



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DESIGN FOR THE PIOUS PRESS!

Your Priest Perspective...

Change is scary. Yet God is in change and with us in change.

Remember the stories of the Israelites. It began when God called Abraham to leave his home and go to a land God would show him. In exchange, God would make his descendants as numerous as the stars. God's promise continues with Abraham through his son, Isaac; and his grandson, Jacob, who is renamed Israel. Through various circumstances recounted in the last half of the book of Genesis, Israel's son Joseph ends up in Egypt in charge of grain during a time of famine. Because of this position, he is able to guarantee the survival of his family. When the rest of his family comes to buy grain, they are reunited with Joseph and settle in Egypt with him. Generations later, the Israelites become slaves of the Egyptians. Yet, in another big change, God prepares the way for the Israelites to escape slavery and conquer the land promised to Abraham.

These stories teach us about change. The first lesson is that God calls us to step out in faith toward change. The second is that God will work through circumstances to bring about good in the change. The third lesson is that a successful culmination of the changes God calls us to make may take longer than we expect. Just as the Israelites experienced challenges along the way to the Promised Land, we also will be challenged.

God calls us to keep the faith during times of change. God's promise is that, no matter what challenges change brings, God will be with us and deliver us.

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Our Doors Are Always Open

Hope, Healing & Hospitality

Holy Communion with Hymns

Sundays at 9 a.m

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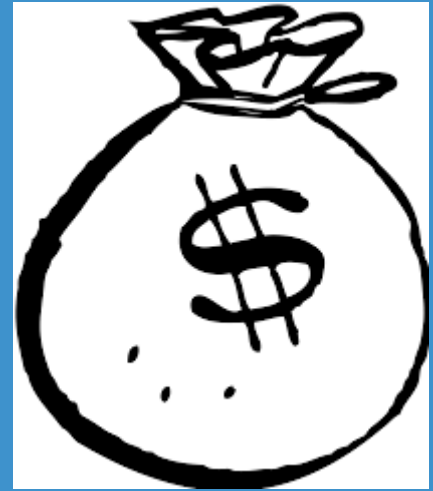
Priscilla Moot
Lucy Kraatz



Treasurer's Report

January - October, 2019

Income:	\$28,941.77
Expenses:	\$43,748.60
Total:	- \$15,151.90
Plus Dividends:	\$ 4,878.33
Total:	- \$ 9,928.50



Schedule for Newsletter For 2020

January/February:	Articles Due By:	12/29/19
	Distributed:	1/05/20
March/April:	Articles Due By:	2/23/20
	Distributed:	3/01/20
May/June:	Articles Due By:	4/26/20
	Distributed:	5/03/20
July/August:	Articles Due By:	6/28/20
	Distributed:	7/05/20
September/October:	Articles Due By:	8/30/20
	Distributed:	9/06/20
November/December:	Articles Due By:	10/25/20
	Distributed:	11/01/20

Anyone can submit an article for the newsletter. Please send to Jennifer by the due date above via email at: stjohnswilson@juno.com .

Our Diocesan Prayer Partner:
St. Peter's, Niagara Falls

Please take time to include them in your daily prayers

Please support
St. Andrew's
Community Store

Closed: Sunday & Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday:
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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January 22nd at 7pm
(No Cafe in December due
to the Holiday)

Sr. Warden's Report: Janet M. Hoffman

Also, Chairperson Building & Grounds: November 2019

The signs are finally completed and we will work at getting them placed around the Town of Wilson.

I am still working on utilizing the Parish hall for events/meeting for the Community. As of the report I have added a 4-H Club to our site and they want to meet on Wednesday evenings. The 4-H club met last evening, 11/20/19 and the Leader, Jena Champion, stated that it was a huge success. The Pierogi Lady is changing her use of the Parish Hall to Tuesdays for the winter and spring. They would also like to use the hall on a Saturday for another "make and take" pierogi evening, no date as of this report.

We lost heat in the church on Sunday, 11/17/19. Spoke with Jerry Harrington and he gave me directions on how to correct the issue. He also thought that we may need to replace the pipe valve to the church proper. I followed his directions and it worked. We also had to replace the thermostat in the Parish Hall, Mr. Harrington came over and did it for us.

The Health Department made its yearly visit to St. John's on Friday, 11/15/19. We passed but he made some suggestions, we cannot use the "sponge/scrubbers" and all food and water has to be off of the floor. The report will be mailed to us.

