with her granddaughter, 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 Bill will be working with current leaders Phyllis and Jerry Grever during the April visit as a way of transitioning into their new roles in May.

When asked why she stepped into Jerry's shoes, Marie replied, "God asked me to." When Bill was asked, he said, "I've had lots of chances to donate and contribute, but this is my first chance to 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!*

### **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.

### **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.

## **March Health Tip from the Parish Health Ministry**

Since March is National Colorectal Cancer month, the Parish Health Ministry offers a few important myths and truths regarding this form of cancer.

**Myth:** Colorectal cancer is a man's disease.

**Truth:** Colorectal cancer is almost as common among women as men. Each year in the U.S., about 71,000 men and 64,000 women are diagnosed with colorectal cancer.

**Myth:** Colorectal cancer cannot be prevented.

**Truth:** In many cases colorectal cancer can be prevented. It almost always begins with a small growth called a polyp. If the polyp is found early, it can be removed – stopping colorectal cancer before it starts.

**Myth:** African Americans are not at risk for colorectal cancer.

**Truth:** African American men and women are diagnosed with and die from colorectal cancer at higher rates than men and women of any other racial or ethnic group.

**Myth:** Age doesn't matter when it comes to getting colorectal cancer.

**Truth:** Most colorectal cancers are found in those who are 50 and older.

**Myth:** It's better not to get tested for colorectal cancer because it's deadly anyway.

**Truth:** Colorectal cancer is often highly treatable. If found and treated early, the five-year relative survival rate is about 90 percent.

To find out if you are at an increased risk for colorectal cancer and what you can do to decrease those risks, or for early detection, contact your local Cancer Society.

### **Redemption Sings Three 6:00 p.m. Masses Each Month**

Our contemporary music group, *Redemption*, sings at 6:00 p.m. Mass three times a month. Redemption's songbook is available at Mass so that parishioners can learn the songs and sing along with the group. Anyone wanting to join, call Sister Regina, 609-654-8208, Ext. 119.



## **Hop Over to the Emmaus Center for Lunch with the Easter Bunny on March 20th!**

On Sunday, March 20, St. Mary of the Lakes Church and School will host Lunch with the Easter Bunny from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Center. Children with special needs and their parents are invited.

This fun-filled Easter celebration will feature a beautiful Easter Lunch, crafts, music, and an Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny himself!

For questions or to RSVP, contact Linda Xerri, our Youth Minister, at [lxerri@smlparish.org](mailto:lxerri@smlparish.org) or 609 654-2546, Ext. 111.



## **2016 Habitat for Humanity Service Trip to Baltimore, MD**

Youth Minister Linda Xerri is accepting applications for the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Service Trip to Baltimore, Maryland that will take place June 21<sup>st</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>. Currently, plans are to take from 20 to 26 teens. Due to worksite safety issues and space limitations, applications will be accepted from those who will be concluding their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year of high school, and are at least 16 years of age by the first workday, which is Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. You must be able to depart with the group on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and return with on Saturday morning, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Applications are available on the parish website, [www.smlparish.org](http://www.smlparish.org) or by contacting Linda Xerri, (609-654-8208, Ext. 111 or [lxerri@smlparish.org](mailto:lxerri@smlparish.org)).

## **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**

Drugs, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, and arms are multi-billion dollar businesses in the world today. Human trafficking is taking persons by force, fraud, or coercion and exploiting them for sex or labor. Learn more about this crime against women, men and children at [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org) (FAQs) or visit our Facebook page (US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking). Ending Slavery is everyone's work.

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

St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Gibbsboro is hosting a Lenten Reflection Experience on March 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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/Rev. René Pulgarin for Spanish.

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

Child care is provided. Cost for Lunch is \$10. Call (609) 403-7138 for more information.

## **Parish Lenten Mission**

Our Lady Queen of Peach, Hainesport, is offering a Lenten Mission led by Father Michael Sullivan, OSA. The Mission begins Sunday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. and then from March 14th to March 16th after the 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.

## **Francis House of Prayer**

Take a day away from the busy-ness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence with our Personal Retreat Day, Wednesday, March 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come for silence, personal prayer, and/or spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief communal prayer. Bring a bag lunch. Donations are \$10 to \$40, with spiritual direction. To register, call (609) 877-0509 or email FHOP@verizon.net.

## **Pope Francis' March Prayer Intentions:**

**Universal Prayer Intention:** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

**Intention for Evangelization:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

## **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).

## **Bingo in Burlington**



St. Paul School Bingo in 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. Participants must be 18 years or older. Call Holly (609) 760-7502 or Matt (609) 744-9805.

## **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.



## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 28, 2016 to Sunday, March 6, 2016

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
Monday, February 29	Masses RCIA Lenten Scripture Study	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 7:00 p.m.—Conference Room 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Tuesday, March 1	Masses Bereavement Support Group Multi-Council Meeting	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 10:00 a.m.—Fr. Carlos' Office—Parish Office 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Wednesday, March 2	Masses Bible Study Legion of Mary Respect Life Committee Parish Pastoral Council 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 7:00 p.m.—Conference 7:00 p.m.—Rectory Dining room 7:30 p.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Emmaus Center
Thursday, March 3	Masses Adoration Prayer & Bible Study Children's Choir Practice Benediction EOP Meeting	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 7:00 p.m.—Rectory Dining Room
Friday, March 4	Masses Confessions YES Living Stations of the Cross	7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.—Church 9:30 a.m.—Church 7:30 p.m.—Church
Saturday, March 5	Men of Emmaus Masses Confessions	8:00 a.m.—Emmaus Center 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.—Church 4:30 p.m.—Church
Sunday, March 6	Masses Children's Mass 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.—Emmaus Center 7:00 p.m.—Emmaus Center