

St. John's Good News



April 2019

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**Sunday Morning
8am Rite II
10am Rite II**

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From Reverend Sarah...

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:17-18)

Dear Friends,

In just a few weeks we will end our Lenten journey with a joyous Easter worship service. It's often assumed that Christmas is the big celebration for Christians—there are presents, parties, and pageants. But in fact, Easter is our biggest celebration. It is only through the resurrection that we find hope; if Jesus could overcome death then whatever we face in our lives can be overcome.

This is a lesson I have learned from many of my friends throughout the world who live without; without running water, without a roof over their heads, without health insurance, without three meals a day, without access to education. Many of these people live without a single day in which they do not know violence or persecution because of their beliefs, gender, race, sexual orientation, or economic class. How many days do you live without?

During Lent I preached about the *Way of Love* which is a way of living centered on the love of God. As we turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest we open ourselves to receiving and giving the abundant love of God. This abundant love is so powerful that it defied death by resurrecting God's one and only Son.

The thirteenth century German theologian, philosopher Meister Eckhart, spoke of God's love in the following way:

"nothing we can do affects God's love for us. That love never changes. That love is not earned. That love is not lost. But that love is never an excuse to do nothing, to watch the poor go hungry and the homeless while we sit by, basking in divine favor. It is rather to understand that to be possessed by God's love is to be driven to demonstrate that love by loving others."

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As you read this, take a moment to let these words sink into your heart. Allow yourself to imagine what this type of love would look like and what it would require of you. Would it mean donating your time to a charity, recycling your bottles and paper, forgiving your enemy, or maybe helping those who live without seek justice? Jesus lived this love in all his actions, both in life and in death. His love grew out of a deep trust that hope always overcomes despair. Every Easter we are invited to bask in this love, to take it in, and then give it away.

Peace,

Sarah

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**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP INTO LENT!** As we enter the month of April we continue in the season of Lent. Although Lent began back in March don't feel it's too late! There are still multiple ways to experience Lent:

- \* Tuesdays, 10:30-noon: Bible Study on the Sunday readings with *The Gift of New Creation* by Thomas L. Ehrich
- \* Tuesdays, 5-7 at Panera Bread: Community Coffee Hour with Rev. Sarah and *The Book of Forgiveness* by Desmond and Mpho Tutu
- \* Wednesdays, 10-noon, Dunkin on Hamilton Street: Community Coffee Hour
- \* Daily prayers with "The Way of Love" calendar created by The Episcopal Church
- \* Vote for your favorite saint with "Lent Madness"
- \* Donate boxes of mac & cheese for *Healthy Students, Healthy Saugus*
- \* Take home the *Kid's Lent Packet*

**YOUTH GROUP MEETS SUNDAY, APRIL 7.** After the 10am service youth in grades 6-12 are invited to gather down stairs for a fabulous mac & cheese feast! The church will provide the mac & cheese and youth can bring their favorite drink to share. After lunch Stephen Belyea will lead an acolyte training for regular Sunday services as well as services for Holy Week. And don't forget to mark Saturday, April 27 for the Presiding Bishop's visit to Boston!

**HEALTHY STUDENTS HEALTHY SAUGUS UPDATES!** This month St. John's will host back packing on Thursday, April 4 at 7:00pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help transport the food from the school on Thursday morning and back to the school on Friday morning. The students always want more mac and cheese so in April we will collect boxes to donate to the program! Also, the *Healthy Students, Healthy Saugus* leadership team has organized a canned food drive on Saturday, April 13 from 9am-1pm at Stop & Shop. Please speak with Rev. Sarah if you can give an hour or two to help.

**HOLY WEEK: HEAR AND LIVE THE STORY OF JESUS' LAST WEEK.** Worship during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil leads up to the climax of the Easter celebration. This year St. John's will celebrate the Easter Vigil with St. Paul's, Lynnfield, Emmanuel Church, Wakefield and hosted by Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading. This collaborative service will help us begin to build relationships with our neighbors as we await Easter with music, scripture and prayer.

### **GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING WITH EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT.**

The Good Friday Offering brings The Episcopal Church together across all of our cultures, languages, and ethnic diversity – from domestic and overseas dioceses, North and South and Central America, the Caribbean, Taiwan, and our parishes in Europe – to focus our prayers and our tangible support to further the Jesus Movement through the parishes and institutions of healing and education throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

*“Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’  
(Luke 24:18)*

Please support the Episcopal Church in these areas by writing a check to Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, write "Good Friday Offering" in the memo line, and leave in the collection plate or mail to:

DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church US  
P.O. Box 958983  
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

*Come experience Holy Week!*

#### **Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, April 14: The Day Jesus Rode into Jerusalem**

8am and 10am Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, April 16: Blessing of the Holy Oils at St. Paul's Cathedral**

11am-1pm with brown bag lunch (carpool leaves at 10)

**Maundy Thursday, April 18: Jesus' Last Night with the Disciples**

Noon Washing of the Feet and Holy Eucharist

6:00pm Agapé Meal

7:00pm Washing of the Feet, Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday, April 19: The Day of the Crucifixion**

Noon and 7:00pm Service of Holy Eucharist with Solemn Collects

**Easter Vigil, April 20: Waiting for the Resurrection**

7:00pm Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading

**Easter Sunday, April 21: Alleluia!**

8am and 10am

### **EPISCOPAL REVIVAL WITH PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY!**

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will be making a visitation in the Diocese of Massachusetts, Friday-Monday, April 26-29. In addition to several ministry visits and meetings with designated groups that Bishop Curry will be making around the diocese over the course of the weekend, there will be public gatherings with him on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 to which all are welcome. This is a rare opportunity to gather with our Presiding Bishop so please speak with Rev. Sarah if you are interested in attending an event!!!!

