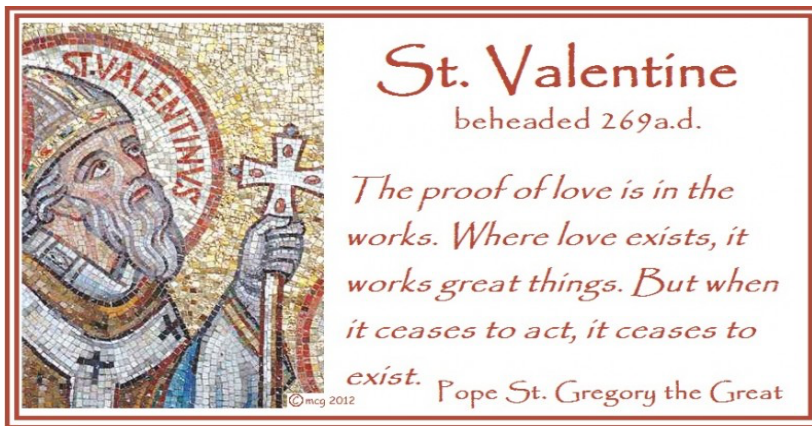


SMC Newsletter February 2022

Welcome to February! We have Valentine's Day, President's week, and Groundhog Day this month. Let's pray that the groundhog doesn't see his shadow. Please send me any information you would like included for next month. Many blessings, Patty



An Update from the ECW

The next ECW meeting will be Friday, February 18th at 10:30am. Topics to be discussed include a review of our Christmas event, the formal election of new officers, and what our focus and activities might be in the first part of the new year.

Annual Meeting

We hope you will plan on joining us for annual meeting. We would love to hear from all of you. What are your hopes and dreams for St. Mary's? How do you see us furthering God's kingdom on earth? This is an opportunity for us all to be together and have this conversation and voice any thoughts, concerns, cares, etc. to those chosen to lead our church.

All annual reports should be sent in to admin@stmarysluzerne.org by tomorrow, Wednesday.

We will be eating after the meeting, and you may eat-in or have takeout.



An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

The birthdays for February are:

Rich Willoughby, Feb. 28th. See info below about a party.

The anniversaries for February are:

David and Vicki Smail, Feb. 24th.

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.

Rich Willoughby's 50th Birthday Party

Please join us on February 27th after church to celebrate Rich's 50th birthday! There will be a cake and a celebration during coffee hour. Bring your birthday singing voices. Anyone wishing to donate towards a birthday gift may contact Patty Midura at 802-989-3213.



Bible studies-Advent

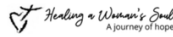
Fr. Lou is changing his Facebook morning prayer to Thursday mornings at 8:30am. Another priest had a conflict and asked Fr. Lou to switch with him. Fr. Lou will continue to have a **service at 10am on Wednesdays - followed by a Bible study** in the Parish Hall. We will be studying the readings for the weekly Sunday service. **Please join us!**

The Presentation of Our Lord is this Wednesday, February 2nd. It honors Jesus Christ's presentation in the Temple when he was a young child. It reflected the fulfillment of the Old Covenant. Mary and Joseph offered a sacrifice when Jesus was consecrated to the Lord. (Luke 2:22-24). The liturgical color for February is green.

DOK

There is a meeting for the DOK on Friday, February 11 at 10:30am at the Rectory.

We will be having a DOK class for new members starting in February. All current members are invited to attend. The new member orientation will be Monday, Feb 7th at 10:30am. All current members are welcome. In the month of February, we will meet on Mondays at 10:30am on Feb 14 and Feb 28 for discussing the DOK Study Guide.



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DOK Valentine Bags

The Daughters of the King have been working with Maggie Hasslacher (Erich's sister), the Director of Healing a Woman's Soul (<https://www.hawsalbany.org>), about donating Valentine bags to women living in domestic violence shelters. We are asking the congregation to donate items to this DOK event.

We are hoping for enough items for 30 bags.

They requested the following personal care items: (items in yellow are needed)

Body wash
Body lotion
Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner
Socks
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hairbrush/Comb
Small Tissues Pack
Nail Polish
Small Pad of Paper

There will be a basket in the back of the church for these donations. We will put the bags together on Friday, Feb. 11th at our DOK meeting so that they can be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Thank you to everyone who have already blessed us with donations. Please see Barbara Breen if you have any questions.

Coffee Hour Update.

Coffee hour is every Sunday after church. **Please signup to volunteer for February with Jennie or Patty.** Jennie's email is violin1965@hotmail.com, #518-696-5129. Patty's email is midurapatty@gmail.com, #802-989-3213. We need 1-2 volunteers per Sunday!! This Sunday is Annual Meeting, so volunteers are not needed for this weekend.



Prayer Requests.

***Please Pray for:** Gretchen, Jonnie, Linda & Mason, Amy H. & Maddie, Sylvia C., Meaghan and baby Cole, Sharon K., Jeff R., Carol, MaryCarol and Alan, Jennifer, Judy, Kailee and Dante, Claudette, Bob and Schuyler, Michelle, Paul B., Mary W. and family, Mark M., Marissa, Shaunna, Marika J., Eduard & Mariana, Joyce L., Jack G., Sonia, Carole, Greta H., Peter & Nancy W. and their family, 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.

