

The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

April 2024

From Pastor Susan...

During our Maundy Thursday agape service, we talked about the humility of Jesus, washing his disciples' feet. We didn't do a foot-washing per se, but I think the members of St. John's are already well-acquainted with the experience of humbly doing what needs to be done.

- Some of you prepare food for us and clean up after us.
- Some of you prepare the worship space for us and clean up after us.
- Some of you prepare our music, our bulletins, our Bible readings.
- Some of you keep an eye on the kids and step up to shepherd them.
- Some of you make sure visitors have what they need to join in our worship.
- Some of you deal with our building issues.
- Some of you keep track of our finances and resources.
- Some of you take on responsibility as Vestry members, deanery representatives and convention delegates.
- Some of you help those who rent our kitchen address issues.
- Some of you work with our Moms group.
- Some of you connect us with organizations outside our walls.
- Some of you help us with fundraisers and donate to our outreach efforts.

Yes, I think the members of St. John's are very adept at "washing feet"—which is to say, you do what needs doing without a lot of fuss and without "blowing your horn".

And I think that is an important part of being the Body of Christ in a meaningful way. It's putting love into action.

Thank you for all you do!

Sr. Warden Report...

Happy Easter to all.

We are moving forward with the repairs to the plumbing issue. After reviewing three bids, the decision was made to have S. M. Pynn & Sons do the repairs. I am in the process of getting it scheduled. The cost is going to be \$3,200. Anyone who would like to make a donation to help offset this would be greatly appreciated. You can mark REPAIR FUND in the memo line on your check. If making a cash donation just mark it on the envelope please.

The Solar Eclipse will be here on April 8th and we are doing a food event at Krueger Park. We will start setup at 9:00 a.m. with the park open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Frank has been kind enough to step up and help with this. We are looking for volunteers to help throughout the day. A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the parish hall. The items are going to be purchased in bulk to get the best pricing. Anyone who would like to make a monetary donation can mark on the memo line of your check ECLIPSE EVENT or if donating cash please note it on the envelope. All donations are greatly appreciated.

I have verified with the Diocese that they have received our Fair Share request and it will be reviewed at their April 9th meeting. At this time, I was told it should not be a problem. I will let you know once I have received written confirmation of that.

As always, feel free to contact me any time with questions, concerns and suggestions.

Moving forward with God,
Lucy Kraatz
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*Looking forward to the return of our
Snowbirds !!!*

Jr. Warden Report...

Jane Hamilton

I would like to introduce you to Rachel Collins, baker extraordinaire, owner of Bake & Supply and currently renting our commercial kitchen at St. John's.

Rachel first learned to bake as a young child from her mother and grandmother, who were both great cooks. By the second grade she decided to buy a cookbook with her book faire money and start trying recipes from that. She then began researching recipes and trying them out.



As her love and passion for baking has evolved over the years, it's the basics she's learned and the pointers from her mother and grandmother that she applies to her recipes. She's always researching and creating. Her creations are amazing!! You can contact Rachel at 716-343-4487.



Rachel can be found baking most Fridays in the kitchen at St. John's getting ready for market. She spends most

Saturday mornings, 7 am to 1pm at the North Tonawanda City Market selling and taking orders for her creations. Occasionally, her creations can be found on Sunday mornings at coffee hour too. Stop by and enjoy a little bit of heaven.



Birthdays...

Janet Hoffman April 11
Wendy Brown April 12
Kevin Brown April 15



Anniversaries...

Jerilyn & John Carney April 26



Buildings & Grounds...

It is so wonderful to see the flowers coming out at church, both in the front and back gardens. Spring is on the way!

Vicki has said she will take the screen door in the office to re-purpose, so that will be removed in the next week. So glad it won't end up in the burn pile.

As always, feel free to contact me anytime.
Lucy Kraatz
Chairman, Buildings & Grounds

Treasurer's Report...

January - February 2024

Income:	\$ 5,607.23
Expense:	\$ <u>3,408.35</u>
Total:	\$ 2,198.88
Dividends:	\$ <u>387.43</u>
Total:	\$ 2,586.31



Spring has sprung. The sun is shining and the temperatures are getting warmer. It's time for St. John's annual Perennial Plant Sale to be held Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and will be held rain or shine... inside.

Donations of plants, bushes, trees and anything garden oriented are greatly appreciated. If you need help transporting, give the church a call and we can arrange pickup. Please stop by and take a walk thru on Saturday, May 4th. Your support is appreciated.

Jane Hamilton

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Kelly, Heather, Rom LeMay, Nick, Owen Wright, Brian, Addison, mily, Jack, Eric, Megan, Betty, Dana, Pamela, Josh, Jon & Kacee, Craig, Deidre, Sandy, Ron, Margaret, Jessica, Jeffrey, Zack, Cassie, Brandi, Don, Lizzy, Rose, Laura, Terry, Michael, Lilyana, Shirley & Dean; Bonnie & Bill; Bonnie & Richard; Al, Christianna & their unborn baby; the Faqiri Family, and our prayer partner, St. John's, Youngstown. We pray for peace in Israel and Ukraine.





First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for their generosity for providing potatoes for the Easter Dinner which was distributed last week. I know the recipients are very grateful.

The month of April we will be collecting pastas: spaghetti, elbow macaroni and rotini. At this time the pantry has enough penne pasta. All donations are appreciated by our friends and neighbors who utilize the Food Pantry. Your continued support is so very helpful!

Lucy Kraatz

SJC Moms Group...

Megan Schmitt, SJC MOM'S Group coordinator is always posting local events geared to young children and also opportunities for the parents.

SJC MOMS group held their first annual Easter egg hunt for their families at the home of Megan and Steve Schmitt.



It was a great success. A week later, a Meal Train for The Taylor Family; one of the MOM's husband lost his brother.

The MOMS finished their giving plate craft in March. Their plates will be filled with goodies and

passed on to family/friends.

April 10th meeting the MOMS will have Yoga instruction and April 24th will be socializing!

Come join the fun with childcare! We have lots of busy ones and would be glad to have an extra hand or two.

GOD is GOOD.
Priscilla



This was a busy month for the Fellowship Committee. A special thank you to all for the helping hands.

Mothering Sunday Many prepared soup and gathered after church on **Mothering Sunday, March 10th**. We had the traditional array of our homemade soups and breads. It was great to have leftovers to share and take home.

What wonderful fellowship and nourishment! Thank you Jerilyn for stepping up for me that Sunday, when I was away in Iceland.

Palm Sunday at St. John's is not only the tradition of palms being made into crosses, but the reading of the Passion from New Message. As the Passion is read an appropriate prop is brought forward as the stage is set. The reading of the Passion feels so real and what an emotional experience!



Maundy Thursday Celebration including Agape Supper

This year St. John's, Youngstown joined us for the



present for the service. It was great fellowship with St. John's, Youngstown with Mother Barbara Price. Thank you to the many helping hands, especially clean up!!

God is Good
Priscilla Moot

Maundy Thursday service and the Agape Supper. The table was set with similar food and vegetable soup; somewhat resembling that of Jesus time. The service started in the parish hall and then we gathered in the church for the stripping of the altar. There were 25



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