
The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

October 2025

From Pastor Susan....

Bishop Search Committee schedules "listening sessions" and all are encouraged to attend. Unfortunately, the most conveniently located one for us is scheduled at the same time as the Walk to End Alzheimer's—that session will be held at St. Paul's, Lewiston, on Saturday, October 18th at 11:00 a.m. There are some other sessions scheduled, though they are farther away:

- Oct 21, 6:30 pm - St. Mathias, East Aurora (will end with Compline)
- Oct 25, 2:00 pm - Grace Church, Randolph
- Oct 28, 6:30 pm - Good Shepherd, Buffalo (will end with Compline)
- Nov 1, 10:00 am - St. Paul's, Stafford

Our delegates to Diocesan Convention will be part of a listening session at Convention; please pass along to them anything you would like to add to the conversation. (Our Convention Delegates this year are: Priscilla Moot, Janet Hoffman, Lois Bateman (Alternate) and Pastor Susan.

Many thanks...

Thanks also to all of you who helped with the Chowder Sale—many hands DO lighten the load!



Thanks also to our organist Aaron Watts for his donation of a keyboard to St. John's—we've already put it to good use last month at our 9/11 Remembrance Service and expect to use it again at our Animal Blessing. Thanks, Aaron!

And thanks also to the anonymous donor who donated a DVD player to St. John's. Now that we've

learned how to use it, we can watch "The Chosen" without advertisements and with subtitles to help us make out the dialogue. Thank you, friend!

Time change! Please note that we have moved our viewing of "The Chosen" up to 5:00, so we can be off the road by dark. Thanks for your flexibility, viewers!

The Blessing of Animals... will be held this year on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 a.m. at the gazebo behind the Village Hall. We're holding it there instead of at church in hopes of attracting more local folks. So... please mark your calendar, get any photos you want displayed to Pastor Susan, and invite your friends who have pets. Thanks!

The Walk to End Alzheimer's... for Niagara County will be held at Reservoir Park on Saturday, October 18th, with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. and opening ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. Our team is called "Hoffman's Hellions", and we are looking for walkers and donors. Can you help us support this worthy cause? Speak to Janet Hoffman or Pastor Susan if you are interested.

Treasurer's Report...

January – August 2025

Income:	\$ 27,946.10
Expenses:	\$ 22,023.30
Total Income:	\$ 5,922.80
Dividends:	+\$ 2,989.05
Interest:	+\$ 10.41
Total Net Income:	\$ 8,922.26



Vestry Report – September 2025...

The following was discussed at our last meeting:

- We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 2nd. Parishioners are encouraged to pick a Bible character to represent.
- Donation of a DVD player has been given anonymously.
- Aaron Watts has donated a keyboard to St. John's. Priscilla Moot suggested we donate the old keyboard to the rummage sale.
- Pastor Susan will be changing up the style of liturgy starting in October.
- Pastor Susan handed out a questionnaire about the church profile for the Diocese and it was discussed.
- Bedford Blacktop was contacted with regard to backfilling the driveway but we haven't heard back from them. No curb will be placed due to snowplowing.
- Jane Hamilton met with two different cleaners:
 - S&K who are located in Wilson. Hours are flexible. \$35/Hour. **A motion was made by Priscilla Moot to hire S&K, seconded by Pastor Susan. Approved.**
 - Diva Girls located in Lockport. \$55/Hour.
- 9/11 Service at the Gazebo had a nice turnout from the community.
- Rummage Sale Update: Items are coming in. We will begin to setup starting on Tuesday, Sept. 30th.
- Chowder Sale is Saturday, Sept. 20th. Flyers will be stuck in the bags of upcoming events.
- Sidewalk: If TLK can't do it due to personal reasons they suggested going with someone else.
- Snowplow Contract from TLK Outdoor Services was reviewed and approved. **A motion was made by Jerilyn Carney to hire TLK, seconded by Priscilla Moot. Approved.**
- Priscilla Moot: SJC Moms Group:
 - Excited about the upcoming year. Heather Brockman is doing a great job as their leader. They made fresh flower arrangements at their first meeting from the flowers in Nick's Garden. Heather has mentioned that the girls are showing interest in coming to church. We will need to think about childcare if they come.
- Jennifer Farwell-Puskas:
 - SJC Moms Group: She is working with Heather with the moms. At the next meeting we will be making grapevine wreaths for the moms to take home. ****We had a great time and they did an awesome job****



- Restaurant Depot: Jennifer has applied for a card for the church. She will visit the store to take paperwork in.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Farwell-Puskas, Clerk of Vestry



Food Pantry....

