

# St. John's Good News



November  
2021

From Rev. John...

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*  
2022 Stewardship Campaign

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gifts each of you has received.” ~ 1 Peter 4:10

We shall be having our annual stewardship campaign for St. John's church over the month of November. Our theme this year is *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* (Philippians 4:13)

The First Sunday of Advent, November 28th, has been designated as Pledge Sunday. We invite for you all to prayerfully consider your generous support of St. John's Church for 2022.

## What does 'All Saints Day' Mean to Us?

One of the most moving commemorations for me on the Church calendar is the Feast of All Saints. We will celebrate All Saints this year on Sunday, November 7th (although the official date for this feast is November 1st).

According to the Episcopal Church's *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, which is a supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*, All Saints came into being out of a need for Christian people "... to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ." In other words, All Saints is a reminder that through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, we who are alive in this life are still connected with, in communion with, our loved ones who have died and are now in the direct presence of God.

Since the living and the dead are still connected in Christ, the liturgy on that day will begin with a necrology, special prayers for those in the St. John's community who have died in the previous year. These prayers are rooted in the Church's observance of All Faithful Departed (November 2nd).

Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually: All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is now at 75. The service also continues to broadcast via Zoom, with weekly link options shared by email.

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Because of what All Saints means, it is a Principal Feast of the Church. It is also one of the four observances on the Church Calendar when Holy Baptism is especially appropriate (along with the Baptism of our Lord, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost). Thus, St. John's will celebrate Holy Baptism of Aria Rose Sterling on the Feast of All Saints: Sunday, November 7th.

### **A Reckoning in Boston**

Join online on Friday, Nov. 5th, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for a screening of "A Reckoning in Boston," a new documentary by James Rutenbeck (a member of St. Stephen's Church in Boston). A conversation with the filmmakers will follow. "A Reckoning in Boston" is "an absolute must see—especially for white audiences," wrote Boston Globe film critic Ty Burr about the film, which explores systemic racism, economic inequality, street violence, trauma and lack of affordable housing in Boston by looking at the lives of Kafi Dixon, Carl Chandler and others in Dorchester. The film lends itself well to personal reflection and discussion, particularly for faith groups. It will be aired on PBS's "Independent Lens" in January. Registration is being handled through the Diocesan Convention registration site. For information: contact Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation, at (mgardner@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 403) or St. John's parish office.

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### **Coping with Grief in the Holiday Season at the Saugus Senior Center Monday, November 22nd and November 27th 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

When we experience the loss of a loved one, the Holiday Season can be a time of uncertainty and anxiety. We may feel alone or have concerns about how to deal with family gatherings or other celebrations. How do we handle sadness in joyful times? A two-week group meeting is being offered at the Saugus Senior Center for anyone interested in talking about their concerns with others who are in the same situation.

The meetings, facilitated by Ed Bernard, a Health Care and Hospice trained chaplain, will be very informal and non-judgmental, in a small group setting. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please call us at 781-231-4182. All ages are welcome. Because it will be limited to a small number of people, we encourage you to contact us early.

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**EPF's "Peacebuilding Online" continues:** The Episcopal Peace Fellowship's ongoing "Peacebuilding Online" series of free presentations continues on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. with Michael Nagler, author of *The Third Harmony: Nonviolence and the New Story of Human Nature* and the founder of the Metta Center for Nonviolence. Find registration and more information on the EPF's church-wide peacebuilding efforts, please contact The Rev. John Beach in St. John's church office.

**From Resistance to Representation: Black Women Proving the Dream**

The 52nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast  
Monday, January 17, 2022 – 8:30am  
Hybrid Event: Boston Convention Center (in-person) and Online  
Tickets for In-Person Event Available Now  
Keynote Speaker: Annette Gordon-Reed

Historian, Harvard Law Professor, and Author of the New York Times bestseller, *On Juneteenth*  
Guests will also enjoy musical interludes and performances from the Berklee College of Music ensemble.

This year's event will be hybrid with in-person and online components. There will be limited tickets available for the in-person breakfast event at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on Monday January 17, 2022. Meanwhile, the event will also be livestreamed online for free. From our online participants, we encourage donations to go towards continued support of scholarships and various grants to life-sustaining programs.

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**Roast Beef Dinner**

Just a reminder that the deadline for orders is **Tuesday, Nov. 2nd**. Kindly visit our Square site at **st-johns-church-saugus.square.site** for details, to place an order and pay online. Feel free to call the church office if you have any questions. As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated!



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**Area Business Contributors**

As we go to print, St. John's extends our sincere thanks to the following Saugus businesses for their kind support of gift cards for our Annual Fair 'Bid Board' thus far:

- Jimmy's Steer House, 114 Broadway**
- Honey Baked Ham Company, 405 Broadway**
- Harrow's Chicken Pies, 352 Broadway**

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**Daylight Saving Time ~ November 7th**

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour! :)



From Sandy St. Clair

Many thanks to all who donated to the fair candy table and for the lovely baskets!  
Love to you all, Sandy

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Every Child Deserves to Smile



Thank you to all who have contributed to the ongoing collection of non-perishable food items and everyday needs (paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, etc.). Your generosity is deeply appreciated by those receiving these gifts. Donations may be left in the *Every Child Deserves to Smile* collection container in the vestibule.



November 1-December 31 we will also be collecting \$10 gift cards to Stop & Shop and Market Basket. Please contact Jeanne Seaboyer at 781\*662\*4342 or jmseaboyer(at)gmail.com if you have questions or would like to make a gift card donation.

Community Outreach

November 1 – 28, 2021



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 gift cards (pizza, X-box, Visa, Amazon, etc.) for teens and tweens are gratefully accepted. For those wishing to make a monetary contribution toward the purchase of gift cards, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer (see above).

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**Christmas Wreath & Poinsettia Sale**

Celebrate! Deck the Halls with beautiful seasonal plants from Kane’s Flower World! Once again we will be holding a sale of Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettia Plants in the month of November. Order yours today and be sure to share this with a friend or two or ten!



- 6.5” Pot (contains 1 Red Poinsettia plant)     \$17
- 7.5” Pot (contains 2 Red Poinsettia plants)     \$29
- 14” Wreath with Red bow     \$29

Order online: st-johns-church-saugus.square.site or contact the church office. Cash, check, and MC/Visa accepted. Payment must accompany order, and the order deadline is Wednesday, November 30th. Order pickup: at St. John’s on **Friday, December 3rd, from 1PM–6 PM** Questions may be directed to Jeanne Seaboyer by contacting the church office 781\*233\*1242.

### Word Search

Can you find these New England counties?

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*Have a very blessed Thanksgiving!*



**Officers:** The Rev. John T. Beach, Priest-in-Charge, Daniel Casey, Sr. Warden, William St. Clair, Jr. Warden, Phil Littlehale, Treasurer, Paul Felci, Assistant Treasurer, and Brenda Caggiano, Clerk of the Vestry

**Vestry:** Rose Holt (2022), Duana LeMay (2024), Donna Manoogian (2024), Samantha Martin (2023), Kristina Palazzo (2023), Sandy St. Clair (2022), and Kenneth Webber (2023)