

## SMC Newsletter Nov 2022

Thanksgiving is almost upon us, and Fr. Lou and I are just so grateful for this loving and supportive community this past month. With my dad's passing and our COVID illnesses, little things can mean so much. Remember this is your newsletter so if there is anything you would like included, please tell me. Many blessings, Patty

### ECW Update

The next **ECW meeting** will be on **Friday, Nov. 4th, at 10 am** in the Parish Hall.

Around a 100 total of underpants, sweatpants, and leggings will be dropped off to the elementary school nurse this week. Thank you for those that shopped for this.

The **Thanksgiving pie sale** is on **Saturday, November 19 from 10am-1pm. Pies are \$12 a piece.** Thank you to Kathi for making the beautiful posters. There is no pre-ordering of pies.

The **Christmas Bazaar** is on **Saturday, December 3 from 9am – 1pm.** It is expanded from last year. There will be a basket fishbowl, a bake sale, crafts, jewelry, Christmas trash & treasure, a gingerbread house competition, and a cookie give-away. The gingerbread house competition submission form will be printed and will be in the back of the church. It is also on our website where you find the sermons!



### An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

**The birthdays for Nov are:**

David Smail Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, Carlee Zabielski Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, Lorraine Newton Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Sandy Williams Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Maxine Starr Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, Sharron Woods Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, and Joyce Underwood Nov 21<sup>st</sup>.

**The anniversaries for Nov are:**

Jeff & Donna Reynders Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please give Meryl your birthdate so we don't forget anyone's birthday! You do not need to give the year! Please notify Meryl of any upcoming anniversaries. Photos are also welcome from these occasions.

### SMC Studies, and Services

**Fr. Lou has had his Facebook morning prayer changed to Tuesday mornings at 8:30am.**

**Fr. Lou will be away this Wednesday through Friday of this week.** He will be attending the Priest's Retreat at Christ the King. **He will be here for Alpha Wed night though. There will be no morning prayer with Eucharist or lectionary study this Wednesday morning.** Morning prayer and lectionary study will be Wednesday mornings for the rest of the month. The day before Thanksgiving is TBD.

**The liturgical color for November, which is in Ordinary Time, is green until Advent and then it is Purple/Violet or Royal Blue.**

**Fr. Lou is always accessible by phone at 802-734-0263.**

## DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Friday, November 11th, at noon at the Parish Hall/Sanctuary.

We are collecting new and gently used winter coats and clothing for males and females of all ages and sizes for the US Committee Refugees and Immigrants in Albany, NY. Adult small and medium sizes are the most useful. No fur/fake fur and no big logos or writing on the coats. **We would like to have them by the beginning of December. Thank you to those who have already donated.** This past year this agency relocated 450 people from Afghanistan alone. **Remember that Moses, David, Jacob, Jesus, Elijah, Daniel, Nehemiah, Esther, and John were refugees. Abram, Sarai, Joseph, and Ruth were immigrants.**

Save the date: Diocesan DOK Assembly at CTK on Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## Operation Christmas Child

**“Blessings of the Boxes” is on Sunday, November 13th!!! Please have you filled box returned by then.** Thank you for being part of this annual activity at St Mary’s which fulfills Matthew 28:18-20 where Jesus says, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”.

We are grateful to St Mary’s and the “Spaghetti dinner team” for raising the \$10 donation to accompany every box. This will help provide the Greatest Story Books, the message of hope Jesus brings, that every child receives in their own language along with the gift box.

Our boxes will go via a packing station at a church in Glens Falls to Baltimore where they will be inspected, packed into shipping cartons and containers, and sent off to their destination!!

Each of our boxes will have a tracking label on them and we will be notified as to which country they go to.

Last year in 2021, in the USA more than 9 million boxes were collected. Together with boxes from Canada, The United Kingdom, Australia, and others more than 10.5 million boxes reached children in over 170 countries. The number is expected to be more this year.

So, thank you for being a missionary by sending a gift box to a child in a faraway land, who’s whole family can be impacted by hearing about Jesus and God’s love for us all. ♡

God bless you.

Meryl



### **Alpha is done this month!**

**Last weekend was the Alpha Holy Spirit weekend at the Peniel Bible Camp.** Thank you to everyone that participated. We will try to have a make-up time for those that were unable to make it. If there was a particular session during the course itself that you missed, please email Fr. Lou or Patty to have it emailed to you.

**Contact Father Lou is you want to find out more. More info at [www.alphausa.org](http://www.alphausa.org)**

### **Stewardship Celebration Sunday**

**November 20 will be 2022's Celebration Sunday**, when we will dedicate our monetary pledges to God and His work at St. Mary's of "feeding the hungry in body, mind, and spirit through Christ's love." As always, your gift will be a private and personal act of worship to our Creator in response to His grace in your life. **There will be a luncheon after the service that day.**

You should have received an email, or a bulletin insert about our Celebration Sunday. If you haven't, please contact Fr. Lou and he will get you one. We are hoping to compile a Giving/Gratitude Storybook with a collection of our parishioners' stories concerning giving, our blessings, and responses to those blessings. We are asking for your help. Please look at the letter for more details.

Please return your story by an email reply to [admin@stmarysluzerne.org](mailto:admin@stmarysluzerne.org); or by snail mail to St. Mary's Church, PO Box 211, Lake Luzerne 12846; or in person to one of the committee members below by **Sunday, November 6th**. We will include it in our Giving/Gratitude Storybook to be distributed to the congregation. If you wish your story to be anonymous, please indicate so as you return it. If you would prefer to tell your story orally, a member of the committee would be glad to listen and put in writing what you say.

We look forward to your participation, and we thank you in advance for your time, your thoughts, and your story. Feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions.

