

St. John's Good News



From the Rector...

Dear St. John's Family,

As most of you know, I have announced my departure from St. John's. After six and a half years in ministry together, the time is appropriate for the Olds family to follow God's call to our next phase of life and place of ministry. That place is St. Timothy's on the Hill in Fairfield, Connecticut. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, January 29th. I will be in the office the follow week to pack up a few things and make the transition to the bridge priest as smooth as possible.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your rector. The search committee that called me took a chance on someone straight out of seminary to lead them into a very uncertain future. The vestry took a leap of faith by confirming the search committee's choice. I have done my best to live up to that display of faith and the giving of trust that went with it.

In my time here we have had many successes and some failures as well. Yet we have met the highs and lows together, as a family. St. John's is spiritually strong, and your greatest strength is the love that you have and that you show. You still have challenges ahead of you, but I am confident that you can face them boldly, if you choose to. I am very grateful for our time together.

I ask a parting favor of you. Come to church on Sunday, January 29th. Even if you have not counted yourself as a church-goer for a long time. Even if you and I have not seen eye-to-eye on some things in the past. Even if we have never met in these six and a half years. Come to church on Sunday, January 29th. Let us worship together as a family, for we are all children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,
Fr. Kevin+



January 2017

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8am ~ Rite I

10am ~ Rite II

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Wednesday Night Live – Revised Schedule!

Here is what WNL has on tap as it moves towards its colossal, boffo ending on January 25th:

January 4th: Praying with Icons (Part 2). Come and learn about a particular religious icon, the meaning to be found in it, and how to use it to aid in your prayer life.

January 11th & 18th: Theology on Tap. Fr. Kevin cracks open and delves into some of the deeper elements of our faith. What exactly is the Atonement? How do we really understand the Incarnation? Etc. Come and find out the answers (notice I didn't say 'answer') to each question. Pondering deep theological topics can sometimes go easier with a beverage of your choice. Please feel free to BYO.

January 25th: Episcopal Trivia! WNL reaches its startling, suspense filled, and likely very tacky conclusion with a bout of Episcopal Trivia. Come and match wits to win prizes that exceed in no way your wildest expectations!

Confirmation

Confirmation class continues unabated in the new year. Classes are Sunday the 8th and 22nd, at 7pm in the chapel. Confirmation class WILL CONTINUE after January.

Annual Meeting

Come one come all to the Annual Meeting, **Sunday February 5th** following the 10am service. New vestry members and officers will be voted in, outgoing vestry members and officers will be celebrated, and our bridge priest will be present. Important business of the church will be done, including voting on the 2017 budget.

Special Grace

The Special Grace ministry has gone on hiatus. A hearty thank you to those who support this ministry. In the right season, I am very hopeful that it will return.

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From the Sr. Warden...

Merry Christmas! Jesus has been born!

Hoping everyone is well, and had a wonderful holiday season! Although you may be ready for some rest following the this stressful and busy time of year, there is no time to spare, as we approach the Annual Meeting.

Vestry will be finalizing the budget for 2017 before the annual meeting. As you know, vestry meetings are always open to parish members, and our January meeting is no exception! We invite you to attend the next Vestry meeting, January 10th @ 7pm. This is your opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns regarding budgetary and transition matters. If you are not able to attend, Vestry members will be available between services on Sunday, January 15th.

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As this is the end of my term as Senior Warden, I would like to take a moment to say how humbling the experience has been, and how grateful I am to all of you for your support. That being said, I am happy to announce, that T.J. Martin as agreed to run for the Senior Warden position!

There is still time to fill empty Vestry seats! This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of the decision-making process. Pray upon this, and talk to either Fr. Kevin or myself before the Annual Meeting.

As January 29th is Fr. Kevin's last mass, we would like to throw the Olds family a little best-wishes party during coffee hour, following the 10am service. I have spoken with Fr. Kevin, and he suggested a hot dog Sunday! If anyone would like to help, please contact me.

Peace,
Lisa Saraceno, Senior Warden
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Every Child Deserves to Smile



Thank you to everyone who supported the November collection benefiting the Saugus Fire Department's annual drive. Your overwhelming response to help make Christmas brighter for a Saugus teen resulted in the collection of \$484.50 allowing us to purchase 17 Showcase Cinema movie gift packages!

During the month of January we will be collecting: Canned Meats ~ Can Openers ~ Pasta ~ Sauce ~ Microwaveable Foods ~ Large Bowls to microwave pasta & food items

Donations may be placed in the Every Child Deserves to Smile collection box located in the vestibule.

The next quarterly meeting will be March 2, 2017 at 9:30 in the Hurll Room. All are welcome.

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It's National Soup Month!

In addition to our regular collections, please consider a soup donation for the Saugus Food Pantry this month. Soup is a satisfying comfort on these cold winter days. Beef stew, minestrone, corn chowder, chicken noodle, and hearty vegetable are just some of the many options—pick a favorite and kindly leave your contribution in the vestibule. Thank you!



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Word Search

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 Hockey ~ Igloo ~ Insulate ~ Polar ~ Shovel ~ Skating ~ Snowflake
 Thaw ~ Toboggan ~ Warmth ~ Whiteout

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**Clergy & Officers:** Fr. Kevin Olds, Rector ~ Lisa Saraceno, Sr. Warden ~ Fritz White, Jr. Warden ~ Phil Littlehale, Treasurer ~ Janet Lancaster, Asst. Treasurer ~ Sandy Mears, Clerk of the Vestry

**Vestry:** Nancy Belyea (2019) ~ Brenda Caggiano (2017) ~ Alison Coppola (2018) ~ Armand Couture (2018) ~ T. J. Martin (2017) ~ Cheryl Miller (2019) ~ Sandy St. Clair (2019) ~ Oliver Sharwood (2017) ~ Nick White (2018)