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**Saturday, April 27:**

***“PB & J”: Youth Jamboree with the PB, 1:30-3 p.m.***

Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Pizza and special conversation program with Bishop Curry for middle and high school youth and their adult mentors.

***Ministry Fair, 3-4:30 p.m.***

Leading up to the “Way of Love” Rally at 5 p.m., the Cathedral Church of St. Paul will host community gathering space and a Ministry Fair showcasing the good work of ministry programs across the diocese.

***“Way of Love” Rally, 5-6 p.m.***

Boston Common (exact location to be announced) Gather and be inspired, challenged and blessed as Bishop Curry proclaims the transforming power of walking the “Way of Love” with Jesus.

**Sunday, April 28:**

***“Our Episcopal ‘Big Tent’: How Big Is It?” 3-4 p.m.***

Grace Church (133 School Street) in New Bedford

How well does the Episcopal Church measure up to its “big tent” ideal? Come for a provocative panel discussion with Bishop Curry, Bishop Barbara C. Harris and House of Deputies Vice President Byron Rushing. Seating will be first come, first served. Reception follows.

**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT BCH!**

Each summer the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center offers week-long camp for students in grade 4-12. Each day campers spend time in Bible Study, and outdoor activities like swimming, archery, sports, theater etc. It is also a great opportunity for our youth to experience different types of worship with modern music, visiting chaplains, and a closing campfire Eucharist. St. John’s will work with families to ensure that any youth can attend summer camp so please don’t hesitate to speak with Rev. Sarah TODAY! Registration is on-line at <http://www.bchcenter.org/register-for-camp-2>.

**CALENDAR NOTES!**

Please note the following calendar changes due to Holy Week and Clergy Conference:

Tuesday, April 23: No Bible Study or Community Coffee Hour at Panera Bread

Tuesday, April 30: No Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1: No Community Coffee Hour at Dunkin’

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Easter Sale:

Hand made Easter cards and treats sale. After 8 & 10 am services on April 7th and 14th.

All proceeds will go to the church. ~ Julia, Jeannine and Elizabeth

Lobster Roll Sale



Friday, April 26th 2019 ~ Deadline for orders is Tuesday, April 23rd

Pick-up at St. John's on Friday from 7am-12pm ~ \$12 each roll ~ Free local delivery for orders of 5 or more ~ includes one lobster roll, condiments, chips, and a brownie. Email or call the parish office: StJohnsSaugus@gmail.com or 781-233-1242. We appreciate your continued support!

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## Every Child Deserves to Smile

**Thank you** to all who have spread the joy of St. John's with generously donations to help homeless families! Your gifts are greatly appreciated in their time of need.



We are preparing another fruit and snack basket to be delivered to the motel on Easter Sunday. through April 14 we will gratefully accept donations of healthy, non-perishable snacks. Some suggestions include individual cereals, granola & fruit bars, fruit cups, raisins, Goldfish & graham crackers, pudding & jello cups, and juice boxes. We continue to collect every day needs of non-perishable food items (pasta, sauce, canned meats, large microwaveable bowls or containers, serving utensils, can openers & colanders along with paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, toiletries, etc.

Donations may be left in the Every Child Deserves to Smile collection container in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer at 781-662-4342 or email [jmseaboyer@gmail.com](mailto:jmseaboyer@gmail.com)

## **THE PLANT SALE IS COMING, THE PLANT SALE IS COMING!**

**Sunday, April 7 at 9:11AM** we will be gathering to plan our annual plant sale. All who would like to help with the planning are invited to bring their thoughts and ideas as we spring into motion.



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Easter Prayer List

Please call or email names to the office for thanksgiving and remembrances no later than **Wednesday, April 17th**. Thank you!

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## **Looking ahead...**

About our Annual Fair, (Oct. 25th-26th): we will need helpers to monitor the tables and in particular, the auction table. Volunteers will also be essential for set-up, clean-up, etc. It is because of your past support that St. John's events have been successful. If you can lend a hand, please contact the parish office or the event chairperson, Donna Manoogian. Greatly appreciated!

## WORD SEARCH

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 TULIPS ~ VIBRANT

**Officers:** The Rev. Sarah van Gulden, Priest-in-Charge ~ T. J. Martin, Sr. Warden ~ Daniel Casey, Jr. Warden ~ Phil Littlehale, Treasurer ~ Janet Lancaster, Asst. Treasurer ~ Brenda Caggiano, Clerk of the Vestry

**Vestry:** Dale Coogan (2021) ~ Paul Felci (2020) ~ Rose Holt (2022) ~ Kieron Sharwood (2020) ~ Sandy St. Clair (2020) ~ William 'Bill' St. Clair (2021) ~ Jeanne Seaboyer (2020) ~ Jenna Sharwood (2020) ~ Diana White (2021)