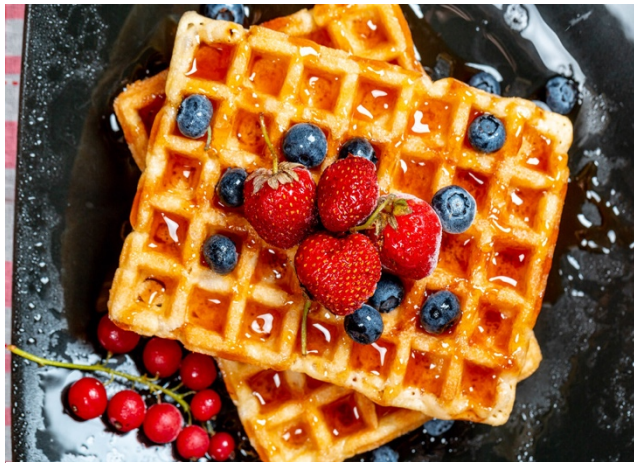
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Bishop Smith, the Standing Committee, the Profile and Search committee, and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

****It is time to update the prayer list.** Please contact Erich Kaminsky by email at erichkaminsky@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.



Update on the Live Theatre Trip.

Ruth is organizing a trip to Lancaster PA. to see **the Story of David** at the Sight and Sound religious theater. This is a live show, and you feel like you are there. The date will be **Wed, Sept.14th at 10a.m.** **The cost is \$69 for adults and \$65.50 for ages 8-14.** We will be **car caravanning** and some drivers have extra seats available. During this trip you can see a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, and a lot of other attractions if you wish to stay a few days. Since this is a 5 to 6-hour trip, it is suggested that we go down the day before and **stay at least one night.** Ruth will set up motel rooms for one or two nights nearby. **Ruth must have a count for the show tickets by Feb. 28 with ticket money due no later than March 20th.** Covid restrictions apply with proof of vaccination and masks. Please see Ruth for more info at 518-696-6430 or ooma5678@hotmail.com.




Update on the Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, February 27th at 8:30am at Papa's Diner in Queensbury. Father Lou would like to invite all the men of the parish to eat together and have fellowship.

FRI APR 1 - SAT APR 2

Rekindling Awe

WITH WOMEN
OF THE BIBLE



Christ The King Center

Women's Retreat

Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Women's Retreat at Christ the King Center.

<https://ctkcenter.org/events/9-events/225-2022-women-s-retreat-event>.

Rekindling Awe with Women of the Bible

April 1-2, 2022

With guest speakers Laurel Bissett, Hope Johnson and Erica Renaud. These past few years have been challenging at best. Many are feeling overwhelmed and worn down ... physically, emotionally and even, perhaps, in our relationship with our LORD. Now is the time to come into His presence and rekindle that relationship. Join us for the 7th annual women's retreat for a sweet time of rest, renewal and peace. Our speakers, three current-day women of the Bible, will relate the challenging context of our world today to three women in the Bible who also had challenging world contexts and how they still maintained their awe for our sovereign LORD throughout it all.

Expect your favorite things and more:

Vibrant Worship, Inspiring talks, Expanded Marketplace Hours, RV housing options, Friday night social with a SUNDAE BAR, Opportunity to attend more than one breakout session, Time to just be, Dinner to Go on Saturday afternoon...who wants to cook after a wonderful retreat?

MISSION: NO CHILD WET BEHIND DIAPER DRIVE. This year the women's retreat will be featuring a breakout with the Alpha Pregnancy Care Center. If you would like to join us in supporting this ministry, please bring a box (or more) of diapers with you to the retreat. Drop them in the Welcome Center at registration. Thank you!



Ecumenical Women's Bible Study: A Note from Karen Love

Dear Friends,

Here's our next ecumenical women's Bible Study: **Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians** written by Beth & Melissa Moore. We will be meeting **on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm at the St Mary's Parish Hall. The dates are February 8,15, & 22, March 1,15,22, & 29 and April 5 & 12.** This is a 7-week Bible Study. I know I have given you 9 dates as some are possible snow days and I was hoping to conclude before Easter.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending the Bible Study. If you would like a workbook, the cost is \$20. This includes shipping and tax. Please let me know if you need a workbook by Sunday, January 30th if you need me to order one. My cell number is 518.260.2391.

[Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians | Beth Moore & Melissa Moore](#)

God bless,
Karen



Odds and Ends.

Congratulate Sylvia and Bruce Clark on their new grandchild - Cole Herbert Harriott.

Fr. Lou and I would like to thank you for our time off and even though it was a cold week we enjoyed our favorite ice cream place.

A Note from Ruth:
HOW READEST THOU?

It is one thing to read the Bible through.
another thing to read to learn and do;
some read it with design to learn to read,
but to the subject pay little heed.
some read it as their duty once a week;
but no instruction from the Bible seek.
while others read it with little care
with no regard to how they read, nor where.

I fear there are few who read it right;
but read it prayerfully and you will see
although man contradict; God's words agree;
we find that Christ and his apostles quote
so trust no creed that tries to recall
what has been penned and verified by all.

1898 Bible for the Home Circle