I thank all of you at St. John's for your continued support and efforts and remember while we watch over others, "HE" is watching over us.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hoffman, Sr. Warden

to the full

SCJ MOPS has a couple of short meeting months in November and December with the holidays.

MOPS continues to bring 9-14 moms each meeting with their toddlers with a lot of enthusiasm. Unfortunately Chet Fery, Mr. Breadman had a last minute emergency and was unable to attend. Chet will be at our January 22nd meeting. Many of the moms had heard Chet last year or at another event. We had a discussion on “why we were disappointed Chet was unable to come and what his presentation does for us.” Each Bread Time Story will inspire, instruct, motivate and also take you much further, with how random acts of kindness can change our lives and create a world community.

At our December 11th meeting Cathy Dempsey-Sims will share the story of the Christmas donkey with the moms.

Wednesday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. MOPS has extended an invitation to St. John’s to participate in this year’s cookie exchange. Please bring 6 dozen of the same cookie, packaged in 6 along with the recipe. One of the MOPS has volunteered to make a recipe booklet of the cookies to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Thank you especially to our MOPS childcare leaders: Cindy Harrington, Lois Bateman, Lucy Kraatz, Carol Nochajski, Sharon Rhodes and Nancy Thompson.

And thank you family of St. John’s for your support. Please feel free to lend a hand or visit one of our meetings anytime. Our doors are always open.

God is Good!

Priscilla and Jennifer

Infant CPR Class



Celebrating 9/11





December: Geoffrey Hills December 19



December 15	Pierogi Making Class (registration required)	2 p.m.
December 19	Vestry Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services:	St. Andrew's	6:30 p.m.
	St. John's	10:30 p.m.
NO Christmas Day Service		
December 29	St. Andrew's (Lessons & Carols)	10:45 a.m.
February 21	St. Andrew's Fish Fry Dinners Begin	
February 25	Shrove Tuesday - MOPS Fundraiser	
February 26	Ash Wednesday	
March 12	Easter	



*The Wreaths on the Front Doors were made by
Vicki Jancef
In Memory of Deacon Pete Dempsey-Sims*



Thank You For Your Support

Many thanks to all for the support of another successful Election Day Chicken and Biscuit Dinner in 2019. We made \$1100. We sold out way too early and Jim Puskas, our chef will make adjustments for next year. It takes many hands to make a one day event for our small congregation successful and we did it again. Thank you to all including family and friends for your time, energy, and support this year. It was especially great this year to have the guys come at the end for clean-up, along with Sharon from Dollar General for being our dishwasher!

Priscilla Moot



Annual coat drive; although we didn't have any children in need for coats this year our Christmas family has a need for a coat and boots for that one child. I used the money collected to get the boots and coat for a family so thank you to those who donated.

Again this year we will share our cookie exchange with some of the moms from the Mops program. It will be held on December 18th at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to partake in this. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please make six dozen cookies and put them on plates with a half dozen on each plate. You bring six dozen cookies and take home six dozen of assorted cookies. Please include your recipe this year!!



Applefest: I would like to thank everyone for all your help and participation at Applefest this year. It was a fun day. I don't know if it was possibly because of the date change to Columbus Day weekend but we had income of \$1500 less than last year. Prior to the expenses we made \$3100. Thank you to all those who stepped up in areas new to them, both Kevin Brown's for outside veggies and Jared Carney and Tristan Guthrie for the kitchen. Everything is a plus, so even though it was less it was great and we had a great time.



We are adopting a family children and mom. The tree in the parish hall with tags on many tags as you wish. We **December 15th**. Please wrap package. Many thanks to Puskas for making the ornaments again this year. Thank you all again for all that you do for St. John's outreach projects.



Lois Bateman

again this year. There are three will again be set up it. Please help yourself to as need the presents back by them and put the names on each Barb Farwell & Jennifer Farwell-



- Our Parish Directory is in the process of being updated. It will be distributed when complete.
- Lucy Kraatz has volunteered to be the coordinator for Sunday coffee hours. Please sign-up with her.
- Christmas Flower Donation Forms are available in the sanctuary. Please fill out and return before Sunday, December 22nd.
- Currently our Parish Hall is being used on:

Monday: AA
Tuesday: Pierogi Lady
Wednesday: MOPS and 4-H Club

Please note the Parish Hall is available for use. See Janet Hoffman for details. Our kitchen is certified by the Niagara County Health Department also.

- There will be a complete report from the Wilson Community Food Pantry in the January Newsletter.