

The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

September 2024

From Pastor Susan...

You can tell we're having the last bit of summer and getting into the swing of the new academic year: there is a lot going on this month!

I would imagine every adult in this congregation can tell you exactly where they were when they heard the news of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The events and images of that day are branded on our national and individual consciousness. We live with the "fall-out" of those attacks yet today and the list of victims continues to grow as people succumb to diseases caused by the toxic fumes they inhaled as a result of those attacks.

St. John's will be offering a Community Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 PM. This will be a simple prayer service, followed by some fellowship time in the parish hall. We are spreading the word as widely as we can and I hope you will help us spread it and plan on attending yourself.

Also this month we are saying our goodbyes to Bishop Sean Rowe, who has been elected Presiding Bishop. We have two opportunities—one a reception and the other a worship service:

- Saturday, September 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Amore Ballroom at Salvatore's in Buffalo; an hors d'oeuvres reception. Salvatore's is located at 6461 Transit Road in Buffalo. I'll be attending this, and I hope others will, too.
- Saturday, September 21, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Erie: join Bishop Sean and his family for a service of Eucharist celebrating his 17 years as bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania. He will preach and the service will be followed by a reception in the cathedral hall.

September 21st is also the day of our Chowder Sale—and the Alzheimer's Association Walk! If you'd like to help with the chowder sale, we need helpers to peel and cut veggies on Friday, Sept. 20th at 10:00 and to de-bone and mince chicken at 6:00 that day—and there is a list of needed donations on the counter in the parish hall.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place at the Reservoir State Park, with registration at 10:00 AM, the opening ceremony at 11:00 and the walk beginning at 11:15. I'll be walking along with "Hoffman's Hellions" and am looking for sponsors—any amount you can donate will be much appreciated! I am not sure if that event will leave me enough time to get to Erie for the

Bishop's service, but perhaps others in the congregation will be going. Let's put our heads together at Coffee Hour and see if we can arrange some car pooling.

Our Moms & Munchkins are gearing up, too—look for Priscilla's article in this newsletter.

Finally, I want to say what a lovely occasion it was the last Sunday of August when we baptized Hunter Stephen Guilliani! Thank you to all who gave the Guilliani family such a warm welcome! No-one could ask for a friendlier congregation! Here are some photos from the occasion...



(Left to right) Stephen, Caleb, Arya, Corey, Hunter, Susan

Sr. Warden Report...

I guess the lazy, hazy days of summer are done. I know we will still have high temperatures, but it seems once school is back in session, summer is officially over. It goes by so quickly.

We have had our yearly diocesan required audit completed and everything was fine and paperwork was delivered to the diocese. Thank you, Wendy and Jenn for your help with this.

September is a busy month for us at St. John's. It starts with our Belgian waffle breakfast on Sunday, September 8th, our Mom's group starts back on September 11th, and we are having a community service of remembrance on that same day at 7:00 p.m.

Our chicken chowder sale is on September 21st. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for donations towards the chowder. There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers on Friday, September 20th to help cut up vegetables and meat. We are doing the vegetables in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and the meat at 6:00 p.m. Please join in on the fun.

Thank you to all who donated to our Back-to-School drive. All the items were delivered this week. Thank you Lois for taking this on.

I have not heard anything back from the diocese as yet on the grants that I submitted. When I checked, I was not able to get a date as to when the committee would be meeting. I will be following up with them again for any update.

As always, feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or questions. This church continues because of all of us supporting it and each other.

Moving forward with God,
Lucy Kraatz lucykraatz@aol.com
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Thanks to everyone who donated to the school supplies for the school. I am sure that it is very much appreciated by the students !!

Lois Bateman

Buildings & Grounds...

We have had our second pest treatment and I am glad to say that I haven't seen any issues. It certainly is working.

Again, thank you Denise for sharing the flowers in Nick's Garden.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with suggestions, concerns or questions. If you see something that needs to be addressed, do not hesitate to contact me.

Lucy Kraatz
Chairman, Buildings & Grounds

Treasurer's Report...

January - July 2024

Income:	\$24,561.03
Expense:	<u>\$21,002.22</u>
Dividends Reinvested:	\$ 1,281.47
Interest:	\$ 15.56
Total Net Income:	\$ 4,855.84
Total Ordinary Income:	\$ 3,558.81

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Will (who is stationed in Iraq); Dylan, Kevin, and Joe (recovering from collisions); Priscilla & John, Lincoln, Eleanor, Priscilla, Shirley, Ron, Dawn, Craig, Alberta, Chris and Ela, Marcia and Ren, Father Sam, Brian, and Lee and Marty Rose; Jennine, Vicki. Pray for Bishop Sean as he prepares to take on the responsibility of the office of Presiding Bishop; and for our Diocesan partnership, as we begin to consider our future leadership needs. Pray for our Roman Catholic neighbors who are facing the closing of their church; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, the hostages taken in the October attack on Israel.



