

## SMC Newsletter Jan 2023

I must start with an apology because I haven't produced a newsletter in a timely manner. Janet has volunteered to help me in the future to ensure you get the information you need on a regular basis. if there is anything you would like included, please tell me. Many blessings, Patty



### ECW Update

**The ECW held its first meeting of the new year on Friday, January 6th.** At that time, we reviewed our final endeavors of 2020: the donation of underwear and pants for young boys and girls to Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School; the pre-Thanksgiving pie sale; the Spirit of Christmas Bazaar and Gingerbread House Display; and the delivery to the Luzerne senior center of 19 gift bags containing nonskid slipper socks and handmade scarves, which were distributed to homebound community members served by Meals on Wheels. The Bazaar proceeds totaled \$1977, and the pie sale totaled \$507.

We wish to express our gratitude to all who participated in these projects in any way, generously contributing your time, talents, and treasure. The deepened connections with each other and with our community are priceless. A special thanks also to everyone who helped make the reception in honor of Colonel Williams such a beautiful tribute to him and the entire Williams family.

ECW plans for the near future include a Valentine's Sale of homemade treats in the parish hall on Saturday, February 11, from 10 am to 1 pm or until sold out.

**The next ECW meeting will be held on February 3 at 10 am in the Parish Hall.** We will continue to discern the year's projects and events and consider further needs within the church and community which we may be called to support.



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

**The birthdays for Dec & Jan are:**

Rick Littlejohn Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, Mary Davis Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, Marika Jones Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, Ted Walker Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Merkle Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, Claudia Daubney Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lynn Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, Gerry Woods Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Vicki Smail Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.

**The anniversaries for Dec and Jan are:**

Rich & Michaela Robertson Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, Noel & Meryl Dawes Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, Fr Lou and Patty Midura Jan 18<sup>th</sup>  
From Meryl, Married 52 years! Their wedding hymn was 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' ..

The words were true then and have been and are now.

'Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me '

On the mountain tops and though the valleys the Lord has sustained us. 🙏

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.

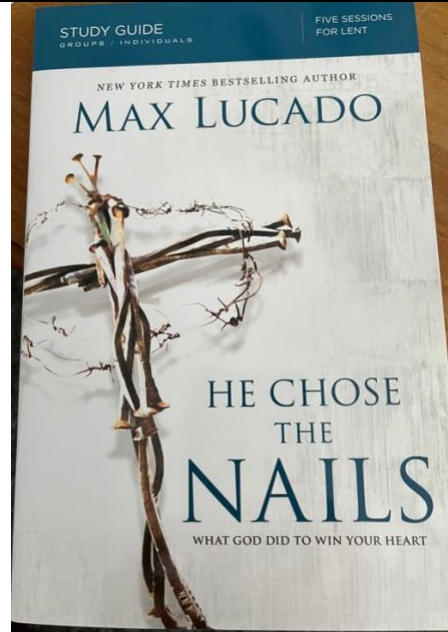
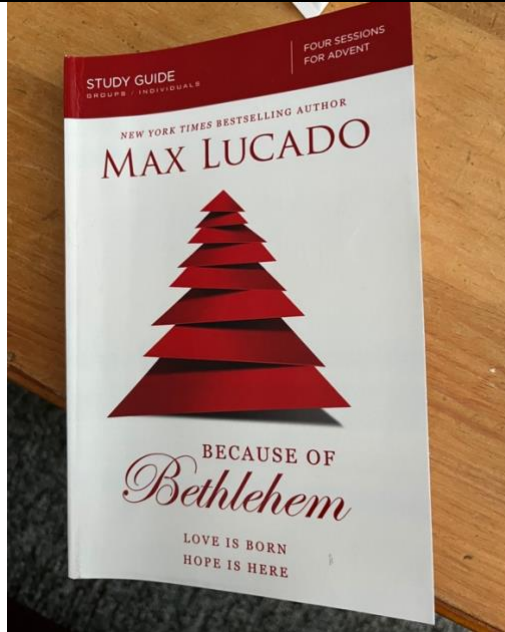


## SMC Studies, and Services

Fr. Lou has had his Facebook morning prayer changed to Tuesday mornings at 8:30am. Morning prayer and lectionary study will continue to be on Wednesday mornings.

Fr. Lou held an advent study by Max Lucado called *Because of Bethlehem*. It went well so Fr. Lou will continue with a Lent study by Max Lucado. It is called *He Chose the Nails*. It will start Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Please tell Fr. Lou if you would like a book.

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



## DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Friday January 27th, at 10am at the Parish Hall/Sanctuary.

**Thank you to those who donated winter clothing.** We collected: 14 bags of clothing that were delivered to the Albany Capital City Rescue Mission, 10 bags and one large box donated to the Albany USCRI (Federal Gov't Refugee Resettlement Agency), and 87 items of warm fleeces and sweatshirts gifted to the Hadley Luzerne Elementary School. I know that I have stated this before- remember that Moses, David, Jacob, Jesus, Elijah, Daniel, Nehemiah, Esther, and John were refugees. Abram, Sarai, Joseph, and Ruth were immigrants.

**Please bring a donation for the Feb self-denial fund.** We sent \$28 in November for the endowment fund.



## Operation Christmas Child

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in-kind and prayer, we packed and sent 88 shoe boxes this year to bless a child with what might be the only gift they will ever receive. But more than that to give every child and their family the opportunity to hear that God exists and he sent his son Jesus to bring them new life and hope.