*"I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you."*  
(Psalm 22:22)

Sincerely Yours in Christ, The Stewardship Committee of St. Mary's

Barbara Breen, Frank Legace, Valerie Malkus, Fr. Lou, Patty Midura, Donna Reynders



## Prayer Requests

**\*\*Please Pray for:** ALPHA, the Midura-Clark family on the passing of Patty's father Bill, the Crannell family, Liam T., Heather K, Jackie G. and family, Mrs. Mayo, Larry W., Gayle M., Gillian T., Mark P., Jennie P., Melissa M., Dan & Shawna, Ray & Tracy, Margaret and children, Deb & John F., Emily & Chris, Mary, Erich's Aunt Carol & Uncle Roger, Sharon K, Lynn, Ruth, Tristan, Jeff, Sylvia, Charlie, Anne and David & family, Janet and family, Sarah, Peter and Nancy, Margit, Alan, Vanessa, Amy & Maddie, Carol, Mary Carol and Alan, Jennifer, Judy, Kailee & Dante, Claudette, Bob & Schuyler & Romi, Michelle, Paul, Mary & family, Marika, Mariana and family, Joyce, Jackie, Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Sue Ellen, Joan & Jimmy M., Sharon, Brenda B., the Walker family on the passing of Ted's mother Agatha, our community's youth, the men and women in law enforcement, EMT's, fire departments, and in the armed forces of our country, all victims and families of the COVID-19 pandemic. All those whose needs are known only to our Lord.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** for Bishop Smith, the Standing Committee, the Profile and Search committee, and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

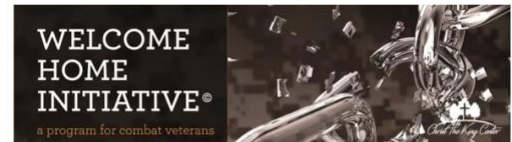
**\*\*It is time to update the prayer list. Please contact Erich Kaminsky by email at [erichkaminsky@yahoo.com](mailto:erichkaminsky@yahoo.com) or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.**



## Sight & Sound - Moses Production

**Ruth is organizing a trip to go see Moses in PA on Thursday, Oct 5, at 11am.** She needs to know if we want to go as a group. They have already sold 508 tickets as of this mid-October. Adults will be \$74, and you can get a full refund until a week before the show. She will need your money by the end of Feb. We will all have dinner together the night before. You will need to make room reservations at least three months before the show. If you want help with that let her know. You can also cancel most places within a few days. Please contact Ruth for more information.

## Noel and the Welcome Home Initiative - WHI



### WHI Fall Retreat November 7-9, 2022

The Welcome Home Initiative® ministers healing for military veterans who have served their country in combat or any other service context that has caused suffering in varying degrees from post-traumatic stress or moral injury, and are in need of soul repair. Spouses too are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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### WHI Closing Ceremony

Be sure to attend the WHI Closing Ceremony to honor the vet who attend

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022** |  
Lunch to follow (\$15 pp)

The next Welcome Home Initiative® at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY 12834 is from November 7-9, 2022. Registration is now open. See poster for full details.

Please share widely, as appropriate.

Information: The Welcome Home Initiative  
([ctkcenter.org/healing-ministry/the-welcome-home-initiative](https://ctkcenter.org/healing-ministry/the-welcome-home-initiative))

Register for the Retreat at this link or click the box towards the bottom of the information page (<https://christthekingcenter.campbrainregistration.com/>)

## Church Spaghetti Dinner

**On Friday, October 21, we had a successful spaghetti dinner. Eighty dinners were sold, and we collected \$1125. Thank you to everyone who participated in anyway. Thank you, Bruce, for those deliciously large meatballs and Barbara B for your organizing skills.** Proceeds will benefit local outreach through support of the Community Fuel Fund and global mission through the sending of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to children in need around the world.

## Odds and Ends

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Rockwell Falls Church.**

Father Lou will be doing a reading.

**Erich's poem, Your Glory Appears. Written during Fr. Lou's sermon after my dad passed.**

**Picture of Alpha Twins and from the Holy Spirit weekend.**

**Halloween pictures of our congregants' families to lift our spirits! Who can find Deacon Rick?**

**From Ruth:**

I want to say how much I love and trust in God. Evil tried once more (and I'm sure it will again) to dig deep into my sole. I have built up a huge coat of armor over the years putting all my faith in Jesus. All in one week the four of us in the house got COVID, we found a leak in our roof, our furnace broke down with no heat for two nights; got someone to fix it: at 4 a.m. our new dog woke me up and our house was FULL of smoke!

So, all being sick we loaded the dog, the cat, the bird, and us into the car and had to stay there for nearly 3 hours. The Fire dept. found no source, thank God, and our home is okay! Plus a few other things. HOWEVER, we all are much better, things will get fixed, and all this too shall pass. THANK YOU, JESUS, for walking with me in the sand. Ruth

# Your Glory Appears

On a brisk Autumn morning  
As the congregation gathers together again  
As we begin to remember  
Those lives and times past when

Organ music centers our storms  
Praise lifts our hearts and minds aloft  
As we together proclaim in one voice  
Our God reigns our God reigns our God reigns

Seemingly simple our gaze falls upon the cross  
In grandeur glistens in it's shiny gloss  
A humble testimony of terrible loss  
Yet in victory it is forever empty now

We travel back together we sing songs of joy  
We live, we love, and join with all  
Those saints here and those gone before

Your Word bringing wonder in you we stand  
profound silence shifts our thoughts  
back to you  
Your glory hovers and falls covering all  
As we let the world go our pride washes away

So follow the pathway to heaven  
Enter the doors in humble humility  
Lay down your heart's to him alone, again  
Believe once more in the truth of his name

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