
The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

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From The Pastor's Desk...

Every Lent, when we think about our spiritual discipline and try to get some reflective time, I remind us all of a tool the Book of Common Prayer offers: the Daily Lectionary. Daily prayer and scripture time are actually commended to us year-round, not just in Lent, but I realize many of us are usually feeling pressured by a long list of "have-to's" and not looking to add any complication to our day.

There is a resource available to us that simplifies this endeavor. You may have noticed a little magazine on the table in the entrance to the church, titled "Forward Day by Day". It is a collection of daily meditations, based on the daily lectionary in the Book of Common Prayer and our calendar of saints' days. It lists the readings for each day (which you may or may not choose to look up), and focuses on a particular verse, giving a little reflection on it, and offering a question to consider. It also invites prayer for a member church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Each month's meditations are written by a different author, representing a variety of perspectives. It has been around for a long time... in fact, decades ago, Bishop Bowman nominated me to be one of the authors!

We now have available the issue for May, June, and July; incidentally, we have some large print copies, too. While you can subscribe to it and have it delivered to your door, St. John's has a subscription—you can pick up copies for free. Why not give it a try this summer?

Treasurer's Report...

YTD March 2026

Income:	\$ 7,666.25
Expenses:	- \$ 9,473.00
Total Income:	- \$ 1,806.75
Dividends:	- \$ 464.43
Interest:	+\$ 3.17
Total Net Income:	- \$ 2,268.01

Prayer List...

Please pray for The Doty Family, who are expecting a new baby boy, Lincoln, Tina, Bonnie, Kelton Oliver, Judith Lee, Priscilla & John Eodice, Kenneth, Allison, Janet Failla, Doloris, Chester, Edward Wysocki, Tim, Jackie, Clyde, Barb & Kali, Robin, Michael, Craig, Patrick and Nicole McCartney, Rebecca, Laura, Craig and Nicole, Chris and Ela, Zack, Rose, Donna, Miranda & Kaila, Melissa, Jeffrey, Ellen Montgomery. Pray for Elizabeth and Cody, who have been called up to serve in the war with Iran. Pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and in Nigeria. Pray for the renewal of the Church worldwide, and for this Diocese as we search for our new Diocesan Bishop.



We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life. These can be found in the vestibule of the sanctuary and in the parish hall.

The Forward Day by Day podcast is available on all streaming platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, and anywhere else you listen to podcasts.



Frank will be heading up the Mother's Day celebration following church on Sunday, May 10th. Please join the fellowship and wonderful food.

Food Pantry....

Thank you again for the support each month for the pantry. This month we have been asked to collect Strawberry or Grape jam or jelly. It doesn't matter brand name or if jam or jelly.



This is a very easy way for us to stay involved with the community and give back to those in need. We all can use a helping hand at one time or another.

Please put the items in the basket in the rear of the church. Also, if you prefer a monetary contribution is always welcome. Just note "Food Pantry" on check or on the outside of an envelope if donating cash.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions. Keep warm and safe during this brutal cold.

Lucy Kraatz
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SJC MOMS Group...

The moms gathered items and put together 10 Survival Bags for Women of Domestic Violence. It was interesting listening to the moms talk about what would be the best or necessary items in the bag from food items to personal care items. We were provided suggested items but thinking outside the box. A small can of play dough with cutter, if they have children or they could use as a stress ball themselves.



I was very happy and proud of the moms, as they wanted to get the wooden crosses with the heart in the center like Denise had gotten for St. John's Valentine's Day Brunch. The girls have already started thinking about bags for next year and a hand prayer quilt.

GOD is good.
Priscilla Moot



Lucy Kraatz	5/06
John Frank	5/06
Jennifer Farwell-Puskas	5/09
Jerilyn Carney	5/12
Devyn Thurston	5/31

Vestry – April 2026

The following was discussed at our last meeting:

- Pastor Susan passed along the details of the Diocesan book group and has books available. Begins on Tuesday 4/28 on zoom.
- Bishop Steve would like us to use the prayer for the search process weekly.
- Would like feedback on Lent and Holy Week. Next year we will have Maundy Thursday at St. John's in Youngstown.
- Easter Vigil for Holy Saturday. Bishop Steve would like us to have it next year. Possibly if we have a deanery in place by next year we could all go to one vigil instead of separate ones.
- John Frank reported that he has not heard on the grant from the Diocese.
- Lawn care – thanked Priscilla for mentioning to others. John Carney will be doing the mowing.
- Tina will send thank you card to Kevin Brown for taking care of the lawn for so long.
- Furnace – Niagara Frontier Refrigeration (John Pittorf) will be our contact.
- Jerilyn Carney reported that the Spring Rummage Sale went well and we made a profit of \$700. Community Missions took the leftovers on Monday morning. Will be doing one in the fall – date to be announced. Tina asked about "big ticket items" for the fall.
- Priscilla Moot visited Donna Kopeck last Sunday and she is doing good.
- "Where the Sidewalk Ends" is where St. John's is! Priscilla feels that we need to do some free things for the village and town. Would like to set out water for free on Memorial Day as people walk by. A breakfast or lunch. Movie night for the kids with a cheap dinner. Free pumpkin carving. We need to start selling and marketing St. John's. Cathy Dempsey-Sims will be making a banner for us to use. Christmas in the Country is too condensed in the village so we need to pick another weekend for breakfast with Santa Clause.
- SJC Moms Group finished their bags for the domestic violence women for the month of April. They would like to do this again at Christmas time.
- Tina Zemla would like to donate a window air conditioner for the parish hall. They also have

a friend that would like to sell a unit for approximately \$200. John Frank will be home on May 24th and will go look at the one that is for sale.

- Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday, May 10th. Frank Boeck will take care of the food.
- Perennial Plant Sale: Saturday, May 2nd at 9 a.m. Leftovers will be taken to the Wilson Farmer's Market on Tuesday, May 19th.
- Next meeting will be Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Farwell-Puskas, Clerk of Vestry

Fellowship Committee...



Summer is around the corner. Don't forget to sign up in the parish hall for Coffee Hour. We have busy schedules with the nice summer weather so we can keep coffee hour light and simple. Don't forget the cookies under the cupboard. We are always available for concerns or suggestions.

Thank you in advance for your time and talent.

Priscilla Moot, Jerilyn Carney, Janet Hoffman,
Anne Frank



Recently, Cathy Dempsey-Sims reminded me of "Where the Sidewalk Ends" in the village of Wilson is St. John's Church. Cathy has offered to pay for a banner for the church to use for events to bring awareness. I brought this idea to vestry and would like to start with doing free outreach to the community.

I will provide complimentary bottles of water along with some sort of snack for those walking by on their way to 2026 Memorial Day Fair & Flea Market.

Anyone interested in this outreach, please feel free to contact myself or Pastor Susan.

God is Good
Priscilla Moot



If you missed our plant sale on Saturday, May 2nd you have another chance. Tuesday, May 19th we will have a space at the Wilson Farmer's Market to sell our plants. If you still have plants to separate please bring them to the outside of the parish hall anytime before the 19th. Questions – please let me know.

Jennifer Farwell-Puskas

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