

## SMC Newsletter April 2023

Happy Easter! If there is anything you would like included for next month, please tell me and Janet. Many blessings, Patty

### **ECW Update - Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 14, at 10 pm** in the Parish Hall.

It's hard to find words to adequately express my admiration and gratitude for your generous (and delicious) contributions to Peter's repast, and for your hard and tireless teamwork in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. The bountiful reception was a fitting end to the beautiful celebration of life—and Peter's new life with Jesus—which the service provided. He would have been so pleased, as I know his family is. When Kristi's husband Rick came back to pick up the photo display, he talked about how much St. Mary's meant to Peter and said, "You have something really special here." I think that's clear to all who walk through our doors—because of all of you.

Thank you for truly being the Body of Christ in this place!

Love, Barbara

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

#### **The birthdays for April are:**

Janet Trinkaus April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brenda Bala April 7<sup>th</sup>, Meryl Dawes April 7<sup>th</sup>, Marjorie Hobday April 8<sup>th</sup>, Erich Kaminsky April 8<sup>th</sup>, Valerie Malkus April 9<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Lyng April 13<sup>th</sup>, Harry Bala III April 17<sup>th</sup>, Noel Dawes April 18<sup>th</sup>, and Kathy Crannell Apr 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **No Anniversaries for April.**

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 Holy Week Services**

April 2, **Palm Sunday Service** at 9:30am.

M, W, Th, F **Morning Prayer** at 9am-Parish Hall, Tue 8:30am - Fr. Lou's office and Facebook

**Wednesday Eucharist and Lenten Study** at 10am

**Maundy Thursday Foot-Washing Service** at 7pm

**Altar of Repose** - every hour from Thursday 8:30pm to Friday 10:30am

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross** at 11:30am and Service at 12pm

**Saturday Easter Egg Hunt & Activities** from 9am to 12pm

**Saturday Tenebrae Service** at 5pm

**Ecumenical Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** at Lake Luzerne at 6:30am

April 9, **St. Mary's Easter Sunday Morning Service** at 9:30am

**The liturgical color for Palm Sunday is red or purple. During Holy Week purple is used** until the church is stripped bare on Maundy Thursday. The church remains stripped bare on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, though black might be used.



### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**The Easter egg hunt is back!** The event starts at **9am on Saturday, April 8th**. The children hunt for plastic eggs by age group, so they will do Easter crafts while they wait for their turn. The annual Easter piñata will again make an appearance, so get ready for the extra excitement!

**We will need donations of individually wrapped candy that will fit in Easter eggs. Oversized candy will end up in the piñata.** Candy can be chocolate, jellybeans, or caramels. No peanuts please! Please drop off the candy before the packing date.

**We will need volunteers to pack the eggs on Wednesday, April 5th at 6pm.**

**We will need volunteers to hide eggs and help at the craft stations.** The crafts at the tables are beading, coloring eggs, cookie decorating, and felt and foam crafts. We already have supplies for the beading and felt craft tables. **We will need hard boiled eggs, vinegar, small clear cups, cookies, and cookie decorating supplies.**

### **DOK**

**The meeting for the next DOK is Sunday, April 16th, after church in the Sanctuary.**

**“A Visit with St. Paul”** previously scheduled in March was cancelled due to the funeral mass and celebration of life for our beloved Peter Watts. We will try to reschedule when Barbara Brewer LaMere is back home and able to help us coordinate.

**The DOK is helping with setting up for the Altar of Repose Prayer Vigil in the Parish Hall.**

If you would like to drop off plants for the altar of repose, please drop them off by Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> by noon. Volunteers are needed to set up the altar of repose on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, after the Easter flowers will have been picked up.

**Patty has sent out an email for one hour praying sign-up times.** Just email or call her so she can update the list. She has also included suggestions for scriptures, prayers, and hymns to be used silently during those times.

**Crosses have been donated for the Easter Morning Service and they will be in the back of the church for anyone who would like one. Thank you to the DOK members who sent out Easter cards to our fellow Christian brothers and sisters affiliated with St. Mary’s who won’t be celebrating with us this year.**

**Thank you to Paula who did the Divine Mercy prayer every Friday at 4:45pm and every Sunday at 12pm during Lent.**

### **Community Lunch**

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



### Lenten Lunch at St Mary's

Another blessed day on March 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's! 60 souls—a completely full house—were fed in body, mind, and spirit by the abundance of delicious fare, the prayer and worship, the awesome teaching by Fr. Lou, the spiritual sharing at each table in Lectio Divina, and the warm fellowship. It's clear that people feel the love and joy and hope of Christ at our church. Thank you yet again for ALL you did today—and all you do every day—to make that a reality. Our efforts over the past week were enabled by God—and I believe truly glorified Him.

