

## SMC Newsletter September 2021

Happy September everyone! The cooler weather has arrived and with it the anticipation of the coming fall. We have Fr. Lou's installation and the closing on our house in VT this month! Please send me any information you would like included for next time. Many blessings, Patty



Thank you to **EVERYONE** (especially Bruce) who helped with the spaghetti dinner. It was a great time and the food was amazing!!



### **An Update from Valerie for the ECW.**

The ECW held a spaghetti dinner on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. **We sold 100 dinners and made \$1372.** Thank you to all who helped to make this venture a success. Thanks to Double H for their donation of spaghetti sauce. The profits are to be split between Double H Hole in the Woods, the Hadley Luzerne weekend food backpack program and the Welcome Home Initiative.

We continue to discuss and plan for the **Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 4th.** Please continue to look for baskets and new items that can be used for the Fishbowl.

We have collected lots of school supplies – thanks to Meryl Dawes for her organizing and shopping. These items will be taken to the school for the Kindergarten classes.

## ECW upcoming dates.

**Saturday, September 11 at 11:00 - Fr. Lou's Installation as Rector of St. Mary's.** Outdoor celebration afterwards. **A PICTURE WILL BE TAKEN OF THE CONGREGATION AFTER THE CEREMONY.**

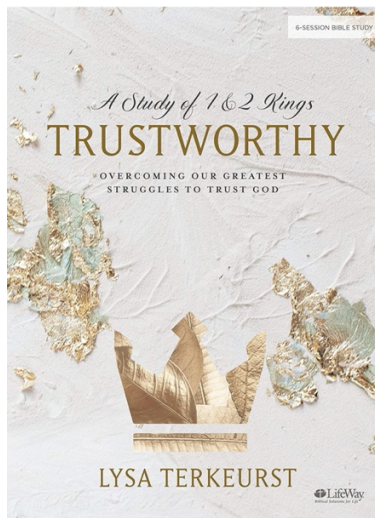
**Next meeting - Sunday, September 12th - 15- 20 minutes after the service.** Please join us.



## An Update from Karen Love.

There will be an ecumenical women's Bible Study on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm in the parish hall on September 28, October 5, 12, 19 and November 2, 9. It is a 6 week Bible Study focused on 1 & 2 Kings written by Lysa Terkeurst.

<https://info.proverbs31.org/trustworthy>



## From Meryl and Operation Christmas Child & School Supplies.

A huge THANK YOU to St Mary's for the wonderful response to providing school supplies for the 4 Kindergarten classes at the Hadley Luzerne Elementary School.

We have had a brilliant response to the Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. So, there will be a few more empty boxes on the table in the Parish Hall for anyone who would still like the opportunity to fill one. And don't forget if you don't like shopping you can make a \$\$ donation and we will fill one for you (talk to Meryl).

Bless a child with a gift and give them the opportunity to hear that Jesus is the hope that calms life's storms and brings Joy to their hearts.

Please don't forget to put your filled box under the display table. And your \$9 donation marked for OCC onto the offering plate.

Please have your boxes back at Church by end of October earlier if you can. Thank you.



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

The birthdays for September are:

Dawn Skramstrad Sept 1st, Dave Beulac Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, Jennie Peters Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Dylan Walker Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, and Linda Sarles Sept 26<sup>th</sup>.

The anniversaries for September are:

Mark and Jenny Peters Sept 21st, and Ted and Jacquie Walker Sept 29th.

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.

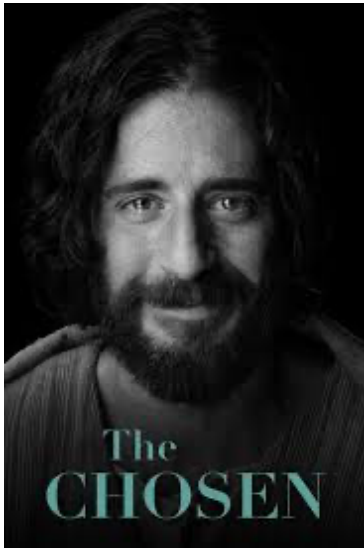


### **Bible studies/Book Club/DOK.**

Fr. Lou will continue to have a **service at 10am on Wednesdays - followed by a bible study** in the Parish Hall. We are studying Matthew.

Fr. Lou has finished season one of *The Chosen* on **Wednesday nights at 6:30pm**. Attendance was 12-20 people a week and it was well received. Season two viewing and discussion will be starting up in a few weeks with a date TBA. It will be on going and all are welcome. (<https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>)

The DOK continues to read Liturgy of the Ordinary. We are now reading Chapter 5. **We will be offering a DOK course for new members in the Fall.** Anyone interested please contact Patty. The next meeting for the DOK is **Friday, September 10, at 11:15 at The Whistling Kettle** in Ballston Spa.



### **The Diocesan Annual Convention.**

Mark your calendars. The Diocesan Annual Convention is Saturday, October 23, 2021. It is the 153<sup>rd</sup> convention and it will be held virtually. If you have any questions contact Dcn. Marian Sive at [msive@ctkcenter.org](mailto:msive@ctkcenter.org) or call 518-692-9550 ext 201.



