

SMC Newsletter November 2023

Hello St. Mary's. This is our October-November newsletter. This newsletter reminds me how blessed we are as a congregation. 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, Nov. 3rd, at 10AM in the Parish Hall

There will be a **Watt's memorial luncheon and pie sale. The Lion's Club is hosting the community luncheon. The community lunch will be at noon and it is hotdogs. The pie sale is from 10am-1pm. A request with sign-up sheet will be posted for donations of pies.**

The ECW will be organizing bags for seniors in our community for Christmas.

The Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, Dec 2nd from 9am – 1pm. They are asking for donations for Fishbowl basket items, and jewelry for the Jewelry Booth. There are 50 assembled baskets to date so we can use more. There are two more work days this Monday and Tuesday.

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.

Birthdays for October are:

Fr. Lou Midura Oct 7th, Sylvia Clark Oct 8th, Jerry Sarles Oct 22nd, Jackie Gallagher Oct 23rd, and Barbara Brewer-LaMere Oct 30th

Birthdays for November are:

David Smail Nov 8th, Carlee Zabielski Nov 10th, Lorraine Newton Nov 12th, Sandy Williams Nov 13th, Maxine Starr Nov 15th, Sharron Woods Nov 19th, and Joyce Underwood Nov 21st

Anniversaries for October are:

Gary & Lorraine Oct 23rd, and Mac & Barbara Caldwell October 19th

Anniversaries for November are:

Jeff & Donna Reynders Nov 12th

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.

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Introducing CT's 2023 Advent devotional guide: *The Eternal King Arrives*.

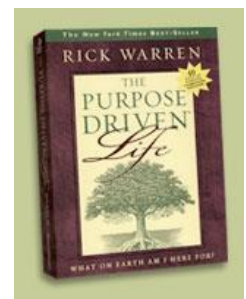
Over the 4 weeks of Advent, this devotional guide will look at the themes of Jesus' prophetic inauguration, God's plan for redemption, and the Eternal King's arrival into the world as a human through signs and wonders. Each devotional is followed with questions for reflection and discussion, making this a perfect resource for both individuals and groups.

SMC Studies

Wednesday Eucharist and Lectionary Study at 10am.

Advent study will start Wed., Nov 29th, at 6pm. It will be for four weeks. It is Christianity Today's Advent Devotional Guide: *The Eternal King Arrives*.

Alpha will start in January. There were scheduling conflicts in the fall.



DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Friday, Nov 17th at 10am, in the sanctuary.

The loose offering solicitation in church on Sept. 10th for International DOK crosses was matched by Fr. Lou. We were able to donate 18 DOK crosses internationally. An additional 3 crosses were donated after the collection date. Thank you so very much for your generosity and blessing to others.

DOK is still 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 2081 pairs. Cathy states that if every child gets 7 pairs of socks we still need: GS - 382 GM - 216 GL - 163 | BS - 287 BM - 399 BL - 306 BXL - 56. Cathy has received new socks since then so the counts will be lower.

The Hadley Business Association is asking nonprofits to decorate Christmas trees in relationship to their mission. The holiday theme is “Dream Upon a Star”.

The congregation is invited to bring in ornaments/decorations that relate to this theme for our St. Mary's Tree. Thoughts of The Star of David, the three wise men, and the nativity scene were mentioned as ideas. **Donations are due Nov. 19th. We will decorate at 1pm November 25th. Everyone in the church is invited.**

***Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Donna will lead this book study starting Jan 18th at 10am.** The 1st chapter should be read by this date. This is open to everyone. Patty has extra books if you are interested.

The Diocesan Fall Assembly at CTK was Oct 28th. Barbara Breen was elected Vice President of the Albany Diocesan DOK. Congratulations Barbara!

Operation Christmas Child

Meryl needs all Operation Christmas Child boxes to be returned by Sunday, Nov 5th for the blessing of the boxes by Fr. Lou. But boxes will be accepted at the very latest on Sunday, Nov 12th.



