

SMC Newsletter March 2023

Happy Lent Season! If there is anything you would like included for next month, please tell me and Janet. Make sure to check out the pancake supper photos!! Many blessings, Patty

ECW Update

At our March 3 meeting, attended by 10 members, the ECW planned the **Lenten lunch** which we will host at St. Mary's on Monday, March 20. We hope many of you will come to enjoy great fellowship with other community members, good food, and meaningful words from Fr. Lou.

In other business, we voted to put together and contribute **Easter gift bags** for 20 homebound seniors in the area who are served by Meals on Wheels. Thank you to Ruth and her daughter Dana for taking the lead on this project.

Additionally, the ECW will take a turn in the **Free Community Lunch rotation**, preparing the meal in May. We will also help at the April 22 Community Lunch that Janet and Donna are doing.

Finally, we began to discuss the **election of new officers** which will take place at our May meeting. If you have questions or feel at all called to a leadership role in the ECW, please talk with any of us. **Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 14, at 10 pm** in the Parish Hall. We would love to have you with us!



An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

The birthdays for March are:

Brent Underwood Mar 3rd, Paula Hughes Mar 8th, Mark Peters Mar 8th, Barbara Caldwell Mar 13th, Gary Mar 12th, Nancy Watts Mar 15th, and Juanita Mar 19th.

Anniversaries for March are:

Peter & Nancy Watts Mar 1st.

We remember Jack Gallagher on Jack & Jackie Gallagher's anniversary on Mar 13th.

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.

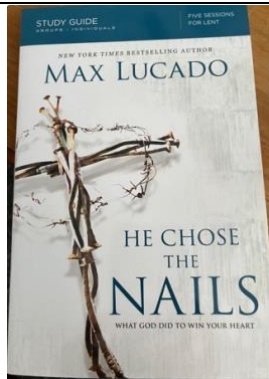
SMC Studies, and Services

Fr. Lou has his Facebook morning prayer on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am.

Fr. Lou would like to thank everyone who volunteered for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We had new guests and faithful St. Mary's parishioners enjoying the food prepared by the men and others.

Fr. Lou continues to have a Eucharist and Lent study by Max Lucado called *He Chose the Nails* until Holy Week. It is not too late to join. 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, March 10th, at 10am at the Parish Hall.

On **SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023 @ 2:00 PM**, the DOK is sponsoring "A Visit with St. Paul". It is a one-man show on the life of St. Paul. With audience participation encouraged, Glenn Smith brings St. Paul to life through a dramatic presentation of the Great Apostle's life and legacy. Set while Paul is in prison, the audience gets to "visit" him there and hear his story. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after.

Paul the Apostle, commonly known as Saint Paul (also known by his Hebrew name Saul of Tarsus), was a Christian apostle who spread the teachings of Jesus in the first-century world.

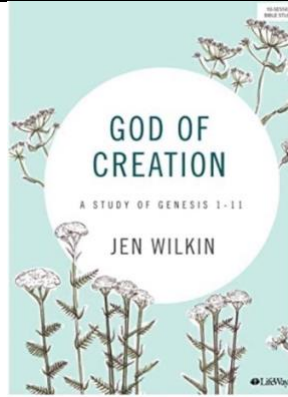
Glenn Smith grew up in Lynbrook, NY. Raised Christian, he lost his faith at nineteen. Three years later, through a charismatic prayer meeting and a powerful three-day fast, he realized beyond doubt that Jesus is alive and loves us all beyond measure. Serving as an urban missionary, working for parishes, performing as St. Paul, and by writing, he has found many creative ways of sharing God's love.



Community Lunch

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the free community lunch on Saturday, Feb 25th. Bruce Clark always prepares great food, and this was no exception.

Our next free community lunch will be Saturday, April 22nd, at 12pm. Invite your friends and neighbors. As noted above, Janet and Donna will be hosting. It should be yummy.



