

## SMC Newsletter August 2023

Summer is almost over. Gasp! Let's cherish what we have left. If there is anything you would like included for the next newsletter, please tell me. Many blessings, Patty

### ECW Update – The next meeting will be Friday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10AM in the Parish Hall

In the past month, the ECW

—Purchased a wheelchair for use in church and a new color printer for Fr. Lou's office.

—Held another successful Summer Bazaar, with proceeds of \$2100 to be used in our support of the community and church. Thank you to ALL for your generosity and long, hard work which made this possible.

—Pledged \$500 each quarter to the Maxfield Community Food Pantry for the coming year; approved a \$100 contribution to the American Kidney Foundation in honor of Dan Mellon, who donated two free hours of singing at the bazaar.

Looking ahead, the ECW will be organizing a take-out fundraising dinner on Friday, September 8, starting at 4:30. More details, including the menu, will follow. A portion of the proceeds will help fund the sending of our Operation Christmas Child boxes this fall.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 1, at 10 am in the Parish Hall.

We warmly invite and welcome all women of St. Mary's!

(Just a reminder: Meeting minutes, once approved, are now posted on the bulletin boards in the parish hall and at the back of the church.)



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

#### The birthdays for July were:

Bruce Clark & Jacquie Walker July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeanne Mayo July 17<sup>th</sup>, and Frank Lagace July 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Birthdays for August are:

Greta Harris Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave VanAuken Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Reynders Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Breen & Dana VanAuken Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Anniversaries for July were:

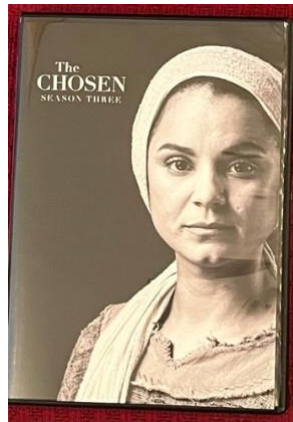
Harry and Brenda Bala

#### Anniversaries for August are:

Linda & Jerry Sarles Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don & Paula Hughes Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, Bruce & Sylvia Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, Brent & Joyce Underwood Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, and John & Juanita Minor Aug 31<sup>st</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.

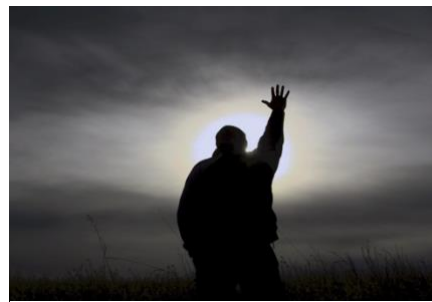


### **SMC Studies, and Holy Week Services**

**Morning Prayer** is on hold for the summer! So is choir!

**Wednesday Eucharist and Liturgical Study** at 10am.

**The Chosen Season 3** is on Thursday nights from 6:30 – 8pm.



### **DOK**

The meeting for the next DOK is Sunday, August 13th, after church in the sanctuary.

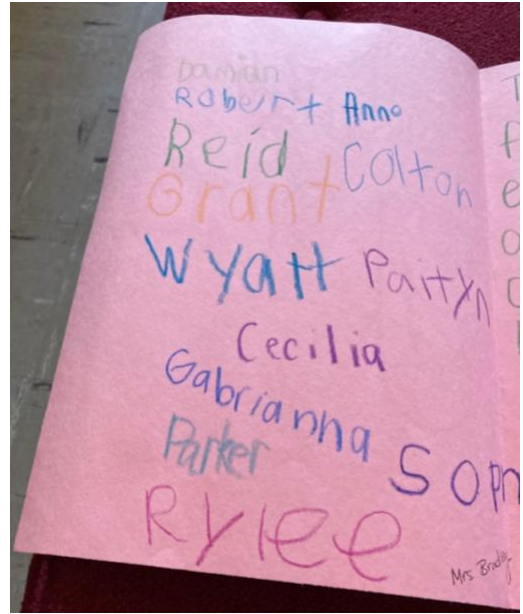
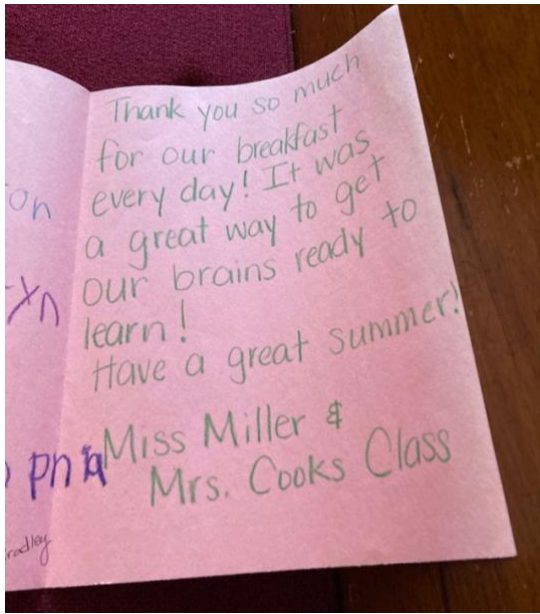
Jennifer Firth is offering a Sight & Sound “Moses” bus trip Sept. 13-14<sup>th</sup>. If interested contact Patty or Barbara Breen for Jennifer’s contact info.

