

St. John's Good News

Return from Pilgrimage

By The Rev. John Beach

Last Saturday night, after my 3 month pilgrimage cycling across this country, I pedaled into the driveway of the rectory. It was a joy to be met by Denise and other family members who had been waiting for me. It was a delight as well to worship in this place once more, this time sitting in the pew with Denise.

I have learned much through my journey. In an attempt to record my observations and reflections, I have maintained a blog which I commend to you <https://bikepilgrimageusa.blogspot.com/>. Over the course of my journey, I have worshipped in fifteen very different congregations. Twenty-five families I had not previously met, invited me into their home, fed me, told me something about their lives, and listened to my story. This country is more wonderful than cynical news reports would have us believe.

This country is filled with kind, generous, and thoughtful people. Nowhere is this reality more evident than within the community at St. John's Church. I am grateful that this church has given me the opportunity to embark on this odyssey, and return with a deeper appreciation for what a blessing this worshipping community has been for many.

Upon my return I have been reminded of the haunting poem by T.S. Elliot, *Four Quartets*:

*We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.*



September 2023

Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually: All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is now at 75. The service also continues to broadcast via Zoom, with link options shared by email.

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Events this month and looking ahead...

Saturday, September 9th ~ Saugus Founder's Day
(Booth, ice cream (pg. 3), and more)

Friday, September 15th ~ Lobster Roll Sale - \$15/each
Order deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 12th

Saturday, October 21st ~ Roast Beef Dinner (take-out)
Pricing and details TBA ~ We will begin taking orders Wednesday, Sept. 13th

Saturday, December 2nd ~ Annual Fair
(w/ downstairs yard sale and snack bar)

Visit our website for more specific details, information about worship, and event updates – StJohnsSaugus.org

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SAVE THE DATE: Rev. Roger Nelson will be at St. John's Sunday, Sept. 17th

Rev. Roger Nelson was our priest at St. John's from 1973 to 2002. He is celebrating 50 years since he came to St. John's by coming to visit us! We will be having a special luncheon after the 10am service on Sept. 17, 2023. Fritz White is organizing the meal - so you KNOW it will be special and Donna Manoogian will be requesting desserts and set up help from us!

We will be doing a mailing to current members of St. John's, and to others who no longer attend (if we have recent addresses). If you are unable to attend - please send a note to Roger in care of St. John's Church, 8 Prospect St., Saugus, MA 01906, and we will be sure he gets all the notes. Please invite anyone you know that knew Roger to come.

It would be helpful to contact the church office or sign-up in Ashworth Hall to let us know you will be attending (so we can arrange food). Kindly send a message to StJohnsSaugus@gmail.com or the office 781-233-1242.

Hope to see you there!
Julia, Fritz, and Donna

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Community Garden



The Community Garden has sent harvests to the food pantry for the past Fridays, including green beans, peppers, eggplant, Swiss chard and now we are getting ripe tomatoes as well. One of our new volunteers, Jeanette Dimasso, planted fall crops of radishes, kale and peas in the rectory garden to replace plants which are not producing.

Many thanks to Sandy Mears & Jeanne Seaboyer for their help in the weeding efforts. Several people have stopped to admire the new raised beds in front of the church. We expect to have ripe produce each week as the season progresses.

~ Dee & Laura



Every Child Deserves to Smile

Thank you for all the fabulous summer donations! Your generosity during July and August allowed us to deliver 4 boxes of food items, bottled water, clothing items, and 3 boxes of back-to-school items to the motel for the children and their families. School supplies will gratefully be accepted through the month of September.

Our September collections will also include mac & cheese, soup & crackers, canned meats, and small bottles of laundry detergent, non-perishable food items, toiletries, and everyday needs (paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, etc.), Stop & Shop and Market Basket gift cards and Halloween candies & trinkets.

The next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, September 7 at 10:30am in the Hurll Room. All are welcome to attend. Donations may be left in the donation baskets in the vestibule. Any questions may be directed to Jeanne Seaboyer.

Founders' Day 2023 - It's almost here!



And it's not too late to sign up to be a part of this year's festivities! What could be sweeter than having some fun scooping ice cream and enjoying the company of fellow St. John's members and the community! The sundaes are FREE and patrons have an opportunity to visit our ALS information table to learn more about this fatal disease. An opportunity to make donations to support ALS* in memory of longtime St. John's member, Chris Senfleben. Come, join us to scoop ice cream, eat sundaes and greet Saugus on September 9, from 9am - 2PM (or until supplies last!) for a few minutes or all day. You'll be glad you did!



Contact Jeanne Seaboyer to put your name on the volunteer list and help the community see what's so special about St. John's!

*Unable to attend Founders Day but wish to donate to ALS?

Go to <https://www.als.org/get-involved/ways-give>

~ Jeanne Seaboyer

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Flower and Candle Remembrances

If there is a departed loved one or friend you wish to honor at worship in a particular month, or on a birthday, anniversary, etc. – please contact Sandy St. Clair or the office.

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Word Search

Can you find the fresh produce here?

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Asparagus ~ Beets ~ Broccoli ~ Cantaloupe ~ Cherries ~ Cucumber ~ Kiwi
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 Spinach ~ Squash ~ Tomatoes ~ Turnip ~ Watermelon ~ Zucchini

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Vestry: Bill Bidmead, Sr. (2026), Dibby LeBlanc (2026), Duana 'Dee' LeMay (2024), Sandy Mears (2025), and Donna Manoogian (2024)