Prayer Requests

****Please Pray for:** **Please Pray for: Kathryn, Brian and new baby Sawyer, Rachael, Kyle and new baby Theodore, Ken Harris, The Watts family, The Hayes family, Jennie, John, Rick, Rich, Noel, Claudette, Annette and Shawn, Tom, Vanessa, Julia and her family and doctors, Ruth M., Melissa, the family of Chris, Bob and Jan, Janine, Mike C., Gayle M., Mike K., Teri N., John and Dot, Sylvia, Mrs. Mayo, Mary D., Gillian T., Carl H., Ruth B., Sandy and Rich, Jeff, Kristen, Mary Carol and Alan, Kailee and Dante, Ryan, Denise, Bob, Schuyler, and Romi, Mary, Marika, Gordi, Joyce, Jackie L., Kathy, Sonia, Carole, Regina, Lorraine, Joyce, Russell, Joan and Jimmy, Brenda B., Andy P., Wally B. Our community's youth; the men and women in law enforcement, EMS, and fire departments; those in the armed forces of our country and their families; all victims and families of the COVID-19 pandemic; and the victims of war and natural disasters around the world. All those whose needs are known only to our Lord.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Bishop Smith, the Standing Committee, Bishop-Elect Williamson and his family, the Diocese of Albany during this time of transition, and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

****Please let Fr. Lou know this week if you would like a name to remain on the prayer list. To add or delete a name at any time, please contact Fr. Lou by email at Frlou@stmarysluzerne.org or phone at 802.734.0263. This list will be updated, with your input, each month. Thank you.**



Stewardship Sunday

There will be a Sunday mass with a Stewardship lunch after church on Nov 12th. More details to follow.

Odds and Ends

Congratulations to our new Bishop elect Jeremiah Williamson from Colorado.

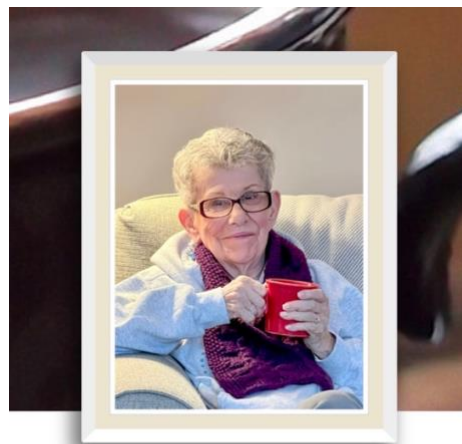
Pictures from the September Community Lunch.

The obituary of our beloved Nancy Watts.

Pictures from Nancy's reception.

Pictures from Blessing of the Animals.

Picture from Priest Appreciation Day.



Nancy Watts

March 25, 1941 ~ September 18, 2023
82 Years Old

Nancy K. Watts, 82, of Corinth, New York passed away peacefully on September 18, 2023. Born on March 25, 1941, in Corinth, New York, Nancy was the daughter of Sarah Bolton Kingsley and Horace "Buzz" Kingsley. She was a graduate of Corinth High School and received degrees in Education from SUNY Plattsburgh and Russell Sage College. While attending school in Plattsburgh, she met and later

married Peter, her husband of 61 years. Nancy and Peter taught together at Corinth Central Schools for 34 years and had many fond memories of colleagues and students.

Nancy is the beloved mother of two daughters, Kristi Wartens (Rick) of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Kathi Branchcomb (Phillip) of Corinth, New York, and is the dear "Nana" to six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They will remember her for her big hugs and even bigger heart, her ability to make everyone feel special, her sweet tooth and never-ending supply of shared treats.

Survivors include her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Nancy is predeceased by her husband Peter and her sister Ruth Kingsley.

A funeral service will be held at St. Mary's Church in Lake Luzerne, New York on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 11 a.m. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial donations in Nancy's name be made to a place that she held dear: St. Mary's Church, P.O. Box 211, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846.







