

# St. John's Good News

## The St. John's Community Garden By the Rev. John Beach

Dear Friends,

Winter has had its last gasp, and we are now witnessing the regenerative power of the earth in producing new plant life. We are now preparing for the fourth season of the St. John's Community Garden. It has been a joy to work with neighborhood friends of all ages in the production of vegetables for those who are food insecure in our community.

We would greatly appreciate the help of interested persons for the following tasks:

- Helping the preparation between 9 and 10:30am, May 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> (Friday and Saturday)
- Assistance in planting anytime during the Memorial Day weekend
- Growing seedlings in your home during the month of May
- Making a financial contribution to be used for the purchase of seedlings

We are all very grateful for the generous support which all of you have provided over the course of these years.

Peace,  
John+



May  
2024

**Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually—all are welcome to participate. The service also broadcasts through Zoom, with weekly dial-in and link options shared by email.**

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St. John's Memorial Garden  
By Lahneen Visco

In spring of 2023 we were fortunate to acquire services of Mary Krull and other members from the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association for pruning, planting, and maintenance sessions beginning in March and continuing through autumn of 2023. The first pruning and clean up sessions of 2024 took place on the Monday prior to Palm Sunday.

Through Mary's efforts we are pleased to be in receipt of a grant from the Master Gardener Association in the amount of \$800.00, to be designated for additional plantings. It is a special gem of a garden and we are grateful to have the care and expertise of Mary and her group. Anyone inspired to join the next work day in the garden on May 6<sup>th</sup> would be warmly welcome. We will be working from 9am to noon and would appreciate any help which can be given.

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Recognitions for May

Among the many commemorations during the month of May, a few are highlighted here:

May 2nd: National Day of Prayer - a nationally collective (and reflective) opportunity to appeal for peace, health, the nation, our environment, etc., or to give thanks.

May 6th: National Nurse's Day - be sure to acknowledge a nurse who has offered extraordinary care to you or a loved one.

May 7th: National Teacher Day - Educators inspire learning to students young and old; we recognize their contribution in continuing the search for knowledge.

May 12th: Mother's Day - Following her mother's death in 1905, Ann Reeves Jarvis imagined Mother's Day to honor the challenges and sacrifices of mothers. Through her strident efforts, and a Philadelphia business, in 1908 Davis brought regional recognition to celebrating mothers. Within a decade, President Woodrow Wilson officially founded the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

May 18th: National Armed Forces Day - President Truman led the endeavor to create an individual holiday for the country to show gratitude and support to our military members.

May 27th: Memorial Day - Originally founded as a way to commemorate soldiers lost in the Civil War, it has evolved as a national holiday day to honor the sacrifice of all veterans' lives.

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Every Child Deserves to Smile

Many thanks for the non-perishable food items snacks, drinks and children's activity items that were received in April, and, to Lorna Morrissey and Joanne Lancaster who ensured the donations were delivered!

During the month of May, we will continue to collect children's activity items: crayons, coloring books, cars, dolls, puzzles, games, etc., along with non-perishable food items, water, paper goods, utensils, toiletries, and new and gently worn spring and summer clothing in all sizes.

Donations may be left in the vestibule marked ECDtS or by contacting Jeanne Seaboyer.

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St. John's Annual Spring/Mother's Day Flower Sale!  
Saturday, May 11, 2024 ~ 9am-1:30pm

It's almost here! Tell your neighbors, Tell your friends! These spectacular flowers sourced from Kane's Flower World in Danvers are just too beautiful to keep a secret!



Visit our website (StJohnsSaugus.org) or contact the church office for more details. Orders may also be placed online – go to [st-johns-church-saugus.square.site](http://st-johns-church-saugus.square.site). We are still seeking 4 drivers to escort the flowers from Danvers to St. John's on **Friday, May 10th** and volunteers to assist patrons on **Sat. May 11th!**

Contact Jeanne Seaboyer with questions or to volunteer.

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Yard Sale Donations

Our annual yard sale is in June (date to be confirmed) and we are now accepting donations. Please drop off items after church on Sundays, or at the office during regular business hours. Volunteers are always needed to help sort and on the day of the sale. Contact Donna Manoogian for details—thank you!

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### Word Search

Can you find these book-related terms?

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