

Dates to remember

August Food collection – **Condiments, Mayo, Mustard Relish, Ketchup**

August 2- 12 Judith+ will be on vacation

August 6 5:30pm – 9 pm, Hot Dog Sale Fundraiser for St. John's: Bike Night in Wilson

August 8 The Rev. James Massie, Jr. will be Celebrant and Preacher

August 15 - 10:30 am Picnic Eucharist at Drifitng Meadows Farm featuring ***Christmas in August*** to benefit Our Little Roses Orphanage. We welcome Deacon Rocky and Diane Dworak

August 17-24 Judith+ on vacation

August 22 The Rev. James Massie, Jr. will be Celebrant and Preacher

September Food collection – **Peanut Butter & Jelly or Jam**

September 2 7 pm **Deanery Council Meeting at Grace Church, Lockport**

September 8 6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting

September 12 - *Homecoming Sunday* –All Acolytes will vest. Special blessing of **backpacks** & school supplies. During August we will collect these for children in our community, which we will also bless.

Parish Town Meeting following the service, to prepare for the Covenant Team Meeting on September 13th.

September 13 - 7 pm Covenant Team Meeting at St. Andrew's

September 18- 5-7 pm -**Deanery Family Fun Night at Skateland** Your Deanery Youth Ministry Team has organized an evening for families at Skateland. We will have the skating rink to ourselves for skating, and a snack will be provided. The cost will be \$5/person, \$20/family. Watch for more information.

September 25- 9 am – noon – 5 Wishes Conference at St. Andrew's

October 1-2 – Rummage Sale

October 3 9 am - **Animal Blessing and Memorial Prayers**

October 8 – 10 - Cursillo Weekend - Please see Lois Carter or Judith+ if you would like to participate in this renewal weekend.

Your Priest's Perspective

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. [Hebrews 13:2]

Our doors are always open.

Your Vestry has chosen this statement and the image of our red doors opening on to the Singer window to be the central theme in all our communication. Making this decision has led to a new look for the Pious Press, a new design for our bulletin, a revised brochure, and a new online newsletter to supplement the Pious Press. These are works in progress that will change as we grow in our understanding of what it means to say our doors are always open.

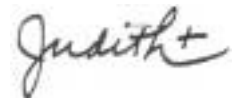
The doors to our sanctuary are literally open all the time. Our church is never locked. At any time of the day or the night, winter and summer, any wanderer can find peace and shelter in our sanctuary.

Welcoming strangers is what St. John's does best. Indeed, anyone who crosses the threshold of our church and passes through our red doors is no longer a stranger. Through the gifts of grace and a long tradition of hospitality, there are no strangers in our church.

Almost everyone who is now part of St. John's tells the story of arriving for the first time and being swept into the parish hall after the service, invited immediately into conversation, plans, and projects. The most influential leaders in the history of St. John's have been men and women who welcomed all strangers with enthusiasm and encouragement, utterly convinced that they might indeed be angels whose gifts will help us make God's presence felt in this small corner of the world.

If we say our doors are always open, we welcome change. We say that the doors of our minds are open to new ideas and that the doors of our hearts are open to new relationships. We say that we are ready to try new ways of doing things, and to share our traditions with new leaders who may have new visions. Open doors offer sanctuary, but they also allow in breezes that are not always comfortable.

We give God thanks for the gift of hospitality that has always been at the heart of what St. John's means to this community, and we pray for the grace to keep our doors always open.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 10:30 a.m. Picnic Eucharist at Drifting Meadows Farm. The Lyon Family will host our shared Picnic Eucharistic with St. Andrew's this year. We will celebrate *Christmas in August* to benefit Our Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras. We will sing Christmas carols and bring gifts for the girls, ages 1-18. Suggestions for suitable gifts: simple toys, board games, school supplies, underwear, picture books, coloring books; financial contributions are also very welcome. The Rev'd Deacon Nelson "Rocky" Dworak and his wife Diane will also join us on this day. Deacon Rocky will serve at St. John's & St. Andrew's. He will alternate between the churches, preach once a month, and guide us in developing our outreach programs.

Looking Ahead: Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation: Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 3 pm

Confirmation class will begin in the fall, and preparation for adults who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church will begin in January. Pastor Judith will meet with families in September to set a schedule of classes. Both classes will include youth and adults from both St. Andrew's and St. John's.

The Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation at St. Andrew's will be on Sunday, February 20th at 3 pm.

Sr. Warden's Report:

So far this year we at St. John's have risen to the challenges/changes that have presented to us in various forms. The hard workers and those always thinking of what can be done next or new is something that we at St. John's do not shy away from. This year we have been moving into the electronic age with updating our web page and having an e-newsletter and also staying in touch with one another through Facebook. Who would have thought, see, you can teach old dogs new tricks, the practice period is just longer. Our new families have added wonderful working hands to the already hard workers in our church family.