Another month has slipped by. Not sure where the time goes but it is now officially fall. The leaves are starting to turn, and children are back into full swing

with school activities.

For the month of October we have been asked to collect instant mashed potatoes for the Pantry. Both types-in boxes or in envelopes are welcome. What a quick and easy way for us to help our friends, families and neighbors who utilize this wonderful asset that Wilson offers.

Our continued support on a monthly basis is greatly appreciated and needed. Please help us to help them. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, just note "Food Pantry" on the memo line on your check or put the donation in an envelope and label it "Food Pantry."

Thank you for your continued support of this endeavor. As always, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Lucy Kraatz
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Prayer List...

Pray for our Diocese, as we engage the process of seeking a new bishop; and for the renewal of the church. Pray for the people throughout the world who are living with war, persecution, and deprivation; pray for the return of the Israeli hostages and peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and other places experiencing violence and upheaval. Pray for those affected by natural disasters. Pray for Barb & Kalli, Joan Watts, Ron Rice, Jade and her family, Michael Carrig, Janet Clemons, Craig Stalker, Patrick and Nicole McCartney, Cindy and Joe, Elizabeth, Priscilla & John, Maria and her family, Doloris, Theresa, John, Chester, Wrenzie, Josh, Doug Watts, Donna Martin, Rebecca, Stephanie, Laura, Janet Failla, Kenneth and Karen, Bonnie, Chris and Ela, Zack, Rose, Donna.



United Thank Offering:

The Diocese of Western New York has announced the return of the UTO gathering at this year's convention. This tradition paused several years ago, but it's being rekindled again, hoping to make us all more aware of its mission of gratitude and global support.

The Diocese is hoping that we embrace gratitude as we navigate what is next in Western New York. I will be getting the blue UTO boxes shortly with more information to explain it better.

We have so much to be thankful for and this will be a chance to put that thankfulness to work for our Diocese and globally. It just takes a coin or two to add to the box when we are thankful for someone or something. We will collect your offerings next October 1 and give to the diocese at the convention in 2026.

Lois Bateman

KINDNESS...

I wanted to share with everyone that there is kindness, amongst everything else that's going on in our world at this time.

I was shopping with Janet Hoffman for the Wilson Food Pantry. I had the refrigerated door open at the store, taking dozens of eggs and putting into my cart. There was a woman standing there who obviously wanted to get in. I moved to the side and said please go ahead. I don't want to hold up any customers. I'm shopping for Food Pantry and need 12 dozen. She proceeded to ask me which Food Pantry I was shopping for. My cart, then had many cases of food. She was very sweet and proceeded to tell me

how thoughtful and kind we were. I thanked her, made small conversation and then proceeded on with shopping. In a few aisles, she met me again and handed me a \$20 bill and said please take this to help with the cost. I graciously accepted the money and thanked her for her thoughtfulness and kindness. This act of kindness made my day.

God is good.
Priscilla Moot

Fellowship Committee...

- Thank you John and Ann for making our Waffle Sunday another success. This year we even had ice cream with our waffles. Thank you Jennifer. What a treat!!
- The Remembrance 9/11 Service was a beautiful service with parishioners, fire department and community. We served Paula's doughnut holes after the service.



- Pet Blessing will be held at the village gazebo on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 a.m. Please invite a neighbor or friend to bring their furry friend.

God is Good.
Priscilla Moot, Chairperson



Bob & Denise Failla October 6th

Just around the corner is **Election Day Chicken 'n Biscuit, Tuesday Nov.4th** at 4:30 p.m.

Big change this year, Jerilyn has volunteered to run the dining room, so St. John's will have eat in or take out dinners.

I will have signup sheets in the parish hall for food donations and workers. Many hands make light work.

God is Good.
Priscilla Moot, Chairperson

SJC MOMS Group... What a great start to this year. The girls made fresh flower bouquets from Nick's Memorial Garden and friends gardens. This past week Jennifer brought fresh grapevines to make wreaths and decorate for fall. It was a little messy, but fun was had by all. We have two new mothers with two children each.

- Childcare downstairs was buzzing and fun. We have younger children this year and who need more one on one.
- We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. of every month following the school calendar (holiday & snow closure).
 - October 8 & 22
 - November 12
 - December 10
 - January 14 & 28



God is Good
Priscilla Moot

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2768 S. Main Street
Newfane, NY

Store Hours:

Wednesday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Clean Usable Clothing: infant, children, men and women

Household linens

Books, DVD's, videos, CD's and records

Children's toys, games, and puzzles

Small electronics and household items (do include all pieces & manual if available and test item to make sure it works)



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