

## Dates to remember

**June** Food collection – **Tuna Fish, etc**

**June 6** Andrew Waters will be available after the service to talk about energy savings at your home through EnergyMark

**June 9 7 p.m.** Vestry

**June 13 Youth Sunday & Honor Graduates**

Andrew Waters-EnergyMark

**4-6:30 p.m.** Deanery Youth Group

**June 20 Father's Day**

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**July** Food collection – **Canned Fruit, Juice or Juice Boxes**

**July 17** Soccer Tournament Pancake Breakfast

**July 17** Town Yard Sale

**July 21 6 p.m.** Loaves and Fishes Community Prayer Service at St. Andrew's to benefit the Wilson and Newfane Community Food Pantries

**July 25 4 p.m.** Deanery Day: Community Hymn Sing & Picnic at Grace Church-Lockport. Please sign up if you would like a ride.

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**August 15 10 a.m.** Picnic Eucharist at Krull Park, Olcott– ***Christmas in August*** to benefit Our Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras.

**Date TBA** Family cookout and campout at the Vogt's.

### *Your Priest's Perspective*

*God is here! As we his People  
Meet to offer praise and prayer;  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.*

*Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of his Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.*

*Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold.  
Here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.*

*Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.*

This hymn by Cyril V. Taylor expresses, I think, what we seek and what we offer at St. John's. As we continue to reflect and pray on what God might be up to in our life together, it is good to remember why we gather for worship—

Sharing our selves and our lives in Christ  
Offering our varied skills and arts  
Waiting for the coming of his Spirit  
Welcoming our children  
Being sustained by Christ  
Seeking understanding in faith

At your parish meeting in May, you celebrated what you cherish about St. John's—our sense of being a family, including several generations of some families; our commitment to outreach; our children; our sanctuary; the events we share in together, like our rummage sales, our *Christmas in August* Picnic Eucharist, Applefest, and the Christmas Shoebox Project. I think most of us feel a wonderful energy and confidence at St. John's these days, the energy of renewal as we welcome new families and friends who have been away, and the confidence that we will continue to thrive; but I also sense a restlessness, the kind of restlessness that comes from God's nudges, God's whispered invitations to live more intentionally into his plans for us. We have a purpose larger than simply maintaining our place on Lake Road in Wilson, and as we continue to grow into our understanding of this purpose we will grow into a new and deeper sense energy and peace.

Growing into this understanding, cherishing the gifts that we share by being part of St. John's, will require something more of each of us. It may require that we change the way we reach out to the community. It may require that some of us take on new responsibilities—teaching Sunday School, organizing events, serving at the altar, helping with the newsletter, taking care of our building and grounds, contributing to our financial responsibilities. Our monthly income by weekly offering is currently less than our operating expenses. Each family's monthly offering matters to the life of this community, not just because of what we need to operate, but because each of us has promised in baptism to grow into the faithfulness that God has promised for us, and keeping that promise is essential to our life together.

We are extraordinarily blessed to serve God in this place together. May we cherish that blessing in all our sharing, offering, waiting, welcoming, being, and seeking.

*Judith+*

## Vestry Highlights

May 12, 2010

### Resolved:

- ✓ Recording of Memorial Funds:  
A ledger account will be kept for individual memorials for up to two months; donations will be recorded by the Counters with oversight by the Treasurer. After 3 months, the Priest, in consultation with the Vestry will ask the family if they wish the funds to be designated for a specific purpose. If not, the funds will go to the general fund. The Priest will acknowledge all donations with thank you notes.
- ✓ Memorial Funds will be used to purchase kneeler cushions for the altar rail so that the Priest may choose whether to have standing communion or to serve communion at the rail.
- ✓ Authorized the purchase of 6 new light-weight tables for the Parish Hall. Donations will be requested to contribute toward the cost.
- ✓ Authorized Pastor Judith to form a Communications Team who will propose a comprehensive plan for communication within the congregation and with the community. This may include additional internet media, using our website more effectively, possibly redesigning our website, reviewing the process of compiling articles for the Pious Press.
- ✓ Authorized Pastor Judith to explore alternative sources of funding through using a portal to Amazon.com on our website and through recycling.
- ✓ Authorized our pledge of \$375 to the Deanery for the Youth Missioner's stipend to be used for more general Youth Ministry funds since there will be no Youth Missioner beginning in September 2010