With love and gratitude,  
Barbara



### Maple In April Festival

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Maple in April Festival is April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-4pm in Hadley, which is sponsored by the Hadley Business Association. They are raising money through a Scholarship Breakfast which is at 8am. Fr. Lou and the other ministers will be helping with the breakfast, so it should be heavenly. Our church will be offering giveaway items and prayer. Last year we gave away bottled water, maple baked goods, SMC pens, and some bibles. **Volunteers will be needed to organize the giveaway items** so talk to Patty or Barbara Breen if you are interested. **Assembly of the gift bags will be Friday, April 28 at 10:30am if you would like to volunteer.** If you have any questions, please talk to Fr. Lou.**



## Prayer Requests

\*\*Please Pray for: Sonny and Sue, Ruth M., Melissa, the family of Chris as they grieve his loss, Nancy Watts and family as they grieve the loss of their beloved Peter, Nancy N. and family on the passing of Ruthie, Janine, David M., Mike C., Nancy M., Gayle M. Patricia L., John G., Sylvia, Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Joe K., Ruth B., Sandy and Rich, Barb B-L., Jeff, Kristen, Ray and Tracy, Mary Carol and Alan, Kailee and 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 and Rachel. 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, the victims of war and natural disasters around the world. 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.

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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.

## Altar of Repose

The **altar of repose** is a temporary altar where the Communion hosts consecrated on Maundy Thursday during the Mass of the Lord's Supper are placed, or "reserved" for use on the following day, Good Friday.

On the night that Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist (Maundy Thursday), He explained to His disciples that He was about to undertake one of the most difficult trials in His earthly existence. After Supper was ended, He went to the Garden and prayed to the Father for strength to accept what was going to happen. This Garden was called Gethsemane.

Taking His apostles with Him, Jesus asked them to sit, pray and watch with Him, and to offer support as His difficult hour approached: My soul is very sorrowful, said Jesus, even to death; remain here and watch. After the Altar and Church are stripped on Maundy Thursday, the Sacrament is brought in procession to the Parish Hall and laid to rest there in a peaceful setting, symbolic of the Gethsemane Garden. This peaceful, restful setting is called the Altar of Repose.

It has been the historical and traditional practice of the People of God to keep watch from the end of the Maundy Thursday Service, commemorating the Last Supper, through the night, to the beginning of the Good Friday Liturgy, the point in history when the soldiers came to take Christ away to be crucified. We will observe this ancient tradition by offering you the opportunity to keep watch, in one-hour intervals, through the quiet time of the night, from Maundy Thursday evening, through the hours of Good Friday, until 11:30am. This will be a time when you can come and pray, meditate, watch, or do whatever you wish in quiet adoration of the Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **Tenebrae Service**

**Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness" or "shadows") is a religious service held during Holy Week.** It has psalms, readings, responsories, with music and meditations. It is characterized by gradual extinguishing of candles, symbolizing the scattering of the disciples and other followers of Jesus during his Passion until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.

The last candle is left lighted, but it is carried away to be hidden, which signifies the apparent victory of the forces of evil. A sudden loud noise can be made at the end of the service, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's death. The lighted candle is then restored to its place, suggesting Christ's eventual triumph. The service should be an hour long. If you have questions, call Erich Kaminsky or Fr. Lou.

## **Odds and Ends**

**New family member for Maxine. Ask about her new grandson Emmett!**

**A request, by someone who is perfume & cologne sensitive, is that perfume and cologne be worn to a minimum during Sunday services. Thank you in advance.**

**A photo of The Revd. Miles Blackley visiting from England.**

**Info on Christ the King's Women's Retreat.** Flourish: Free in the Love of Christ. May 5-6, 2023. Registration is now open. <https://ctkcenter.org/events/2-uncategorised/264-2023-women-s-retreat-registration-page>.

**Flier for Judith McNutt conference in September.**

### **From Ruth:**

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An old Indian is teaching his grandson about life. A fight is going on inside me he said.

It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One is evil—he is envy, anger, sorrow, regret, anger, greed, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

The same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked --which wolf will win?



The Cherokee grandfather replied---the one you feed!

This was a story repeated to me by my grandfather many times when I was growing up.

Wolf clan of the Mohawk was his one grandmother.



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