

St. John's Good News

From the Sr. Warden.....

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with family and friends.

It's been a busy summer for the St. John's family. We have found a Priest-in-Charge, who will join us in October; the Memorial Garden has been getting a facelift, and we are planning a Founder's Day full of activities.

Our new Priest-in-Charge is Rev. Sarah van Gulden. Sarah is an Assistant Rector at St. Stephen's in Lynn, and was referred to us by the diocese Office of Transition Ministry. All on the vestry were impressed with Sarah, and feel she will bring to St. John's a passion for ministry that will lead us in continued growth, both spiritually and in membership. Rev. Sarah will officially join us October 4th, so her first service with us will be Columbus Day weekend, October 8th. I hope you can be there to welcome her to our family.

As everyone knows, the departure of Rev. Scottie as our Bridge Priest left us scrambling to find supply clergy to cover our services throughout the summer, and into October, until Rev. Sarah joins us. We could not have made it through this period without the amazing help of our office administrator, Angela, who spent many hours contacting clergy and making the necessary arrangements to ensure we had someone to lead us in prayer every Sunday.

The Memorial Garden has seen quite a bit of activity. Thanks to Fritz and the building and grounds crew, several older trees have been removed to create space for new plantings. This was not an easy task, but over several days and evenings the trees were cut down and removed, by hand, to the land at the back of the rectory. Many thanks to all involved.

With Founder's Day on September 9th, we will again have a booth on the street to meet the community and hand out information on St. John's. Thanks to Jean Seaboyer, we will also be providing ice cream sundaes free, until supplies last. All of these activities require volunteers, so if you can contribute an hour or so on Founder's Day, please sign up in Ashworth Hall.

As we prepare for the arrival of Rev Sarah, I would like us all to think about where God is calling us as a parish, and what is our mission to the community of Saugus. We engage in lots of wonderful outreach, but is there something else you, as a parishioner, feel St. John's could be doing to serve others in our town? Feel free to reach out to myself, or any vestry member with your thoughts.

~ T.J. Martin



September 2017

Fall Worship Schedule

(Begins Sept. 10th)

Sunday Morning
8am Rite I
10am Rite II

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From the Jr. Warden.....

Additional Memorial Garden info: We have completed all the pruning and removal of overgrown trees and shrubs not only in the garden but all around the church. The first of two deliveries of new bushes plus 8 yards of Bark Mulch occurred on 8/25 and have been planted and spread. A special thanks to Armand Couture, Steve White, Bill Bidmead and T.J. Martin for the countless hours of sweat equity they have provided in moving this project forward.

~ Fritz White

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**Lobster Roll Sale  
Friday, September 29th**

\$12/Ea ~ Includes one lobster roll, condiments, bag of chips, and a brownie  
Deadline for orders is Wednesday, Sept. 27th ~ Delivery for orders of 5 or more.

Contact the parish office:  
Phone 781-233-1242  
Email: stjohnssaugus@gmail.com

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Every Child Deserves to Smile

We are collecting for Operation Christmas Child Project – Our middle & high school class at St. John’s has been participating in this project for five years. We are doing it again this year and are hoping to involve the entire parish in the fun! We are hoping to collect enough to make 20 boxes on All Saints Sunday and are in need of:



Suggestions include:

A “wow” item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box.

Fun toys – Jump ropes, Play-Doh (or similar), games, etc.

Hygiene items

School supplies

Unacceptable items: Candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls (or other fruit snacks), drink mixes of any kind, liquids/lotions, medications (or vitamins), breakable snow globes or glass containers, and aerosol cans.

For more information, contact Diana White and/or visit the Samaritans Purse website:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

ECDtS (contd.) On August 6th, Nancy White, Steve White, Karen Riccio, Linda Casey and Janet Pothier helped to prepare 30 meals for delivery to the families at the motel. With many hands, the work is light. **Thank You all!** ~Jeanne

We continue to collect microwaveable foods and disposable plates and utensils. Donations of these items may be left in the ECDtS collection box in the vestibule.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, September 7th at 9:30AM in the Hurll Room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we make plans for the final quarter of 2017.

REACHING BEYOND THE DOORS OF ST. JOHN'S - Many thanks to all the helping hands that came together on August 6th during coffee hour to put together care packages of toiletries for the homeless. Thirty care packages were delivered to Bread of Life in Malden and I pass on the hearty "thank you" I received for our donation. In the spring we will repeat this needed outreach activity and will gratefully collect donations of travel size toiletries until April 1, 2018.



Needed items: deodorant, shaving cream, razors (men & women), hand soap, lotion, shampoo, chap stick, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, and rain ponchos. Dollar Tree is an excellent place to purchase all of the above.

Contact Jeanne Seaboyer with any questions or comments: jmseaboyer@gmail.com or 781-662-4342

GIVING BACK TO THE SAUGUS COMMUNITY:



Back to School Collection—Thank you to all who contributed to our collection of Back-to-School supplies. As of this writing, we have collected two boxes of school items for Saugus students in need! We have partnered with First Congregational Church and New Hope Assembly on this endeavor and will jointly deliver the items to the School Superintendent's office on September 16th.

Founder's Day, September 9, 2017—St. John's will be giving out complimentary ice cream sundaes and hosting an art exhibit for Belmonte Middle School students. We will also have a booth on the street with information about St. John's. Don't miss out on an opportunity to satisfy your sweet tooth, enjoy some of our famous St. John's fellowship, and celebrate the talents of Saugus youth! Volunteer to be an ice cream scooper, art exhibit monitor, or enjoy interacting with the crowd and passing out information about St. John's at the booth. Let's show everyone what makes St. John's special!!!!

Again, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer with questions/comments, to volunteer, or lend a hand.



Fair Baskets

We are looking for new items for the fair baskets: girls, boys, Christmas, Italian and recreation. They are a popular feature of the fair, and your contributions help us to create attractive baskets!

Reminder for Silent Auction Table: Donations of new, quality used collectable or antique items—please bring them to the parish contact the office during regular business hours or on Sunday after worship. Thanks!

~ Sandy & Bill St. Clair

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### Online Shoppers! A reminder about Amazon smile

Amazon donates 5% of the total purchase of eligible items to St. John’s when you make purchases through this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2383720> ~ If you’re an early holiday shopper, kindly bookmark it and support us whenever you shop online—**thank you!**

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Call for help - Counters needed

We are looking for a few more counters to join our Treasury count teams. Count teams are led by our Assistant Treasurer, Janet Lancaster. Counting is usually done on Monday mornings between 10:30 and noon, but can be done on Sunday if you are not available on Monday mornings. Please contact the church office by phone or email if you can help.

As our Lord said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest”
(Mathew 9:37-38 – NRSV).

Please consider joining the count laborers.

Thank you, Paul Felci

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### Parish Office

Angela, our parish administrator, will be away Sept. 3rd through the 12th. Messages and emails will be checked often but intermittently. For urgent **pastoral** matters during this time, please call the office and note the voicemail message for supply clergy contact information. For other non clergy-related questions, please leave a message. Your understanding is greatly appreciated!!

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Officers: T. J. Martin, Sr. Warden ~ Fritz White, Jr. Warden ~ Phil Littlehale, Treasurer ~ Janet Lancaster, Asst. Treasurer ~ Sandy Mears, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry: Nancy Belyea (2019) ~ Alison Coppola (2018) ~ Armand Couture (2018) ~ Paul Felci (2020) ~ Sandy St. Clair (2019) ~ Jeanne Seaboyer (2020) ~ Jenna Sharwood (2020) ~ Nick White (2018)