



Dear Parishioners of St. John's:

I would like your input on a liturgical decision.

Here is the question for you to consider. I am happy to take comments privately or perhaps folks could share them in Zoom coffee hours so we can all be part of it.

Here is the question: Eucharistic Prayer C in the Book of Common Prayers says: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I currently render that as Lord God of Our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachael. Should I instead render it as Lord God of Our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachael, Bilhah, and Zilpah. (or not)?

If you want to know more about who these women are and why I may be asking this, you could read Gen 30 -35, Gen 37:2, Gen 46:18-25, and 1 Chron 7:19. To gain an even fuller understanding, you might want to know or read about who Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachael are and why they are important?. Abraham, who originally was named Abram, is first mentioned in Genesis 11. You could begin reading there and read through to the end of Genesis, if you have time. If you have an even greater interest, you might research childbearing customs of the day. In a few weeks, I'll decide based on your input whether or not to include Bilhah and Zilpah.

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Treasurer's Report

July, 2020

Income:	\$ 2,376.70
Expenses:	\$ 2,374.41
Total:	\$ 2.29



Schedule for Newsletter for 2020

November/December:

Articles Due By: 10/25/20
 Distributed: 11/01/20

Please support
 St. Andrew's
 Community Store

THE STORE IS OPEN

Wednesday: 11-4
Saturday: 10-2

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**MASKS MUST BE WORN AT
 ALL TIMES !!**



A Prayer as I put on my mask:
 Creator,
 As I prepare to go into the world,
 Help me to see the sacrament
 In the wearing of this cloth –
 Let it be "an outward sign
 Of an inward grace" –
 A tangible and visible way of living
 Love for my neighbors,
 As I love myself.
 Christ,
 Since my lips will be covered,
 Uncover my heart,
 That people would see my smile
 In the crinkles around my eyes.
 Since my voice may be muffled,
 Help me to speak clearly,
 Not only with my words,
 But with my actions.
 Holy Spirit,
 As the elastic touches my ears,
 Remind me to listen carefully –
 And full of care –
 To all those I meet.
 May this simple piece of cloth be
 Shield and banner,
 And each breath that it holds,
 Be filled with your love.
 In your name and in
 In the name of love
 I pray.
 May it be so, May it be so.



Please keep the following people in your prayers during our time away from each other:

We pray for..... Ann, Geoffrey, Carolyn, Deirdre, Sandy, Cathy Dempesy-Sims and family, Peter, Barb, Bob, Father Sam, Karyn, Joan, Linda, Millie, Marcy, Scott, Brianna, Jessica, Zach, Ron, Lori, Jayliann, Connie, Margaret, Peter, Zada, Madeline, Linda and our Prayer Partner – St. Peter's in Niagara Falls.



This year due to COVID our MOPS group will be participating in Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoebox at home with their children. We are hoping to involve the congregation in gathering things for the boxes. We will provide more information as we get things rolling.



God can use a shoebox, packed full of gifts and sent off with prayer, to transform a child, their family, and their community through the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

An Opportunity for Moms

MOPS is partnering with Operation Christmas Child to bless even more boys and girls around the world with a tangible expression of God's love. You and your family can get involved in one of three easy ways:

- Pack a shoebox every month.
- Shop for shoebox items each month to prepare for fall packing.
- Build a Shoebox Online once a month.

As you make Operation Christmas Child a part of your regular routine, you'll not only bless children around the world, but those in your own family as well as they learn the joy of giving!

One MOPS mom who participates will be able to see children receive shoebox gifts first-hand on an Operation Christmas Child vision trip!

Learn more at mops.org/occ.

Sr. Warden's Report: Janet M. Hoffman

Chairperson Building & Grounds:

St. John's outdoor church service has been going well, usual amount of attendees. We had a service in the Parish Hall and that worked also, same amount of attendees.

We have another request to use the commercial kitchen. I will look into this.

What does everyone think about using our Parish Hall for Yoga Classes (they would be free) weekly?

Give me your input, 751-0165.

We will be adding a fresh supply of charcoal to the bags in the basement to absorb the musty odor. Without heat down there the odor prevails, charcoal does the job.

The Annual Church Audit is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Thank all of you for your continued support and remember; while we watch over others, HE is watching over us.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hoffman, Sr. Warden



September is upon us when SJC MOPS would normally begin the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. With all the uncertainty SJC MOPS is holding off meeting physically. We are having an outdoor get together to start the year. Plans are in the works for virtual meetings; including craft projects where Jennifer and I will put all supplies together and deliver before the virtual meeting to do. International MOPS is also doing virtual meetings open to all moms. One of the challenges we have is our moms are from different school districts so everyone is on a different schedule. More to come on our activities.

“Decide to Rise” is what SJC MOPS are doing supporting each other and the community. We will do these three things to remind ourselves of who God made us:

1. Be Strong: arise a mother becoming strong mentally and physically.
2. Do your work: happens in big and small, but always significant ways. It's about persevering through the daily grind of essential but mundane tasks; and it's also about making brave choices to do new things.
3. Chase Joy: Actively seeking out joy is how we fight discouragement and fear. It's how we fight our tendency to complain, accuse or be offended. Joy is a decision, a really brave one, about how you will respond to life in all its circumstances. Joy is the most magnetic and contagious force in the universe, the type that people around you can't help but notice - especially those looking up toward their mom. It is a gladness that's not just reserved for happy moments, but particularly during the hardest days that come your way. Joy is the deep knowing that you were made for more than anxiety, depression and fear.

GOD is Good.

Priscilla and Jennifer



The Board and Volunteers say, again, "Thank You, Thank you" for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Our shelves are full and we are able to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables weekly. The community farmers are keeping us supplied with fresh vegetables during the summer, and soon to be, fall months. We are open every Tuesday, 2pm-8pm, but are available for emergency food requests. We are staffed with all volunteers to cover the 6 hours every Tuesday along with the pantry administrator (no one is paid).

We are fully funded by community donations, monetary and food wise. A reminder, there are Federal Income Guidelines for the pantry and you can only shop every 4 weeks. You receive enough food for 3 meals per day, per person, in your household, x 3 days. If you need the guidelines please visit our web page; www.wilsoncommunityfoodpantry.com or call us at 716-727-4074.

In this Covid-19 crisis the pantry is available for you to apply for our services. Go to the web page for the criteria to apply. Again, we are open every Tuesday, 2-8pm. We continue doing curbside pick-up to maintain the distancing criteria. The pantry has provided gloves, masks and sanitizer for volunteers, if needed. Again, please check on your neighbors and the elderly, we have a lot of food to share.

We are here for you,

Janet M. Hoffman, Administrator

Wilson Community Food Pantry



Kevin Brown
Marcia Sabey
Linda Miller

September 15
October 5
October 24

Bob & Denise Failla
Gil & Nancy Thompson

October 6
October 8



- Your Vestry is still meeting each month via “Zoom”.
- Vestry is currently working on the details/logistics for moving our worship services back inside the church with the cooler weather upon us. We will keep you informed as we have more information.
- Please note that the “Book of Common Prayer” is located online at: <https://episcopalchurch.org/files/bookofcommonprayer.pdf>
- Please continue to check your email, the website and your US Postal mail for current information regarding St. John’s.

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