### Discussion:

- ✓ We have received Prayer Books donated by Holy Apostles to replace damaged books in our pews.
- ✓ We will recognize our Sunday School teachers and Acolyte Master, as well as the ministries of our children on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Brass Ensemble, which includes youth from both St. John's & St. Andrew's will play for the service.
- ✓ The Deanery will gather for a Hymn Sing and picnic at Grace Church-Lockport on Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Sign-up will be available for transportation and carpools.
- ✓ Our Picnic Eucharist—*Christmas in August* to benefit Our Little Roses Orphanage—will be on **Sunday August 15 at 10 a.m.** Watch for invitations to help with planning.

## Our Little Roses Ministries

### When there is no one else...

Imagine being a hurting, destitute, homeless little girl that no one wanted, who was forced to fend for herself in the hostile streets of Honduras.

That was the desperate situation for many little girls before Our Little Roses stepped in, and still is for the girl child that has not been rescued. These are girls with no one to care for them, no one except the receiving ministry of Our Little Roses in San Pedro Sula, and the sponsors who support this

transforming work. Unbelievably, there are still many such children who live in hope for a home and someone to love and nurture them and provide an education to meet the challenges of adult life.

The central ministry for homeless girls began in 1988 in a small rented house with 26 girls. In 1990 the new unique ministry caught the interest of government officials of the city of San Pedro Sula. They gave the land to Our Little Roses on which two buildings were built and where 76 girls now live and the OLRM offices are located. To this day there is no other institution in Honduras dedicated to building lives, preparing and equipping once homeless girls to enter and support them in the middle class society. This is important because uneducated girls with no skills have little to no opportunities to escape poverty level circumstances. Our girls graduating from high school who attend university also hold jobs. Other ministries housed within the walled campus include Holy Family Bilingual School, chapel and B & B hostel.

There are no governmental social services or funds for Honduran children who become victims of violence, poverty, disease and oppression. The need was desperate in 1988, and it is even more compelling today. Children are often forced onto the streets to fend for themselves when their families cannot or will not care for them. Poverty produces abusive situations for many pre- adolescent girls who are deprived of an education by being kept home to take care of younger siblings, with no adult supervision or oversight.

At Our Little Roses Homes, every girl is given not only shelter but education and love. Uniforms and school fees are provided, and a staff of teachers helps newly-arrived girls catch up with their peers. The sense of family at Our Little Roses sustains all the girls, who are active in church. Many are members of the choir, youth fellowship leaders and acolytes.

[www.ourlittleroses.org](http://www.ourlittleroses.org) for more information.

## **Mother's Day Brunch**

Thanks to the men and boys and all who were involved in providing the delicious Mother's Day Brunch after church on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The food was very good and the service was excellent. The vases of wild flowers on each table were beautiful. It was a very special treat for all the women of the parish.

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank my St. John's family for all the cards, well wishes, the beautiful floral arrangement and especially for all the prayers during my recent surgery for total knee replacement. All of them made for a very successful recovery. I am so blessed to be able to call St. John's my family.

Lois Bateman

## **Rummage Sale**

The rummage sale was held in early May and we made \$385, a very good amount for the Spring sale. Millie and I want to thank everyone who helped in any way. The Rummage sale helps people in many ways – those who donate, those who buy and the people at Community Mission who take whatever we have left over.

