

# St. John's Good News



*The loudest voices we hear are those who advocate conflict, divisiveness.*  
~ Sen. John C. Danforth (U.S. Senator of Missouri, U.S. Ambassador  
the United Nations, Episcopal Priest)

*"Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling  
and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven  
you."* ~ Ephesians 4:31-32

*"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though  
passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The  
mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot  
grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will  
yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will  
be, by the better angels of our nature." ~ President Abraham Lincoln,  
from his first inaugural address*

Dear Friends,

We live in dangerous times. The words we speak and the opinions we share are often an offence to others. We are very cautious when choosing our words lest they be taken out of context and used against us. This is becoming more evident as we approach Election Day. As a pastor, I struggle to be an instrument of reconciliation at a time when the loudest voices we hear have a vested interest in fanning the flames of conflict and divisiveness.

At this moment, our nation feels divided, disconnected, and disjointed. We find ourselves at a crossroads of conscience with the voices of vitriol and extremism resounding ever more loudly around us. As people of faith, we know that God is in the business of redemption and resurrection. As the 2024 election approaches, emotions run high, and our families, faith communities, and neighbors feel the weight of hope, fear, anxiety, and exhaustion. Amidst the noise of campaign ads and social media debates, there is a call for peace, unity, and prayer.

I invite any interested persons to join me in an Election Eve Prayer Vigil which is being held from 6:30pm–7:30pm on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Episcopal Church, Saugus (at the corner of Central and Prospect Streets).

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## November 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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The vigil is not a partisan exercise, but a call to remember that we carry within us hopes and aspirations for our country and its future. It is intended as a time to listen to our “better angels”.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me; The Rev. John Beach revjbeach@gmail.com, phone: 774\*961\*9881

Peace,  
John+

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Saugus Food Pantry ‘Thank you’

*“Your donations from your community garden this year were a welcome addition to our clients food supply. A grateful thank you for your faithfully providing from the fruit of your faithful garden and gardeners.”  
God bless, Saugus United Parish Food Pantry*

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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, Halloween treats, warm clothing. Because of your generosity we were able to create Halloween goodie bags to put a smile on the faces of 45 children. Those smiles are what this ministry is all about!

We will be putting together a meal in a bag in late November with all the ingredients for a meal along with a recipe and a grocery store gift card. For this we are in need of 24 of each: canned meats, boxes of pasta, cans of green beans, carrots, and corn; shelf-stable milk, and can openers.

**November 1 - December 31:** in addition to non-perishable food items and paper goods, we will also be collecting \$10 gift cards to Stop & Shop and Market Basket.

Contributions may be left in the donation baskets in the vestibule. Please contact Jeanne Seaboyer if you have questions or would like to make a gift card donation.

Our next quarterly meeting will be **Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 9:30am**, in the Hurl Room. All are welcome!

Community Outreach

**November 1 – 30, 2024**

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.



## Stewardship Season 2025

“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God” ~ Ephesians 5:2



Stewardship Season is that time at the end of each year that we start to think about how we will support the church in the coming year - 2025.

The theme this year is *Walk in Love*. When we belong to a church community, we learn how to care for each other, how to help others when needed, which also extends out of the church and into the community.

As members of St. John's, we all need to support the church in many ways, by attending services on Sundays, by volunteering to help in the various church activities during the year, by supporting each other when we go through difficult times and by supporting the running of the church financially.

Most of us run our households on budgets - we figure out our expenses for the year and then try to plan for those expenses.

The church is a household as well, it costs money to keep the church building in good shape, to pay the heat, electric and water bills, to pay the personnel: our priest, our administrator, the cleaning company and part-time accountant. The money to pay all these bills comes from us as well as using dividends from the church investment funds. For the past several years we have only been able to afford a half-time priest in our budget.

The finance committee needs to have some idea of how much will be coming in for 2025 so they can create the church budget for 2025.

We will be asking everyone to fill in a pledge card in November (will be mailed out on 11/17) - when you say to the church “I’m going to support St. John’s with a weekly, or monthly pledge of \$5, \$25, \$200.” You will receive weekly or monthly envelopes for you to put your pledge in the offering plate on Sundays or you can have it taken directly out of your checking or savings account monthly by filling in the ACH form (auto withdrawal) which will be included in the mailing. I will be talking about Stewardship and how we ‘Walk in Love’ in church on Sunday’s in November.

~ Julia Aston, Stewardship

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### Reminder: Roast Beef Dinner ~ Saturday, November 9th

Visit our website for details and the link to reserve your place at the 4:30pm or 6:30pm seating. You are welcome to also contact the office by phone or email; if leaving a voicemail, be sure to include your name, phone number, and please specify the seating time—thank you!

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### Word Search

Can you find these randomly-selected terms from the *Book of Common Prayer*?

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

Baptized ~ Countenance ~ Courage ~ Creator ~ Divine ~ Dignity ~ Everlasting  
Exult ~ Kindness ~ Ministry ~ Monastic ~ Providence Psalter ~ Refuge  
Salvation ~ Steadfast ~ Thanksgiving ~ Truth

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### Christmas & Craft Fair ~ Saturday, December 7th, 9am - 2pm

Craft and vendor tables; jewelry, candy, handmade greeting cards, knit and sewn items, and several others - details to follow at our website!

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

**Vestry:** Bill Bidmead, Sr. (2026), Rose Holt (2027), Joanne Lancaster (2027), M. 'Dibby' LeBlanc (2026), Sandy Mears (2025), and John Rogalski (2027)