The fact that by faith and prayer you truly can receive what God knows that you need/want is shown in the arrival of new Prayer Books, Eucharist kneelers for the alter, we have a "green team" and we are trying to be energy and environmentally aware. I am so glad that we have the opportunity to have Deacon Rocky Dworak with us going forward and am sure he and his wife will provide us with other avenues to continue in God's work.

I would like to leave you with the following thoughts:

Ω To get something you never had you have to do something that you never did.

Ω When God takes something from your grasp, it is not to punish you, but merely to open your hands to receive something better.

Ω The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Continue to have a beautiful and blessed summer and please do stop and smell the roses along the way all of this I ask in God's name and his blessing be upon you, your family, home and friends.

Janet Hoffman, Sr. Warden

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Financial Report - January-June, 20102

Total Expenses	\$21,394.99
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$18,294.06</u>
Net Income	-\$3,100.93

Applefest is a'Comin'

As we near mid-July preparations for Apple Fest 2010 are quietly beginning. I am excited to be the organizer again this year, and I am looking forward to working with everyone to make this year's event just as successful as last year's. It's that time of year to begin thinking about the ways in which you would like to help out with Apple Fest.

This is a good time to start thinking about craft and gift ideas, ideas for ads for our Apple Fest booklet, and ideas for the theme baskets that we do every year. In addition to these, there are also many other ways in which you can help. You can participate by baking for the baked goods table, helping the kitchen staff, working the dining room, or helping outside with the produce or with parking. I look forward to collaborating with everyone over the next few months as preparations for the event really start to get underway. I will keep everyone updated as the event nears.

In closing, I urge everyone to consider how they may wish to contribute so that we can get off to a great start and make Apple Fest 2010 a wonderful event for St. Johns.

Kirsten Rodgers



Gift Basket for Our Little Roses Tea- October 2nd.

Each year, St. John's and St. Andrew's contribute a basket to the Basket Auction to benefit Our Little Roses. This year, Cindy Harrington is coordinating donations. The theme will be *Scrapbook of Photo Memories*. Please sign up on the donation list in the Parish Hall; a basket will be in the Parish Hall for donations August 1-September 12. If you would like tickets to the Tea please see Lois Carter or Cindy Harrington.



Middleport Community Choir Invitational – Saturday October 23rd

Beginning at 9 am; performance at 7 pm Singers from St. John's and St. Andrew's will take part in this regional choral festival instead of our Ecumenical Choral Festival this year. It will be an exciting opportunity to sing with a guest conductor and to meet musicians from throughout Western New York. Please see Judith+ if you would like to participate.

Green Team - St. Andrew's & St. John's

Initial Meeting - May 17, 2010

Representatives: Denise Failla, Jerry Harrington, Judi Naylor, Jeff Pyskaty, Doug Wintersteen

The Green Team will meet on the first Monday of each month to share ideas and resources on how to improve our environmental stewardship at each of our churches. We are guided by the reflections of our Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jefferts Schori in her reflection, "A Lesson from the Oil Spill: We are All Connected":

The original peoples of the North American continent understand that we are all connected, and that harm to one part of the sacred circle of life harms the whole. Scientists, both the ecological and physical sorts, know the same reality, expressed in different terms. The Abrahamic traditions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) also charge human beings with care for the whole of creation, because it is God's good gift to humanity. Another way of saying this is that we are all connected and there is no escape; our common future depends on how we care for the rest of the natural world, not just the square feet of soil we may call "our own." We breathe the same air, our food comes from the same ground and seas, and the water we have to share cycles through the same airshed, watershed, and terra firma.

We plan to focus our attention to the following areas during the coming year.

Education

Youth: St. Andrew's - Sunday School; St. Johns- Start in September

Adult: Newsletter articles; Website; summer editions

Energy Conservation

Develop and publish a temperature policy; set energy savings target of 10% by Sept. 2011; map building energy usage for 1 year; complete energy usage checklist; Operations and Maintenance audit; preventative maintenance program

Reduce Toxic Materials and Products

Cleaning chemicals, lead, formaldehyde, teflon, etc.; toxic toys

Water and Land Conservation

Plumbing fixtures: low flow toilets; low flow aerators for faucets

Pesticides and fertilizers usage; storm water run-off; self composting programs

Incorporation of Plans

Develop plans and teams for both churches together; intergenerational and nongender participation; Identify short-term and long-term goals; become part of Church culture

At our September Vestry meeting, Denise and Jeff will present an analysis of our energy bills for 2009-2010 and a map of our energy usage in the building. This is a project that includes all of us, whether we plan a large part or a small part. Please let Denise or Jeff know if you would like to help.