Jean Reid

## HOOKED ON GIVING

Dr. Mar Aprem of the ancient Chaldean Orthodox Church of the East in India tells a funny story about when a member of the church won a lottery worth 100,000 rupees. His wife went to the bishop and told him that she was afraid to tell this glad news to her husband because he had a heart problem and any sudden excitement could cause a heart attack.

The bishop offered to break the news gently to her husband. He visited the house and asked the man, "Wouldn't it be a good thing if you won 1,000 rupees in the lottery?" The man replied that he still would have to work to support his family.

"What about 10,000 rupees?" the bishop asked. The man still showed no excitement, so the bishop carefully raised the amount to 50,000 and finally to 100,000 rupees.

"If I got 100,000 rupees, I would give half of it to you, your Excellency," the man replied.

The bishop had a heart attack, and the man called an ambulance.

We can get excited about winning and getting. But have you learned how fun it is to give -- and not only money? Engineering and machinery genius R. G. LeTourneau (1888 - 1969) discovered the great joy that can come of generosity. Besides establishing a private school (today's LeTourneau University), that remarkable man reportedly gave 90 percent of his income to worthwhile causes, while living on the remaining 10 percent. He became hooked on giving!

And like I said, money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.

Giving is fun. And addictive. -- *Steve Goodier*

## Altar Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	SERVICE	COLOR	MEMBER
June 3	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
June 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
June 10	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
June 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
June 17	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
June 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Allison Carter
June 24	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am Nativity of St. John The Baptist	Eucharist	White	Allison Carter
June 27	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
July 1	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
July 4	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am Independence Day	Eucharist	Green	Milie High
July 8	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Milie High
July 11	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
July 15	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
July 18	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
July 22	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am St. Mary Magdalene	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
July 25	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
July 29	Anointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman

## Lessons

Sunday	First Lesson	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
June 6 Pentecost 2	1 Kings 17:8-24	124	Galatians 1:11-14	Luke 7:11-17
June 13 Pentecost 3	1 Kings 21:1-21a	5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
June 20 Pentecost 4	1 Kings 19:1-15a	42 & 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 27 Pentecost 5	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	77:1-2, 11-20	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July 4 Pentecost 6	2 Kings 5:1-14	30	Galatians 6:1-16**	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 11 Pentecost 7	Amos 7:7-17	82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 18 Pentecost 8	Amos 8:1-12	52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 25 Pentecost 9	Hosea 1:2-10	85	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13

## Reader Schedule

Service Date	Lector	Prayers of the People	Lay Reader	Chalice	Crucifer	C 1 <sup>st</sup> Acolyte	2nd Acolyte
June 6 Pentecost 2	Robyn Krueger	Jacquie Rodgers	Keith Rhodes	Robin Schulmeister	Johnnie Carney	Matthew Pyskaty	Jared Carney
June 13 Pentecost 3	Janet Hoffmann	Allison Carter	Sharon Rhodes	Allison Carter	Youth Recognition Day		
June 20 Pentecost 4	Allison Carter	Sharon Rhodes	Jacquie Rodgers	Mike Kerwin	Nick Falla / Brian Kerwin	Michael Pyskaty	Kevin Brown
June 27 Pentecost 5	Justin Naylor	Robyn Krueger	Janet Hoffmann	Keith Rhodes	Jocie Lyon	Kyle Lyon	Kyle Doty
July 4 Pentecost 6	Nancy Thompson	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Gail Freischlag			
July 11 Pentecost 7	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Nancy Thompson	Sharon Rhodes			
July 18 Pentecost 8	Robyn Krueger	Sharon Rhodes	Keith Rhodes	Allison Carter			
July 25 Pentecost 9	Justin Naylor	Robyn Krueger	Sharon Rhodes	Robin Schulmeister			