Without leaving the Lake Luzerne area you have become missionaries to faraway places fulfilling the great commission to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

We had had notification that our boxes are again being sent to:

DO The Dominican Republic

HN Honduras

MW Malawi, South East Africa

And for the first time to

ZA South Africa

As you know we have been sending boxes over the past few years and have since 2015 been able to track their destinations

2015. Uganda

2016. Peru and Burkina Faso(West Africa )

2017. Ukraine

2018. Honduras and Ukraine

2019. Honduras

2020. Ukraine, Malawi, Benin, Mali, and Honduras

2021. Dominican Republic

At the Processing Center where our boxes are shipped to after being put into cartons at the drop off in Glens Falls. They are inspected and taped to keep them intact. Repacked into cartons by gender and age group, then packed into shipping containers. It's interesting to see how they end up in so many different places.

Please remember to pray for the child / children and their families who received our boxes. And be watching out for those quality items on sale at bargain prices during the year for our 2023 boxes. It's never too early to think of starting to collect items. Spread the cost of packing a box over the next 10 months.

Blessings, ❤️🙏. Meryl.



## Food Pantry Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Advent collection of items for the Food Pantry. Today as I arrived at Church, I was handed a letter from Jeanette Powell, manager of Maxwell Community Food Pantry. Lake Luzerne. She thanked our Congregation for the support we recently gave them just as we have continued to do over many years. I will hopefully remember to pin it to the notice board!! Along with a page titled 'Food for Thought.,' which is the detailed news of the work of the pantry in our community.

Attached is a list of items they are seeking as donations into the future.

The wicker basket will remain at the back of the Church near the font. For any donation items you can bring on any Sunday morning. This will be ongoing into the future. And a 'thank you' to those of you who volunteer at the Pantry and are willing to transport the donated items to the Pantry.

List of items always needed.

\*Men and Women's deodorant.

\*Laundry detergent.

\*Hot Chocolate packets.

\*Regular soups.

\*Chunky soups.

\*SPAM regular.

\*Beef or Brown gravy

\*Cold Cereal (request is for at least 5 boxes of same variety, as they list variety on request sheets) but I'm sure single donations will be a blessing too.

And any other items you feel lead to donate will always be a blessing to those in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

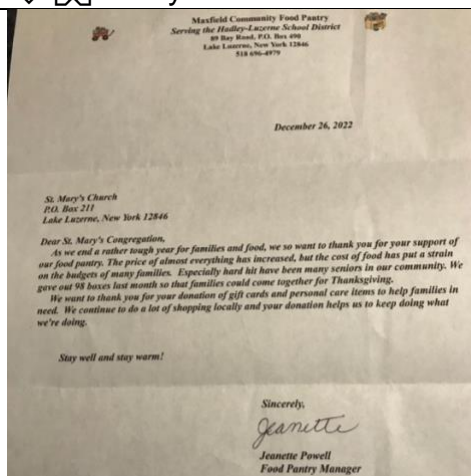
Matthew 25 (the words of Jesus)

V 35. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink ....

V 40 Truly, I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Blessings,

🕊️🙏. Meryl.



## Prayer Requests

**\*\*Please Pray for:** Mike C, Nancy M, Gayle M, Patricia L., Cherokee and babies, Jackie G. and family, Anson & family, The MacDonald family, Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Peter & Nancy, Ray & Tracy, Mary Carol & Alan, Kailee & Dante, Bob, Schuyler, and Romi, Paul, Mary, and family, Marika, Joyce, Jackie, Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Judy M. and family, Joan and Jimmy M., Brenda B., Andy P., Dave, Diane, Rachel, Michelle, and Fr. Lou. 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.**



## Community Lunch

St. Mary's Church invites you to join us for food and fellowship as we resume our free community lunches.

Beginning **Saturday, January 28, from noon to 1 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Please call 518-696-3030 with any questions.

We look forward to serving and spending time with you!

## Odds and Ends

**Photo from the Diocesan DOK Assembly at CTK on Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Can you find Barbara Breen and I?**

**Fr. Lou in his new stole from Olivia in Peru, who prophesied that Fr Lou would be a priest.**

**Picture of the SMC decorated Christmas tree for the Holiday on the Hudson sponsored by the Hadley Business Association. The Midura family had fun decorating it.**

**Photo of the Lake Luzerne Christmas Stroll on Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Lou did a brief teaching on Christmas and Chanukah.**

**List of Donors to the Christmas Bazaar. Let's support those that support our community!**

**Photo of our beautiful Christmas Altar.**

**Fr. Lou as one of the 3 Kings at Lessons & Carols at Church of the Messiah on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. I always knew he was a wise man.**

**Photo of Celebrating the birth of Christ together.**

**Free bedroom set:** Please call or email Maureen Frazier Lupino. Queen bed, bureau & mirror, chest of drawers, nightstand, mattress, and BS. [Maflcare112@gmail.com](mailto:Maflcare112@gmail.com), 518-405-4055 or 401-288-8412.

**Thank you to Dcn. Rick Littlejohn and Rev'd. Ian Montgomery for filling in for Fr. Lou while he recovers from surgery.**

**Barbara's Quilt of all Mark's and her volunteer t-shirts.** It is a Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

**New family member for Juanita-Stella and also one for the Reynders-Bagel.**

**Thank you to the Williams family for donating supplies to the church for our hospitality events!**

**From Ruth:**

Who is on the Lord's side, Always true?  
There's a right and wrong side, Where stand you?  
Thousands on the wrong side chose to stand.  
Still 'tis not the strong side, True and grand.  
Come and join the Lord's side: Ask you why?  
'Tis the Only safe side; Bye and by.  
F.E. Belden 1915 study Bible





Holiday on the Hudson  
Tree Decorating Award  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
December 4th, 2022  
Hadley Business Association







