

# St. John's Good News

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## November 2019

### Fall Worship

September - December

8am ~ Rite I

10am ~ Rite II

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### From Rev. Rebecca....

Each Sunday, St. John's comes into better focus for me. Each Sunday there is someone attending worship that I have not met before. Each Sunday, I hear more stories and I learn more about who you are and who you hope to be.

As we celebrate All Saints Day, we remember those who have attended St Johns, had a hand in creating the St. John's that we know and love and are now no longer with us. We also look forward to all those for whom we are now preparing the way.

We are grateful for all the Saints that have gone before us. Their contributions and their sacrifices remind us that we too have our contributions to make.

The flurry of activity, Founder's Day, the Church Fair, the Roast Beef Dinner with Bird Watching and an Advent Wreath Making Workshop yet to come, remind us how much effort each one of us contributes to making this church hum over and beyond doing the work of the Altar Guild, singing in the choir, attending to our finances, caring for our buildings and grounds etcetera, etcetera and so forth.

At the eight o'clock service, we offer up our gifts with the words, *All things come of Thee, O Lord. Of thine own have we given thee.*

Our time, our talents, our willingness to serve, our ability to contribute financially are what make us saints we are.

I am grateful to be one of you at this time and in this place.

In Christ,

Rebecca

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A couple of weeks ago, Bruce Aleo dropped by for some conversation at Dunkin Donuts. He shared a poem that he had written about his dog, Muffin:

***Man's Best Friend  
October 1, 2019***

*A journey with my best friend came to an end last night,  
About her happiness and love I thought I'd write.*

*It started with this adorable tin ball of fur with a big heart,  
Looking at me with her brown eyes I knew she got to me right from the start.*

*I time I realized she was a special gift given to us from above,  
Now let's talk about that cute little face and all of her unconditional love.*

*To give joy, happiness and love was her only mission in life, can you imagine that –  
no hate, jealousy or even strife.*

*Jehovah's wisdom put that love deep in her heart just for our delight,  
I thank you God for the time we had with her you made her perfect – you made her  
just right.*

*Like this little dog you never know when it's your last chance to love before you  
part,  
So when paths cross show your love right from the beginning – right from the start.*

*Muffin's was a blessing to all and a memory to treasure,  
So let's love unconditional like her beyond words without fear, beyond measure.*

*She was a good dog and loved us all right to the end.  
She'll always be remembered in our hearts.*

*A privilege to be gifted with **MAN'S BEST FRIEND.***

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**From the Sr. Warden...**

It has been another successful fall of activities at St. John's! Our lobster roll sale, fair, and roast beef dinner continue to connect us to our community and provide us with the means to continue our outreach projects. Thank you to all who are involved.

Vestry is continuing to work with Rev. Canon Hubbard on the Priest-in-Charge process. I would like to be able to tell you that we have made a lot of progress, but little was accomplished over the summer due to changes in the PIC process initiated by the diocese, multiple parishes already going through the PIC process, and a shortage of priests.

One of the changes initiated by the diocese required us to work with a diocesan consultant and update our transition review report. This has been completed and submitted to the diocese for their approval. We are now working on updating our parish profile, and together these reports will be used by the diocese to recruit our Priest-in-Charge. I would like to think this can be accomplished by the end of the year, but we want to move in a prayerful way as we consider our options in choosing the right priest to travel with us as a companion along the road of Christ's teachings. I will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,

T.J. Martin  
Senior Warden

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**Preliminary Fair results...**

Proceeds for the fair have exceeded \$6,000 so far. Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers, crafters and other helping hands which contribute so much to the success of this event. And sincere appreciation to the White Family for a wonderful cookout—it was a terrific fall day!

We would also like to thank the following area businesses for their generous gift card donations to our annual fair bid board:

**Central Florist (formerly Flowers by Roger) ~ Harrow's Chicken Pies  
IHOP Saugus ~ Jimmy's Steer House ~ Kowloon Restaurant**

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**EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO SMILE**



We provided 18 Halloween treat bags for the children at the motel. Thank you to all who contributed snacks & treats to be placed in the bags.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items and everyday needs (paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, etc.) Donations may be left in the *Every Child Deserves to Smile* collection container in the vestibule.

Our next meal will be Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet in the kitchen at noon to prepare 30 meals for the families. Volunteers are always welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne at 781-662-4342 or [jmseaboyer@gmail.com](mailto:jmseaboyer@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



As in years past, we are participating in the Saugus Fire Department's annual appeal to help make Christmas more enjoyable for families in need. Donations of winter hats & glove, ball caps, sweatshirts, and gift cards (pizza, movies, Amazon, etc.) for teens and tweens gratefully accepted. For those wishing to make a monetary contribution toward the purchase of gift cards, envelopes may be found in the pews.



For questions or further information, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer 781-662-4342 or [jmseaboyer@gmail.com](mailto:jmseaboyer@gmail.com).

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**A Herculean Effort**

We would like to offer profound thanks to Jr. Warden Dan Casey, as well as Steve and Fritz White for their tireless efforts in working on the upstairs bathroom and nearly-completed door project, providing a much-needed face lift!

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**About the Cornucopia...**



Did you know historical mention of the 'Horn of Plenty' dates back to early Greek mythology? This ancient sign of prosperity and abundance originated from the horn of a goat. It is also a symbol on state and country flags, and has been embossed on foreign coins, royal seals, and had even been adapted for use as a musical instrument! It has become a centerpiece, quite literally, of the American Thanksgiving tradition, though it unclear how or when this particular custom began.

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*A very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to you!*

WORD SEARCH

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Bounty ~ Centerpiece ~ Cranberries ~ Drumstick ~ Gathering ~ Harvest  
 Leftovers ~ Mayflower ~ Orchards ~ Puritans ~ Seasonal ~ Stuffing  
 Tablecloth ~ Tradition ~ Traveling ~ Turkey ~ Wishbone

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