

## Who are we?

St. John's is a small dynamic parish family. We support and celebrate each other, we honor our differences, and from our beginnings we have worked together to build a place where everyone may find peace and seek truth. Most of us live in or near Wilson, and we are very involved in community activities.

St. John's was first organized as a mission church in 1929, and within a year the current church building was purchased from the Roman Catholic congregation. The parish hall was built in 1954, in 2000 a ramp was added to make the church handicap-accessible, and in 2003, we excavated beneath the church to build a big, bright Sunday School room with a large window for emergency egress. In 2007, we completed a Memorial Garden near the entrance to the church.

In January 2007, we entered into a covenant with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burt. We have shared a priest with St. Andrew's off and on since 1949, so the roots of our relationship are deep. We remain independent congregations who share outreach ministries, Bible Study groups, and special worship services.

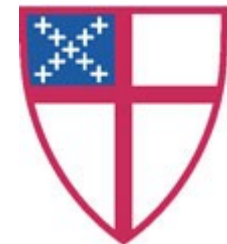
St. John's is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York. Scripture, Tradition, and Reason together are the means by which we grow in our understanding and faith; liturgy, prayer and study are central to our journey of faith. We use the Book of Common Prayer for our public liturgies and our private devotions. As stated in one of its Collects: *We are part of God's creation, made in the image of God. We are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason and to live in harmony with creation and with God.*

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**Come Worship With Us!**

Holy Eucharist  
Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Healing Rite & Bible Study  
Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

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Whether for services or quiet respite, our doors are never locked.

We welcome you to come in!

## St. John's Mission

To love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ by experiencing and sharing the fruits of the Holy Spirit.



Community outreach is central to St. John's mission. Whether it's the Christmas Shoebox project of Samaritan's Purse, our annual coat drive for local school children, or collecting food, hygiene kits and clothing for Community Missions, we serve Christ in our neighbors, and we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit by opening our doors to friends and strangers.



Worship: We celebrate the Holy Eucharist (also called "mass" or "Holy Communion") every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Members of the community join us for special ecumenical services such as the Blessing of the Animals and our Easter Egg Hunt with the Blessing of Easter Foods. The Altar Guild and church members provide flowers and other visual arts to show the beauty of God's gifts both inside and outside our sanctuary. Our Memorial Garden provides a quiet place for prayer and reflection.



Music: is celebrated in its many different forms and styles. You will find organ, piano, instruments, vocals, hymn tunes, Taize chant, ethnic rhythms and contemporary songs blended to lead worshippers through praise, prayer and proclamation as you worship with St. John's.



Sunday School: is offered for children ages 2 through high school, starting at 8:30 a.m. Youth are encouraged to participate in the life of the parish and in worship. Children are encouraged to be with their parents in worship. Their voices are seen as a joyful noise and not as a distraction.

Fellowship is alive and well at St. John's. Each Sunday after service, a coffee hour is hosted to welcome our guests and visitors as well as St. John parishioners.



St. John's offers many family friendly events throughout the year:

Valentine's Brunch

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Lenten Luncheon

Easter Egg Hunt & Blessing of Easter Foods

Mother's Day Brunch

Celebration of Graduates

Father's Day Breakfast

Parish Picnic

Sunday School Rally Day

Applefest

Halloween Party

Election Day Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Christmas Cookies Exchange

Christmas Caroling & Supper

