

SMC Newsletter October 2021

Happy October everyone! The leaves have fallen and so have the temperatures. The weather seems perfect for a turkey dinner!! More details to follow down below. Some of our parishioners have sought out warmer weather in Florida and we are understandably a little jealous.

Please send me any information you would like included for next time. Many blessings, Patty



Thank you to EVERYONE who celebrated with Fr. Lou on his installation day. Thank you notes might still be in the works!!

An Update from the ECW.

The spaghetti dinner was a big success, and we were able to donate \$425 to Double H Ranch, \$425 to the Hadley/Luzerne school food backpack program and \$475 to the Welcome Home Initiative. The additional \$50 donated to Welcome Home was from a specific donation at the dinner designated to that cause.

We are still moving ahead to prepare for the Christmas bazaar on Saturday, December 4th. Baskets and items for those baskets for the Fishbowl are needed. Please put aside any baskets and any new or like-new items. We will be gathering in the Parish Hall to make and wrap baskets on the following days:

Wed.	10/13	1-3pm
Mon.	10/18	10-Noon
Fri.	10/29	1-3pm
Thu.	11/4	4-6pm
Tue.	11/9	10 - Noon

Please join us to help wrap on one or more of these days. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church and in the Parish Hall.

Our next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Friday 10/8 at 10:30. We will be planning for the bazaar and would welcome all help and input. Please join us. Lunch (soup and dessert) will be available.



A Takeout Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be on Friday, October 15th, 4:30pm – 7pm.

Dinners will include turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and apple pie. The cost of the meal is \$12.00. Proceeds will benefit the Maxfield Food Pantry, it's Thanksgiving Baskets, and the Community Fuel Fund. Please call 518-696-2193 with any questions. Pre-ordering is not required, but if you wish to phone ahead with your order you may call 518-696-3030 after 12pm on October 15th. We're looking forward to seeing and serving you!



An Update From Meryl and Operation Christmas Child.

A huge THANK YOU to all who have and are packing the OCC boxes. To bless a child and spread the gospel of good news.

You will see all the empty boxes have started to be replaced by filled ones. Which is Brilliant!! There is still time to get your box filled and returned by Sunday 31st October.

If you feel you may have missed the opportunity, please contact Meryl as she still has boxes that can be filled!! And should you have decided that after taking a box home this project is actually not for you, please just return the empty box.(no questions asked).

Remember your cash or check of \$9 donation should be placed in an envelope marked OCC boxes and put on the offering plate. Thank you.



An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

The birthdays for October are:

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

The anniversaries for October are:

Dawn and Larry Skramstad Oct 8th, Barbara (Cherokee) and Mac Caldwell Oct 19th, Bishop Bill and Karen Love Oct 22nd, and Gary and Lorraine Newton Oct 23rd.

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.

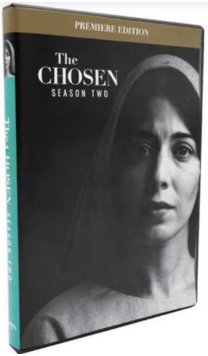
Fr. Lou will do the blessing of the animals on Oct. 3 at 2pm. There will be a warm welcome, a prayer, and a blessing for all of God's creatures.

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 started season two of *The Chosen* on **Wednesday nights at 6:30pm**. 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 6. **We will be offering a DOK course for new members.** Anyone interested please contact Patty.

The next meeting for the DOK is **Sunday, October 10, at 11:15 in the Parish House.**



The Diocesan Annual Convention.

Mark your calendars. The Diocesan Annual Convention is Saturday, October 23, 2021. It is the 153rd convention and it will be held virtually. If you have any questions contact Dcn. Marian Sive at 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 October.** We need 1-2 volunteers per Sunday. **PLEASE!! October 17th, 24th, and 31st need volunteers.**

Prayer Requests.

****Please Pray for:** Paul B., Deacon Alan and Mary Carol, Maxine's family as they grieve the passing of Payton Rose, Shaunna, 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., Cas L., Alyce R., Pat S., Greta H., David & Beanie F., Peter & Nancy W., Gretchen, Delia R-D., John G, Rita & Tony, Ted G., Wendy A., Mark, Alison M., Peter D., Mark M., Michael S., Mary W., 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. All those whose needs are known only to our Lord.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Retired Bishops William Love, Daniel Herzog, and their families. For Bishop Smith and the Standing 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 or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.



Update from the Profile and Search Committee

The Committee gathered for a two hour Zoom meeting on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We acknowledged the significance of this solemn anniversary day and opened with a prayer for remembrance and healing. Our chaplain, Fr. Darius Mojallali, earned kudos for joining the meeting from Vancouver, Washington, where it was three hours earlier!

Fr. Tom Papazoglakis led the committee in a presentation and discussion of meeting norms and Covenant of Community. Inasmuch as the Committee is composed of members from across our geographically large and diverse diocese, it is necessary for us to get acquainted with each other and establish trusting relationships to accomplish our mission and tasks. We plan to meet at least monthly, in person or via Zoom or in a hybrid format. Our next meeting will be October 9, 2021 at St. George's Church in Clifton Park. At this full day meeting, we will continue to learn about our members as we begin to parse out the elements of creating a Diocesan Profile. Prayers for the Committee and our work are much appreciated. Any questions or comments should be directed to Committee Chair, Sue Ellen Ruetsch, at sruetsch@albanydiocese.org.



Odds and Ends.

A SHOUT-OUT FOR HELP.

Barbara Brewer-LaMere is looking for people to help her move wood from the shed to the basement on Saturday, Oct. 9th at 10am. People can contact Barbara if they need to come a different date. Let's park at the church first, get a cup of coffee or tea, and walk over to Barb's on that Saturday. Barb's email is babrewerlamere@frontier.com and her phone number is 518-696-5438.

A thank you for donating. A FULL box of used eyeglasses were donated to the Lions Club and they were appreciated.

A picture of Harry with his grandson!

An update from the Novaks. They have arrived in Sarasota! They have moved in and have started house upgrades already. The boys told their parents they miss St. Mary's already.

A poem to contemplate from Ruth:

AT DAYS END

Is anybody happier because you passed their way?
Does anyone remember you spoke to them today?
The day is almost over and toiling time is through.
Is there anyone now to utter a kindly word of you?
Can you say tonight with a day that's slipping fast--
That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?

Did you waste the day or lose it?
or was it well spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness;
or a trail of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber; do you think that GOD will say;
you have earned one more tomorrow for what you did today