Judith McNutt will be at Christ the King for a healing conference Sept 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open.

DOK will be collecting items for goodie bags for a Women’s Retreat for the Healing a Woman’s Soul organization. We need small hand lotions, paper and pencil, small devotional, bookmark, bottle of water, tissue packet, etc. It is for the retreat on Sept 8-9 in Niskayuna, NY. We would like 25 goodie bags. Donations are due by August 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will have prayer for the schools on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6pm with a promotion of it at the community lunch on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

DOK will be collecting socks again for the Hadley – Luzerne Elementary school. For girls and boys we need small, medium, large, and x-large sizes. Last year we collected over 300 pairs.



**Summer School Breakfast – Deb Fish**

Patty, attached is a thank you we received from some of the children at Summer success. Thank you for your help and prayers with this program. God bless, Deb Fish

**Community Lunch**

**This month's community lunch will be on Saturday, August 26th at 12pm in the Parish Hall.** Hope you all will attend and bring a friend.



**Operation Christmas Child**

**It's never too early to think of Christmas!!!**

**St Mary's is fulfilling the Great Commission by our support of Operation Christmas Child each year. Children around the world will receive our filled boxes with gifts and school supplies, and have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and attend a Bible study course.**

Now is the time to buy school supplies as they are on sale as school starts up again. Look for summer sales for toys and clothing. Quality items at bargain prices!

Last year we packed and sent 88 boxes. It would be brilliant if this year we were able to reach the 100 mark!!!

Boxes will be available at church in early October. But it's never too early to look for great items. And start collecting them.

We will also be offering a sponsorship of a box or boxes. If you don't want to do the shopping.

St Mary's Missions has committed to covering the \$10 donation to accompany each box again this year. This helps cover the cost of the Christian literature the children receive and other expenses to get the boxes to the children!!!

Thanks, Meryl ♡🙏

## Prayer Requests

**\*\*Please Pray for:** The family and friends of Paul as they grieve his passing, Bruce, Frank, Peg, Pam, John Midura, Rick, Rich, Ted W., Noel, Claudette, Tom, the family of Jo Burgess, the Lioniak family, Vanessa, Julia and her family and doctors, Ruth M., Melissa, the family of Chris, Nancy W. and family, Nancy N. and family, Bob and Jan, Janine, Mike C., Nancy M., Gayle M., Mike K., the Lanz family, Teri N., John and Dot, Sylvia, Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Carl H., Ruth B., Sandy and Rich, Barb B-L., Jeff, Kristen, Kathryn and her unborn son, Ray and Tracy, Mary Carol and Alan, Kailee and Dante, Ryan, Denise, Bob, Schuyler, and Romi, Mary, Marika, Gordi, Joyce, Jackie L., Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Russell, Joan and Jimmy, Brenda B., Andy P., Dave, Diane and Rachel, Daisy and family, the Carlson and Smith families. 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://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

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.



## Odds and Ends

**Thank you for all the hard work on the church's flowers this summer.** We have a big shout out to Barbara Breen, and Sharron and Jeff Fonda.

**The SMC Annual Potluck Picnic will be on August 20 after the service.** Meats from the grill will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

**The Albany Bishop Candidates' Tour (the "ABC Tour") will happen August 13-17.** For detailed info please visit the following link: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/abctour/>

**Info on Sleep in Heavenly Peace requests is below.** Look for more info next month.

**See pictures from the Bazaar!**

# NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads, but too many boys and girls go without a bed - or even a pillow - to sleep on. That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. If you would like to request a bed, volunteer and/or make a donation, please visit our website at [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org) to find out more. Together, we'll make sure 'No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town'.



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