Andrew Waters, of EnergyMark, is available to advise you on how to save money on your energy costs during the coming year. He can be reached at awaters@energymarkllc.com or at 913-5087.



Environmental Tips for Daily Living

Did you know that in the United States alone, we use 1.5 million barrels of oil each year just to create plastic water bottles? We collectively use billions of plastic water bottles each day in our country and less than 12% of these are recycled. The rest end up in landfills, or worse littering our roads, rivers and lakes. Every plastic water bottle ever produced is still in our environment today!

Just say NO to plastic water bottles and consider using reusable bottles and tap water (get a water filtration system if you are not crazy for the taste). If you replace just one plastic water

bottle per day, you will save about \$200.00 per year. For a family of 4 hooked on plastic water bottles... savings will be significant!

Youth Invited to "Journeys" Weekend

Journeys is a weekend retreat for middle school aged youth designed to show the youth that everyone's spiritual journey is different. There are many different ways to find God in your everyday life. During the weekend, the youth will attend six activities led by both high school youth and adults. The participants can choose to participate in the activities in whatever order they want, but they will complete each one throughout the weekend.

The first Journeys weekend starts on **Friday, September 24th at 7:30 pm** and ends at **3:30 pm on Sunday, September 26th**. It will be held at Good Shepherd Church in the Parkside neighborhood of North Buffalo.

The weekend is opened to any youth in **grades 6 through 8**. There is an application you can fill out at www.eyouthwny.org

LogoContest

We need your help. Any middle-schooler can send in a piece of their own original work. We will pick the logo at Junior High Camp this summer. The winner will be relieved of paying for the upcoming Journeys weekend as a token of gratitude.

High School/Adult Helpers

We need high school students and adults to assist with the weekend. To apply for this, fill out an application at www.eyouthwny.org

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High School Aged Youth!

Don't miss the opportunity to meet our presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori @ Diocesan Convention this October 29th & 30th. Applications to apply for a chance to be a Deanery youth representative for Convention will be available soon! Check www.eyouthwny.org for details!

Preparing for the Election of our Next Bishop –

The candidates for bishop will be announced in August, and they will visit each region of the diocese for a “walk about” on November 4-7. The Electing Convention will be on Saturday, **November 20**. We will have opportunities for discussion, bulletin inserts, and newsletter pieces in order to learn about our diocese, Episcopal bishops, and the candidates themselves.

Meanwhile, you can learn about the history of our region and our diocese, as well as about our challenges and hopes, in our Diocesan Profile, which is available at www.wnybishopsearch.org. Lynn Schauer-Bewley of St. Andrew’s designed the visuals for the online Profile.

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New Diocesan Ministry Center to be Established

On Monday, June 14, 2010, three canonical bodies of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, the Trustees, the Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee, met and agreed in principle to move the Diocesan Office from its current location at 1114 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo to a site located at 1064 Brighton Road in Tonawanda, NY. The decision was made with a certain heaviness of heart as many in the diocese have a great fondness for the building that has housed the diocesan offices since 1951.

"This move signals a shift in perspective and a new vision for our ministry in the 21st century," said the Rt. Rev. J. Michael Garrison.

Looking Ahead With Dignity: Five Wishes Community Workshop

St. Andrew's and St. John's will co-sponsor a **Five Wishes Community Workshop** on **Saturday, September 25, 2010**. Registration begins at 8:30 am, and the program will be held from 9 am to noon. Registration is free, and open to the public.

The Five Wishes Program has been developed by the organization *Aging with Dignity* to provide a way for individuals, families, and caregivers to discuss openly and in detail what kind of care and treatment they want when they can no longer speak for themselves.

What are the 5 wishes?

- ❖ For the person I want to make care decisions for me when I can't
- ❖ For the kind of medical treatment I want or don't want
- ❖ For how comfortable I want to be
- ❖ For how I want people to treat me
- ❖ For what I want my loved ones to know

The Five Wishes Program provides both a planning tool and a document that is legal in 42 states, including New York. It goes beyond other living will documents by giving individuals the opportunity to share their wishes for comfort, personal treatment, and important personal matters in their closest relationships. It also includes very clear and precise guidelines for how to supplement it with other legal documents if desired (such as a DNR order, for example). It is used widely by families, faith communities in all traditions, medical providers and facilities, and hospice organizations. It is also used increasingly by companies wanting to provide an affordable employee benefit that helps to reduce employee absence and turnover due to family caregiving obligations. To learn more, please visit www.agingwithdignity.org.

Participants in the Five Wishes Community Workshop will read through the Five Wishes document together and learn about how to address these wishes with professionals who work locally in the fields of law, funeral preparation, medical care, and pastoral counseling. There will be the opportunity for individual consultation at the end of the morning. The main purpose of the workshop is to learn how to insure comfort, personal dignity, and spiritual peace for persons we love and respect. Light refreshments will be served, and on-site child care will be available.