Fellowship Committee September 2024

The Fellowship Committee along with coffee hour ladies coordinated a reception after the Baptismal Service, August 25th to welcome Hunter Guillani along with family and friends. Yes, it was marvelous to have additional parishioners at the service but the number of family and friends that came together at church for Hunter's Baptism was heartwarming! St. John's presented Hunter with a handmade quilt; thank you Jennifer.

Thank you to all who helped with the reception.

*God is Good.
Priscilla Moot, chairperson*

Birthdays...

Vicki Jancef 9/07
Kevin Brown 9/15



* The following are items we could use for children's snack:

- apple juice (one regular size bottle)
- Gold fish crackers (1 small bag);
- Trix or Lucky Charm cereal (one regular size box)



Anniversaries...

None This Month



Belgian Waffle Breakfast September 8th next Sunday following Church!!



Please join for a morning of fellowship with family and friends. Mark your calendar!! **Thank you** to those who have signed up for coffee hour or brought monetary items. It is greatly appreciated as our fellowship hour after church has significantly grown. Please continue to fill the blanks on the signup sheet for the Sundays this fall.

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SJC MOMS - September 2024

Thank you for the continued support of our local Food Pantry. There are many who utilize this and they are so thankful for our donations.

- The moms got together for an end of summer pool party at Heather's home this week. The girls have a support and bond with each other.
- SJC MOMS will be starting Wednesday, September 11th at 9:30- 11:15. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 9:30 - 11:15; September – May, coinciding with public school schedule.
- Please reach out to me if you would enjoy a change. A couple of mornings a month will keep you feeling younger and put a smile on your face filling your heart with joy; doing God's work.
- I met with Megan, coordinator of MOMS group. The moms will continue with a craft/project once a month and the other Wednesday meeting will be social hour and discussion.

The items for this month's donations are Oatmeal and Hot Chocolate Mix. These two items will certainly help the children have a great start to their day as they start back to school. If it is easier to make a monetary donation, just note it on the check on the memo line or note it on the envelope.

If you have something else that you would like to donate please do not hesitate to bring it in. Everything is appreciated.

Let us continue to do our part in helping our neighbors and friends.

*Lucy Kraatz
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431 Lake Street, Wilson

**CHICKEN
CHOWDER SALE**
TAKE OUT ONLY
Saturday, September 21st
Noon—??

Quarts of Chowder Can Be Pre-Ordered
716-751-6109



Community Service of Remembrance
September 11, 2024
7:00 PM



St. John's Episcopal Church
431 Lake Street
Wilson, NY

Please join us and plan to stay following the service for
fellowship and refreshments.

What's Happening at Brookside Chapel ?????

Ladies Only Gathering

- Learn about woman in the Bible w/discussion on Tuesday, September 24th at Brookside Chapel, Day and Slayton Settlement Roads at 5:30 p.m.
- Bring a simple dish to share with your own table service. Beverage will be provided.
- The discussion is from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. led by Deacons Martha Farone and Robin Kozlowski.
- Please reach out to Priscilla Moot with any questions or concerns. This gathering is for all women. Feel free to ask other parishioners and friends.

Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. Feast Day of St. Phoebe, the first woman Deacon. We will also celebrate the Season of Creation during Holy Eucharist service with special prayers and hymns. Service led by Father Joe and Deacon Robin Kozlowski.

Tuesday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m., Josh Randall, Natural Resources Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, will speak about Relationship with Creation. There will be time for questions and discussion. Potluck supper 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. preceding.

Final service, Tuesday September 17th at 7:00 p.m. with Father Thomas celebrating.

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Please help support our dear friend Zack. We have been praying for his recovery for two years now. Zack's life was changed forever by the acts of a drunk driver. Zack and his family have worked endlessly to help him heal and work towards recovery. The costs of hospitalizations, surgery, medical equipment and therapy are a huge factor the family must deal with. Please plan on attending this fundraiser or purchase tickets if you are able. Any support in Zack's ongoing therapy and recovery is greatly appreciated.



The event is September 14, 2024 at the Knights of Columbus, 755 Erie Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. Tickets are \$15 presale \$20 at the door for a great meat raffle and fundraiser with a week stay in South Carolina as one of the prizes! You can get tickets by contacting Holly Dawson - Venmo @dawson4316. Or scan the QR code.

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Zack. There is still a very long road ahead.

The Brown Family

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