
The Pious Press

St. John's Episcopal Church, Wilson, NY

June 2026

From The Pastor's Desk...

In our contentious and polarized time, we're all too aware of the difficulty of discussing "hot button issues"—and yet, it is important to learn how to discuss them, if we want our communities to work out solutions to our mutual problems. We must learn both how to communicate effectively, and how to listen with an open mind.

It is with this challenge in mind that Bishop Steve invited the Diocese to read and discuss *Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict* by Donna Hicks, PhD. That discussion has taken place, and the sessions were recorded during the Easter season. If you would like to hear the discussion, the recordings are available at the following links:

To view them, type these addresses into your browser:

Week One:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvzJfamWEUY>

Week Two:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S78ZvKaiyQ>

Week Three:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqdbcrRvK7A>

Week Four:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQtBydKVYlg>

There are still books available. If you would like one, please be in touch with Shawn Slother 716-881-0660 x111.

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We'd like to thank Eric Seelbinder for the donation of a window air conditioner and thank him and Jack Zemla for installing it in the Parish Hall.

We'd also like to thank Priscilla Moot and her crew of volunteers for another great year of the Moms Group.



We had a glorious Pentecost !



Treasurer's Report...

YTD April 2026

Income:	\$ 9,863.01
Expenses:	- \$ 13,187.04
Total Income:	- \$ 3,324.03
Dividends:	+ \$ 1,589.69
Interest:	+\$ 4.22
Total Net Income:	- \$ 1,730.12

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.



John Frank	6/12
Bob Failla	6/22
Theresa Denman	6/27

Food Pantry....

Thank you all who donated to this past month's collection for our friends, neighbors and family who utilize our local Food Pantry.



We are collecting boxed Macaroni and Cheese for the month of June. Such an easy item to pick up. Please place them in the basket at the back of the church. Also, monetary donations are accepted. Please label it "Food Pantry".

The Food Pantry is also in need of volunteers to help them. It is a 3-hour shift ONCE a MONTH. It is on Tuesdays and the shifts are 2PM-5PM or 5PM-8PM. Volunteers are the backbone of the Pantry and it's what keeps it going to be able to do this very important and necessary work. Please contact Karen Keil (who stepped up when Janet stepped down). You can call 716-727-4074 to get more information on helping. Please leave a message, if no answer, and Karen will get back to you.

Thank you again for your support for our community.

Lucy Kraatz
859-816-6869

SJC MOMS Group...

We had our last meeting Wednesday, May 27th until September when school starts. We had a full house 13 kiddos, full of energy. A few of us were talking how well they play with one another. You could tell the kids going into Pre-K next year. It was all fun! The

Moms Group will be exhibiting at the Farmer's Market on Tuesday, July 28th at Brownies Custard Stand.

GOD is good.
Priscilla Moot



Vestry – May 2026

The following was discussed at our last meeting:

- ✓ Pastor Susan reported that Bishop Steve will be present on October 3rd for the Blessing of the Animals. He will meet with Vestry after the blessing.
- ✓ Talked about doing things for the community: refreshments at blessing and congregation at church for a light lunch; donut holes/coffee for 9/11 service.
- ✓ The boiler will be inspected by the Diocese next week.
- ✓ Tina Zemla – air conditioner: the church can have the unit for free and it will be installed in the parish hall on Sunday the 24th.
- ✓ Perennial Plant Sale: Profit of approximately \$700.
- ✓ First Aid Kit has expired. Lois Bateman will check it out and replace what needs to be replaced.
- ✓ Pastor Susan will write to all the readers and mention to them to speak as loud as they can.
- ✓ Priscilla Moot:
 - Audit: Needs to be done soon so we don't miss the deadline. Jerilyn Carney will call the outside person that helps.

- Vestry: Frank Boeck made a motion to not have a July meeting, seconded by Priscilla Moot. Approved.
 - Fellowship Committee will take care of Father's Day brunch.
 - Pastor Susan will write an article for the newsletter for the book study that was done with the Bishop. Think it would be a great lent program to do with the congregation.
 - Marketing the church: purchased a banner for outside that says "Where the Sidewalk Ends."
 - Memorial Day: Priscilla and Lucy has purchased water and snacks and will be handing them out on Monday for people who walk by church on their way to the fair. Would like to rope off the parkin lot. Lois Bateman will donate her pop-up for the day.
 - Would like to do a movie in the summer for the kids. Will discuss next month so we can plan.
 - Thank you to Frank Boeck for doing the Mother's Day brunch.
- ✓ Next meeting will be Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Farwell-Puskas, Clerk of Vestry



*Many thanks to everyone who helped
with our Perennial Plant Sale
this year !!
Jennifer Farwell-Puskas*

Fellowship Committee...

Sunday, June 21st will be our Father's Day Celebration following the church service. Sorry no outdoor cookout but will be serving brunch food and MORE!

Did you see the new banner in front of church??

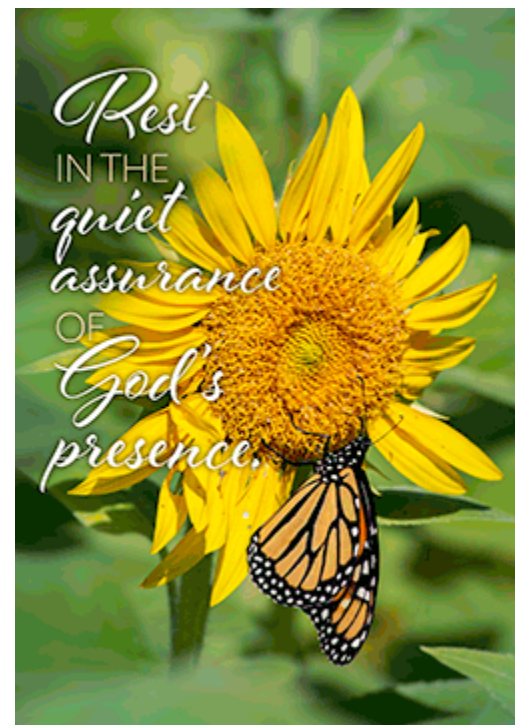
What a great time handing out free water and snacks to those waking to and from the Wilson Historical Memorial Day Fair. We handed out around 85 bottles of water. We had great conversation with our visitors

and look forward to doing again at the parade at the LEON Festival being held next month!! Watch for details.

Thank you to Lois for lending her pop-up canopy. Another thank you to Lois, Jennifer & Lucy helping to put up the canopy...thank goodness Jennifer is tall with some muscle. Janet, Tina, Pastor Susan, Lucy & Jerilyn handed goodies out. John Frank came down to help take everything down and help put away. Thank you to all for your support!! Many hands make light work.

God is Good.
Priscilla

Mother's Day Brunch



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