### **Coffee Hour Update.**

Coffee hour is every Sunday after church. **Please signup to volunteer for September.** We need 1-2 volunteers per Sunday. **PLEASE!!**

### **Prayer Requests.**

**Sept requests:** Cass Lawrence, the family and friends of Fr. John Mitchell as they grieve his passing, Marika J., John & Danni, Eduard, Sonia, Elaine, Jennifer and family as they grieve the loss of Lee, Kailee and baby Dante, Joyce L., Jack G., Alex, Liza, Spencer, Azel, Barbara L., Angela, Gayle, Alyce R., Pat S., Greta H., David & Beanie F., Peter & Nancy W., Gretchen, Delia R-D., John G, Rita & Tony G., Ted G., Wendy A., Mark, Alison M., Peter D., Mark M., Michael S., our community's youth, the men and women in law enforcement and in the armed forces of our country, the victims and families of the COVID-19 pandemic, those who need healing from the virus, healthcare workers and first responders who are confronting this disease, and those who are struggling with isolation or emotional distress due to the pandemic.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Bishops William Love & Daniel Herzog, and their families. For the Standing Committee and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnm>

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.**

**Bishop Bill and Karen Love** have a new grandchild, **Emma Adeline Love** born on **August 25th**. 6 Pounds, 7 ounces. 20 inches long. All are well! Congratulations.

**Frank and Lynn** are having a wonderful time traveling to many national parks. They say hello and have sent a photo from Glacier National Park in Montana.

**Prayer Shawls.** The prayer shawls now have an accompanying prayer enclosed. If anyone would like a prayer shawl or knows of anyone that would benefit from one, please contact anyone in the DOK or Fr. Lou.

#### **From Ruth:**

God grant me the serenity to change the things I can--to accept the things I cannot change and the wisdom to know the difference!



**A message from Sr Warden Noel Dawes.**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yesterday began the 22<sup>nd</sup> week of Ordinary Time, and we used Proper 17 readings in our Eucharist. But this is no ordinary time for us at St. Mary's and it is proper we remind you that Fr. Lou's installation and Celebration of New Ministry starts at 11 A.M., Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. This day is one we hope our whole church congregation will be able to enjoy and celebrate. Fr. Lou's ordination to the priesthood was "his" day. September 11<sup>th</sup> is "our" day. We hope the weather and Covid situation will allow us to have a meal after this special service. Celebrations like this do not happen every day – our last one was over 8 years ago when Fr. Dave was installed as Rector.

But this time is no ordinary time for St. Mary's in a different way, and we are dealing with it in a proper way.

We have verified there seems to be an extensive bat activity inside the church roof. Thankfully, the LORD has blessed us by not letting bats come into the main body of the building, but the knowledge that they are "up there" is worrying several people who know about them, including Fr. Lou.

The Vestry had a survey done, which confirmed what we had been told and has unanimously decided to get rid of them. We have contracted with Simply Green Pest Solutions of Corinth to do the work at a cost of \$16,000. A deposit of \$5,000 was paid today (Monday, Aug 30). Doug Wester, the owner, did an excellent job sealing and cleaning the Rectory in July and has been quick and responsive since then when a bat flew in last week and Fr. Lou called him late at night.

The work will remove all the affected roof insulation and clean and sanitize the whole roof space. All bat entry and exit points will be blocked, having first made sure every bat is out. New roof insulation will be installed, and the roof monitored to check the work has been done effectively. This is a major task and may also include the Vestry deciding to authorize extra expenditure to seal the steeple above ladder height. The action will also deal with squirrels, mice, rats, racoons, and weasels (although I haven't personally noticed anything else other than bats squirrels and chipmunks). All the work is warrantied for a year.

**The other proper thing to do is to let you all know that work will start tomorrow, Tuesday, August 31 at about 8:30 A.M. It will last about 2 weeks and our target is to have it all finished before the Installation on 9/11. Mr. Wester is aware of our service and other activity times and dates and plans to minimize any disruption to people coming to and from church through any of the doors. For**

***example, he will need to use a hydraulic elevator to get to the higher points of the roof but it will not be used in a way that hinders access and passage around the church.***

Now we know “bats in the belfry” and roof is a large problem and has potential health hazards associated with it, we would be irresponsible not to take the necessary action to deal with it. We would not be practicing what we preach, loving our neighbors, in a Christian way if we did not act.

In the near future we will be letting you know of our plans to repair some brickwork on the Rectory chimney; and repairs to some wooden slats in the cupola directly above the altar before we get rain coming in or wind damage to the roof.

We are so grateful that each of you has, with outstanding grace, already made huge adjustments and changes to routine in magnificent ways during the last 18 months and we are sorry to have to add another potentially disruptive burden to life. But we know you will all respond magnificently to this challenge. Thank you for rising to the moment.

Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

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