The planning committee for the workshop includes Lois Bateman, Lois Carter, Janet Hoffman, and Denise Failla. Please see them, or call 778-7633 for more information and to reserve materials.

A New Beginning for Niagara Deanery Youth Group

Three years ago after graduating with my Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education, I took on the challenge of being the Niagara Deanery Youth Missioner. This was a big shift for me, as I had spent the previous 5 years working with young children, and focused on academics and college life. So, as I was thrust into the "adult world" I was called back to my roots, the church, with a chance to share my faith with the emerging youth of our deanery. I was excited by this opportunity because my own middle and high school years in the church had led me to discover and form my own deep spirituality. I was also very nervous because I knew what kept a kindergartener's attention, but I wasn't so sure about how to excite the adolescent crowd. Now, thanks to the commitment and energy of both the youth and young-hearted adult mentors, I can look back and say that we have had a great time together as the "Niagara Deanery Youth Group." During this time I have watched many of our youth grow and develop in their faiths and lives. Some have graduated and moved on to serve our country or attend college. Others have moved out of their comfort zones and participated in larger Diocesan youth events, opening up a whole new world of "the church" to themselves. Together we have grown in friendship and faith.

As our deanery continues to evolve and stay committed to youth programs we have decided to try a different approach. Instead of a "youth missioner" and monthly meetings we have created a "Deanery Youth Ministry Team." This group of youth-minded volunteers will collaborate to provide a few deanery-wide youth programs during the coming year. I pray that you will continue to support the youth within your own parish as well as these programs. I believe that while it is important to cultivate the spirituality of our youth at the parish level, it is also necessary for youth to meet as a larger community. My own experiences as a youth outside of my church infused in me a passion for sharing my faith and being involved in the church. Meeting youth and priests from all around the Episcopal church and seeing the many differences that come together to make us a Christian community has made me assured that no matter where I may travel or go in life there will always be an Episcopal community that I can feel welcomed in.

Thank you for all of your support. I look forward with excitement to the new future of our deanery youth programs!

With peace,
Sarah Harrington

Lessons

Sunday	First Lesson	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
August 1 Pentecost 10	Hosea 11:1-11	107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
August 8 Pentecost 11	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	50:1-8, 22-23	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 15 Pentecost 12	Isaiah 5:1-7	80:1-2, 8-19	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 22 Pentecost 13	Jeremiah 1:4-10	71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 29 Pentecost 14	Jeremiah 2:4-13	81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-18	Luke 14:1, 7-14
September 5 Pentecost 15	Jeremiah 18:1-11	139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 12 Pentecost 16	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 19 Pentecost 17	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 26 Pentecost 18	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

Reader Schedule

Service Date	Lector	Prayers of the People	Lay Reader	Chalice	Crucifer	C 1 st Acolyte	2 nd Acolyte
August 8 Pentecost 11	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Nancy Thompson	Mike Kerwin			
August 15 Pentecost 12	CHURCH PICNIC AT LYONS						
August 22 Pentecost 13	Justin Naylor	Robyn Krueger	Sharon Rhodes	Keith Rhodes			
August 29 Pentecost 14	Allison Carter	Jacquie Rodgers	Janet Hoffman	Sharon Rhodes			
Sept. 5 Pentecost 15	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Nancy Thompson	Robin Schulmeister	Johanna Carney	Jared Carney	Kevin Brown
Sept. 12 Pentecost 16	Nancy Thompson	Sharon Rhodes	Keith Rhodes	Allison Carter	All Acolytes		
Sept. 19 Pentecost 17	Janet Hoffman	Jacquie Rodgers	Jacquie Rodgers	Nancy Thompson	Nick Fallis	Matthew Pyskaly	Michael Pyskaly
Sept. 26 Pentecost 18	Justin Naylor	Robyn Krueger	Janet Hoffman	Gael Freischlag	Kyle Doly	Jared Carney	

Please remember that if you are not available when scheduled, then you need to find your own replacement or contact Pastor Lee. Thank you for all that you do, each and every week!

Altar Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	SERVICE	COLOR	MEMBER
Aug 1	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Allison Carter
Aug 5	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Allison Carter
Aug 8	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
Aug 12	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
Aug 15	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High
Aug 19	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High
Aug 22	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
Aug 26	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
Aug 29	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
Sept 2	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
Sept 5	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
Sept 9	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
Sept 12	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Allison Carter
Sept 16	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Allison Carter
Sept 19	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
Sept 23	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
Sept 26	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High
Sept 30	Anointing and Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High

God has not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God has not promised
Sun without rain;
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God has promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor;
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love...