

SMC Newsletter May 2023

Spring is here! If there is anything you would like included for next month, please tell me and Janet. As always, I am sorry this is late. Many blessings, Patty



ECW Update – The next meeting will be on Friday, June 2nd at 10 am in the Parish Hall.

The ECW, on behalf of the St. Mary's Church, gave 25 gift bags to the senior center that were distributed to the Meals on Wheels recipients. Valerie made beautiful cards, Ruth, and Dana donated the bags, fluffy little bunnies, and the candy and the ECW purchased the decorative buckets.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and delivered the May Day gift bags and flowers/plants to nine of our St. Mary's family. They were well received.

The ECW will be honoring Mary, Jeanne, & Nancy this Sunday, May 21st during the service and at a reception afterwards. A separate email went out about how one can help. If you would like more information, please contact Donna Reynders or Barbara Breen.

On June 11 the ECW will be honoring Liam Hughes. He is a graduating senior at Hadley-Luzerne. High school. Liam's intention is to attend SUNY Adirondack and then transfer to a 4-year college. For more information, please contact Donna or Barbara.

On May 4th, new officers were elected for the 2023-2024 year. They are Co-President's Donna Reynders and Barbara Breen, Vice President Valerie Malkus, Recording Secretary Linda Sarles, and Treasurer Lorraine Newton. Congratulations everyone, thank you for your service.



An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

The birthdays for May are:

Patty Midura May 4th, and Edward Novak May 31st.

Anniversary for May is:

Rick & Cathy Littlejohn May 10th.

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

Holy Week Services were beautiful, contemplative, and joyous. The Easter egg hunt always makes us smile and remember that Easter is fun too! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, and talent during Holy Week.

Morning Prayer is on Tuesday's at 8:30am - Fr. Lou's office and Facebook.

Wednesday Eucharist and Liturgical Study at 10am.

Ascension Day is Thursday, May 18th. We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, 40 days after Easter.

The liturgical color for May is white until Pentecost.



DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Friday, June 9th, at 10:30am.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Altar of Repose prior to Easter.

The DOK is recommending the Global Prayer Movement – Thy Kingdom Come (thykingdomcome.global) It takes place from **Ascension Day (May 18th) to Pentecost (May 28)**. Specifically, we are invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people we hold dear to us. We can join with people throughout the world, praying that people come to know the love of Jesus.

Paula is continuing to do the rosary beads at 4:45pm Fridays and after coffee hour on Sundays.

On Pentecost, May 28th, we will have the ingathering for the DOK Master's Fund. Fr. Lou will bless the funds on that day. The scripture is Roman's 8:29. The funds are used for educational scholarships and continuing education grants, originally for women for missionary or church-related work.

The DOK has been and will continue to support church and ECW events.



Community Lunch

The ECW will be sponsoring this month's community lunch on Saturday, May 27th at 12pm in the Parish Hall. The lunch is pulled pork with various sides will be on the menu. Hope you all will attend and bring a friend. Pictures below are from last month's community lunch.





Maple In April Festival

The Maple in April event was a little wet but still a good outreach day to our community. We had a prayer tent with bottled water, maple oatmeal cookies, devotional books, prayer beads, and bibles to be given away. All the churches in town were represented at the event so that is a good day for our faith. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped assemble the tent, baked and assembled the cookie bags, and were willing to give away items and pray. I heard those prayer cookies were very spirit filled!



Prayer Requests

****Please Pray for:** Julia and her family and doctors, Ruth M., Melissa, the family of Chris as they grieve his loss, Nancy W. and family, Nancy N. and family, Janine, Mike C., Nancy M., Gayle M., Mike K., the Lanz family as they grieve the loss of Patricia, Teri N., John and Dot, Sylvia, Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Carl H., Ruth B., Sandy and Rich, Barb B-L., Jeff, Kristen, Ray and Tracy, Mary Carol and Alan, Kailee and Dante, Ryan, Denise, Bob, Schuyler, and Romi, Paul, Mary, Marika, Gordi, Joyce, Jackie L., Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Russell, Joan and Jimmy M., Brenda B., Andy P., Dave, Diane and Rachel, Daisy and family. 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. Additionally, please see: <https://albanvepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

Please contact Erich Kaminsky by email at erichkaminsky@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.

Odds and Ends

More photos from Holy Week. (Good Friday, Easter Egg Hunt, and Easter).

From Lynn and Frank: Would you like fresh, brown eggs? \$2.50 for a dozen. If you would, please contact Frank or Lynn at paradisetree@hotmail.com or you can call or text 518-526-9115. Our hens are loving these warm, long spring days! Thank you!!

