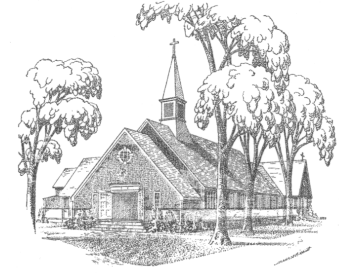


St. John's Good News



From Rev. Rebecca....

Here are two prayers that we can use as we begin another year. The first prayer dates from the beginnings of the Anglican Church. Thomas Moore was an advisor the King Henry VIII and then became a martyr when he refused to acknowledge Henry as the head of the church:

Give us, Lord, a humble, quiet, peaceable, patient, tender and charitable mind, and in all our thoughts words and deeds a taste of the Holy Spirit. Give us, Lord, a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation, dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, your tender compassion towards us. The things that we pray for, good Lord, give us grace to labor for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The second prayer feels more modern, but is only slightly so. Jacob Astley fought in the English Civil War in the defense of Charles I. He lived to be old.

*Help me today to realize that you will be speaking to me through the events of the day, through people, through things and through creation.
Give me ears, eyes and heart to perceive you,
However veiled your presence may be.
Give me insight to see through the exterior of things to the interior truth.
Give me your Spirit of discernment.
O Lord, you know how busy I must be this day.
If I forget you, do not forget me.*

Both of these men were on the losing side of the politics of their day. Nevertheless they were men of God and their faith shines forth for us even today. The light of their faith and of all those who have come before us can shine a light on our paths. With their help, we can begin another year, stumbling less and moving forward with greater confidence.

In Christ,
Rebecca

~~~~~

## January 2020

### Winter Worship

8am ~ Rite I  
10am ~ Rite II

Phone: 781-233-1242

Twitter:  
[@StJohnsSaugus](#)

Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church Saugus

---

| <b>Inside this issue</b>                      | <b>Page</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| From Rev. Rebecca                             | 1           |
| ECDS, Outreach, Stewardship and other updates | 2           |
| Word Search                                   | 3           |

### Every Child Deserves to Smile



During the month of January we will be collecting toiletries for the families to be part of our Heart-to-Heart project in February. Child and adult soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fluoride rinse, floss, deodorants, combs, brushes, shaving cream, and razors are among the needed items.



### Community Outreach



Thank you to all who donated to the Saugus Fire Department's annual appeal to help make Christmas more enjoyable for families in need. Your generosity along with a generous contribution from the St. John's Outreach Fund allowed us to send \$645 in gift certificates to the Ret. Capt. Bill & Carol O'Malley who spear-head this annual event. Thank you one and all!

### Knit/Craft Group

The group will resume **Thursday, January 9 at 1PM** in the Hurl Room. All are welcome! Whether your knitting, crocheting (or want help) or making a craft project or would just like to socialize. Come on down! We're a loose knit group with lots of discussion & laughs!

For questions about ECDS, community outreach, or the knit/craft group, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer 781-662-4342 or email at [jmseaboyer@gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:jmseaboyer@gmail.com).

~~~~~

Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE! St. John's Annual Meeting will convene **Sunday, February 2, after 10am worship**. Among several things, we will nominate and elect new officers, reflect on the past year's accomplishments, anticipate plans for the New Year, and review church financials. All are invited to attend - we look forward to your participation!

~~~~~

### 2020 Stewardship Update

Total pledges for 2020 made to date: 54 totaling \$81,416. For 2019 we had 59 pledges totaling \$87,592 and in 2018 we had 61 pledges totaling \$80,710.

If you have not submitted your pledge we hope you will soon, either mail it to the office or put it in the offering plate. Thank you for your support of St. John's presence in Saugus and its ministries here for 2020.

Julia Aston, Stewardship Ministry Chair

**WORD SEARCH**

C K R Y T U Z H R C C F S O N S P V  
M X N T P W L V D I O S C E Q K I V  
V I S I B I L I T Y E M E C S N B C  
S Y Z O O N W H L S G R M I M L F Y  
C N L G K T U P R T G L R U D V B J  
N O Q E N R T E H R S B A A N R E H  
O A L Z K Y V E E O B M R C L I X Y  
X I S D Z G J V S E C J J G I N O Y  
S N F H E H E Z I T M K N H E A N N  
Q C L B O S C E P Y A I E T L A L F  
Q L A H O V T G J A D M T Y H A N K  
U E N H A W E B F D R I E P L A D V  
P M N S I J Z L E U B K I N S G X I  
R E E N Q G I L I T U P A D T P A U  
S N L F V U S P S N E K Z B I W Y F  
O T E F N M A O F X G K P Y K Q R W  
N D T I I K R L L P Y W Q W D E M I  
U Y C M D F U Z L M X P A D P V W G

Brisk ~ Coldest ~ Communion ~ Epiphany ~ Evergreen ~ Flannel ~ Frostbitten  
 Glacial ~ Hockey ~ Inclement ~ Parka ~ Shoveling ~ Sledding ~ Squall ~ Testament  
 Verses ~ Visibility ~ Wintry

~~~~~

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Officers: The Rev. Rebecca Blair, Bridge Priest ~ 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 (2022) ~ William 'Bill' St. Clair (2021) ~ Jeanne Seaboyer (2020) ~ Jenna Sharwood (2020) ~ Diana White (2021)