Karen Love Bible Study

The next Women's Ecumenical Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, March 7 from 4-5:15 pm at St Mary's Parish Hall in Lake Luzerne, NY.** It is a **10-week study** on the first half of **Genesis** and the details include:

God of Creation - Bible Study Book (Revised) A study of Genesis 1-11

(Please note: Jen Wilkins has two Genesis book studies. We are doing the first one, which has been revised.)

SUMMARY: The opening lines and chapters of Genesis teach us fundamental truths about God. We watch Him bring light after darkness, order after chaos, and rest after toil—all through the power of His Word.

Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse study, dive into the first 11 chapters of Genesis by following three critical stages of understanding: comprehension, interpretation, and application. Teaching videos are key in understanding this study. Revisit familiar stories and historical figures, challenge your basic knowledge, and discover deeper meanings in the text. As God reveals Himself through Scripture, we can only begin to understand ourselves when we first glimpse the character, attributes, and promises of our Creator.

OVERVIEW:

God of Creation is a 10-session Bible Study on Genesis 1-11. The study walks you through verse by verse, tracing the themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. There are 5 days of study each week with small group discussion questions at the end of each week and a weekly viewer guide.

AUTHOR:

Jen Wilkin is an author and Bible teacher from Dallas, Texas. She has organized and led studies for women in home, church, and parachurch contexts. An advocate for Bible literacy, her passion is to see others become articulate and committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God.



Lenten Lunch Schedule

Lenten lunches have started! Soup, bread, dessert, and beverage will be provided. They start at noon and the schedule is as follows:

Mar 6
Pastor Laurie or Lori
Wesleyan Church

Mar 13
Fr Simon (Catholic) but at Wesleyan Church

Mar 20th
Fr Lou at St Mary's Church

Mar 27th
Pastor Murphy at Rockwell Falls

Prayer Requests

****Please Pray for:** Nancy N. and family on the passing of Ruthie, Janine, David M., Mike C., Nancy M, Gayle M, Patricia L., John G., Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Peter & Nancy and family, Joe K., Ruth B., Sandy & Rich, Jeff, Kristen, Ray & Tracy, Mary Carol & Alan, Kailee & Dante, Bob, Schuyler, and Romi, Paul, Mary, and family, Marika, Gordi, Joyce, Jackie, Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Joan and Jimmy M., Brenda B., Andy P., Dave, Diane, Rachel, Analena, Devin, and baby Theo. 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 or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.**



Moses Theatre Trip has been modified from a group trip to individual trips!

There will not be a group trip to see Moses. However, at least eight members are going down at different times and for different lengths of stay in the area. If anyone wants help with tickets, things to do, restaurants etc. just let me know. Ruth

Odds and Ends

New family member for the Midura's! Theo Abraham Midura-Alcabes born on Feb 23rd. 7.39 pounds and 19.5 inches. Truly God's gift. Congratulations Analena and Devin.

Prayers and blessings of our 2023 Vestry.

Info on Christ the King's Men's Retreat.

Meryl's discussion on Votive candles and the Shrine to the Virgin Mary in Walsingham

Photos from the pancake supper!!

From Ruth:

The coming King is at the door,
Who once the cross for sinners bore,
But now the righteous ones alone,
He comes to gather home.

The signs that show his coming near,
are fast fulfilling year by year,
and soon we'll hail the glorious dawn,
of heaven's eternal morn.

F Belden 1919 study Bible





Every man has internally asked the question, “Do I have enough?” We’ve wondered if we can be man enough, if we’ll have enough wisdom, knowledge, and resources to navigate the challenges of life successfully. We’ll tackle that question together and see how the gospel answers with a glorious YES! through life with Christ, because He Is Enough!

Expect...

Vibrant worship
Fun activities Seriously good food Inspiring talks

Friday, March 10—Saturday, March 11, 2023

Registration and Details

www.ctkcenter.org/events

Simply scan the code below:





Have you ever wondered about the votive candles at the back of our Church? Have you ever wondered where the Shrine to the Virgin Mary in Walsingham is? Where a lamp burns for us 🙏❤️.