**If you are unable to fulfill your commitment,  
please find a replacement, or contact Pastor Lee! Thank you!**

## Niagara Deanery Council Highlights

Wednesday May 5, 2010

St. John's-Youngstown

### Resolutions:

- ✓ Changed the By-Laws Article IV.B.2 to read:  
*Representatives to Diocesan council are elected by Niagara Deanery Council triennially at its October meeting.*
- ✓ Elected a slate of officers:
  - President: Mary Wieland (3-year term)
  - Vice President: John Rupnow (3-year term)
  - Secretary: Janet Hoffman (1-year term)
  - Treasurer: Lynn Jackson (1- year term)
- ✓ Dissolved the position of Deanery Youth Missioner, to be replaced by a Youth Ministry Team who will plan youth events for the 2010-2011 year. Judith+ will facilitate this group, which will include Sami Cutlip, Sarah Harrington, Jennifer Seefeldt, Jeff Edmister, and other volunteers. Congregations who have pledged to support the Youth Missioner stipend will be asked to contribute those funds to Deanery youth ministry.

### Discussion:

Our summer Deanery event will be the Community Hymn Sing being hosted by Grace Church as part of their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Old Home Week celebrations in Lockport on **Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** Transportation will be provided as needed. Congregations must contact Mary Wieland, 745-7440 ([grannywieland@aol.com](mailto:grannywieland@aol.com)) by **June 26<sup>th</sup>** with the number of parishioners who will need transportation. Following the Hymn Sing there will be a picnic: picnickers will bring their own food and beverages, and group games; Grace Church will provide grills, supplemented as needed by grills from St. Andrew's. We approved using Deanery funds to pay for a bus or van as needed for transportation.

### Reports:

- ✓ Deanery Youth Missioner: Sarah Harrington
- ✓ Bishop Search Committee: Sami Cutlip & The Rev. Judith Lee
- ✓ Transition Committee: Mary Wieland & The Rev. Ellen Brauza
- ✓ Diocesan Council: Martin Gregg & The Rev. William Winston

**Next meeting:** October Pre-Convention Workshop  
**St. Andrew's-Burt - Friday October 15 7 p.m.**

## Going Green

We now have a **Green Team** made up of members of St. John's and St. Andrew's: Denise Failla, Jeff Pyskaty, Jerry Harrington, Judi Naylor, and Doug Wintersteen. The Team will work together on initiatives to be carried out separately at each church: Education, Energy Conservation, Water & Resource Conservation. Watch for more news. Please talk with Jeff Pyskaty or Denise Failla if you would like to join the Green Team or work on individual projects with them.



## Articles for the Pious Press

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## **The Faces of Jesus Seen at St. John's Rummage Sale**

The customers are many and varied. Some come on Friday, buy a nice item or two, peruse the tables, and hope some things they like are still there on Saturday when they come for the bag sale. One lady almost always comes in on Saturday. As she was looking, one of our parishioners came in and when they saw each other, a warm embrace followed. I sensed it meant: 'Dear friend, how are you? I think of you often. I'm so glad to see you.' They spoke for a few minutes. The shopper walked down one of the tables looking for that special item. After she paid for her purchase, she sat and visited with some of our workers.

The elderly gentlemen whose cap said US NAVY WWII. He said he was very honored a while back to be invited, along with other WWII veterans to Lockport High School where they were interviewed by some of the students about their war time experiences. I asked if they filmed it, and he replied that they wrote down everything he said. He said he was surprised at the questions they asked, and how interested they were to hear those accounts of young men in wartime. He told them when they see a veteran, or some one in uniform to just thank them for their service. He was ready to pay for his purchase and leave, and I asked if he lived in Wilson. He said "No, I live in Lockport. I came down to go fishing and I saw your sign outside."

On Saturday, a lady shopper and her mother told us in the course of conversation, that they helped homeless people in Lockport. They had been to another church bag sale and bought a couple bags of clothes for them. After hearing their story, we gave them four bags of clothing to take to the shelter. They left in tears. They thought we were so generous! And we were just doing what Jesus "commands us to do."