From Ruth: There is a Native American Pow Wow scheduled for June 2 at Ft. Hunter which is just south of Amsterdam on route 5S West. It is near the **Martyr's Shrine** at Auriesville. Also, the **St. Kateri Shrine** is on route 5 just west of Johnstown. All are about an hour drive from here. Pow Wows are not just for fun and to sell hand made things. They are very spiritual ceremonies which

starts promptly at noon. Dances are not for entertainment but each one has a meaning to the Native culture.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

THERE IS A STATUE OF SAINT KATERI IN THE BACK OF OUR CHURCH

SHE WAS BORN ON THE BANK OF THE MOHAWK RIVER WHERE THE MARTYR'S SHRINE NOW IS. THAT IS JUST EAST OF AURIESVILLE. WHEN SHE WAS FOUR MOST OF HER TRIBE WAS WIPED OUT BY SMALLPOX. THOSE THAT SURVIVED MOVED ACROSS THE RIVER TO 3 MILES WEST OF WHAT IS NOW JOHNSTOWN.

WHEN SHE WAS A YOUNG TEEN, SHE LISTENED VERY INTENTLY TO A JESUIT MISSIONARY AND BECAME A BELIEVER IN JESUS. SHE SPREAD THE WORD THROUGHOUT THE MOHAWK NATION. HER CATHOLIC NAME BECAME CATHERINE AND SHE WAS ALSO CALLED THE LILY OF THE MOHAWKS.

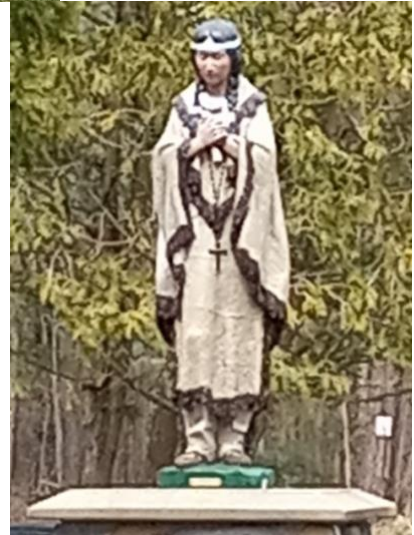
WHEN SHE WAS AROUND 18 HER TRIBE WAS FORCED TO MOVE TO WHAT IS NOW THE AKWESASNE RESERVATION ON THE BANK OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER. SHE WAS NOMINATED FOR SAINTHOOD BY POPE JOHN PAUL THE 2ND AND WAS CANONIZED BY POPE BENEDICT IN 2012.

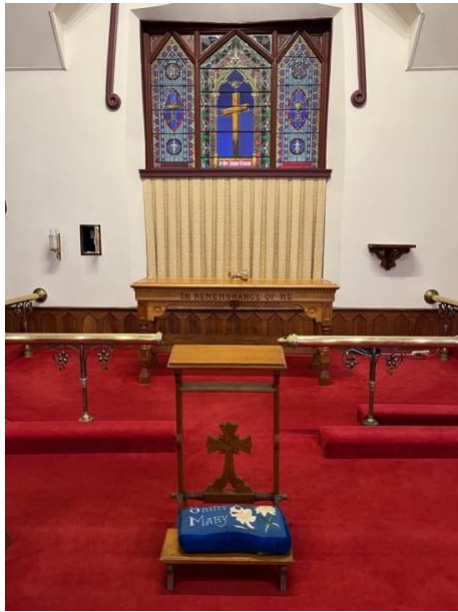
KATERI PASSED ON TO A BETTER PLACE AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 34.

SHE WAS FROM THE IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY, MOHAWK NATION, ALGONQUIN TRIBE AND TURTLE CLAN. THE IROQUOIS ARE MADE UP OF OVER 50 TRIBES JUST LIKE THE STATES ARE OF AMERICA.

MANY OF US IN THIS TOWN, AREA AND CHURCH HAVE DISTANT ANCESTORS FROM THE IROQUOIS. BISHOP WILLIAM, WHEN HE WAS HERE A COUPLE YEARS AGO SAW THE STATUE AND WANTED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT HER.

THESE ARE JUST BASIC FACTS. SIGNED ONATAH (NAME MEANS OF THE EARTH). SEE PICTURES FROM SHRINE AT JOHNSTOWN AND ONE OF HER BURIAL SITE ON THE AWKWESASNE RESERVATION.





What is Thy Kingdom Come?

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.