In 1061 (5 years before the Norman Conquest in 1066 !!!) in an English village called Walsingham, in Norfolk , East England the lady of the manor, a devout Christian, Richeldis de Faverches, had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary, who showed her the house in Nazareth where the angel Gabriel made his revelation of the forthcoming birth of Jesus. Our Lady asked Richeldis to build a replica of the holy house here in Walsingham. "The Holy House" was built in Walsingham, it was later to become a shrine and place of pilgrimage.

Richeldis's son Geoffrey left in his will instructions for the building of a [priory in Walsingham](#). The priory passed into the care of the [Canons Regular](#) of Saint Augustine, sometime between 1146 and 1174. It became a place of pilgrimages for Kings, Lords and nobleman and peasants alike. One of the most popular in all Europe.

At that time in England the history is long and complicated and when linked to the Protestant Reformation it becomes even more so with the suppression of the Monasteries and the break with the Roman Catholic Church.

By the time of its destruction in 1538 during the reign of Henry VIII, the shrine had become one of the greatest religious centers in England and Europe, together with [Glastonbury](#) and [Canterbury](#). It had been a place of pilgrimage during medieval times, when due to wars and political upheaval, travel to shrines in [Rome](#) and [Santiago de Compostela](#) was tedious and difficult.

Nevertheless, before it's destruction, royal patronage helped the shrine to grow both in wealth and popularity, receiving regal visits from the following kings and queen:

- [King Henry III](#)
- [King Edward I](#)
- [King Edward II](#)
- [King Henry IV](#)
- [King Edward IV](#)
- [King Henry VII](#)
- [King Henry VIII](#)
- [Queen Catherine of Aragon](#)

After its destruction the Shrine, Church and Abbey stood in ruins for centuries.

By a Papal order on 6 February 1897, Pope Leo XIII blessed a new statue for the restored ancient sanctuary of Our Lady of Walsingham. This was sent from Rome and placed in the Holy House Chapel at the newly built Catholic parish church of King's Lynn (the village of Walsingham was within the parish) on 19 August 1897 and on the following day the first post-Reformation pilgrimage took place to the Chapel at Walsingham, Hundreds of Catholics attended the pilgrimage and committed themselves to an annual pilgrimage (from 1897 to 1934 on Whitsun) to commemorate this event.

A new Anglican Shrine was also built. The feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham is kept on 24 September in both the Anglican and Catholic churches. Anglicans, especially in the [Society of Our Lady of Walsingham](#) and at the [Anglican shrine](#), keep an additional feast of translation on 15 October annually, the anniversary of the translation of the image from Walsingham's parish church to the shrine church in 1931.

So after nearly four hundred years the 20th century saw the restoration of pilgrimage to Walsingham as a regular feature of [Christian](#) life in the British Isles.

The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was created in 1931 and enlarged in 1938. In 1921, Fr [Hope Patten](#) was appointed Vicar of Walsingham. He set up a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, in the [Parish Church of St Mary](#). It was based on the design of the original statue, as found on the medieval seal of Walsingham Priory.

As the number of pilgrims to the site increased, a new chapel was dedicated in 1931 and the statue was moved to it in an elaborate translation procession on 15 October 1931. The chapel was extended in 1938 to form the current Anglican shrine church.

The shrine church was substantially extended in the 1960s. The church has a [holy well](#) known for its [healing](#) properties; the act of receiving water from the holy well is often accompanied by the [laying on of hands](#) and [anointing](#). Water from the well is often taken home by the faithful and distributed to their family, friends, and parishioners.

Noel and I, many years ago now, visited the Shrine and took part in a Communion service there.

Hope you enjoyed finding out more about Walsingham. If you want even more information. Just Google it on the computer.

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Meryl Dawes



