

# St. John's Good News



July ~ August  
2021

## From Rev. John...

Returning to “normal”

Dear Friends,

Our re-entry into normal life after Covid has been a slow and drawn-out process. This season has, however, given me an opportunity to consider the many blessings of our community which we often take for granted.

The “Sacrament of Coffee Hour” has been re-introduced in our life. The sharing of fellowship and refreshment is much more precious than I had previously realized.

You are all warmly welcome to join us for a 4th of July barbeque at the rectory from 11:30-2:00 p.m. Though this impromptu party will not be huge, it is yet one more step towards celebrating our common life. It is my hope that Denise and I will get a chance to know all of you a bit better.

Our children, Jeremy and Laura, live in Canada. For a variety of reasons, Canada has not had access to enough Covid vaccines to fully inoculate their population. As I write this, I have just received word that they have both received their shots and the Canadian border (which has been closed for more than a year) will slowly re-open. We are planning to visit them in late July when there shall be great rejoicing.

I pray that you all have a joyful and restorative summer and that this difficult season will strengthen us as a community.

Peace,

John+

**Sunday worship will remain at 10am through the summer, in-person and virtually:**

All are welcome to join us ~ the seating capacity has increased to 75.

We will also continue to broadcast worship via Zoom, sharing the weekly link options via email.

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Announcements

- \* We are saddened by the recent deaths of Shane Maxwell and Marc Tuxbury whose lives were both celebrated at St. John’s church on June 23rd.
- \* We are planning a memorial service in late September for the many people of Saugus who have died of Covid over this past year. We invite any interested persons to join us for the planning of this celebration. Please contact The Rev. John Beach for more information.
- \* The Town of Saugus Founder’s Day is **Saturday, September 11th**, and we are planning once again to have a St. John’s booth and to offer ice cream. We are in need of helpers to assist in this. Please contact the church office for more details.
- \* There shall be a church fair again in late October. We are seeking parishioners to staff tables and to assist in the set up. If you are able to help, please contact Donna Manoogian.

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Altar Restoration Project



From stripping, replacing, and refinishing wood, to moving pews, furniture, and books, a world of thanks to all who helped in the past few weeks with this once-in-a-generation project, including Steve, Fritz, and Nick White, T. J. Martin, Dan Casey, Denise Beneteau, Stephen Sikorski, Kristina Palazzo, Julia Aston, Gwen Littlehale, Jeannine Cutter, and Joyce Costello.

*The generosity of our parishioners in both time and resources is remarkable—we are profoundly grateful and truly blessed!*

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From Donna Manoogian...

Garden Club Meeting

The Saugus Garden Club met at St. John's on May 19 for their first meeting in well over a year. The ladies were given a tour of the Memorial Garden lead by Nancy Sayles and Julia Aston followed by a demonstration/workshop on making container gardens. The meeting ended with a self-guided tour of the Community Garden behind the Rectory.

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Carpet Installation Update

New carpeting is scheduled to be installed in July in the church from the front door right up to the alter. Complementary Berber entrance mats (heavy duty) are also scheduled to be installed in all three entry areas at the same time.

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Looking Ahead...

**Mark your calendars!** St. John's Annual Church Fair and Pie Social will be held on **Oct. 29 and Oct. 30** (Friday night & Saturday).

Candy Table needs help in the following areas:

- \* Volunteers to make candy either at home or in the church kitchen.
- \* Fudge donations and specialty candy (what's your favorite candy to make at home?)
- \* Candy-making ingredients can be expensive; that's why we always welcome monetary donations

Raffle Baskets

- \* Need large baskets and donations

Bid Board

- \* Any gift cards (or services such as yard clean up, house cleaning, etc.) you can donate will be much appreciated.

**Please note:** we will not have a silent auction this year.

Other Upcoming Event Dates—details to be announced:

Friday, September 24th - Lobster Roll Sale (order deadline: **Tuesday, Sept. 21st**)

Our **Roast Beef Dinner** is planned for **Saturday, November 6th.**

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Every Child Deserves to Smile



Thank you for all the donations made during the month of June! Your donations of food, toiletries, and everyday items have been gratefully received by the motel guests that *Every Child Deserves to Smile* serves. During July, we will continue to collect fresh fruit, snack items, and single serve beverages such as fruit juice, water, lemonade, iced tea, etc. We will also continue to collect non-perishable food items, toiletries, 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.

Back-to-School Supplies ~ July and August 2021

As we have done for many years, we will be collecting school supplies for the children who are in need of assistance in the Saugus community. In September, donations will be forwarded to the Superintendent’s office for distribution where there is known need. We will also send supplies to the motel for the children who are served by our *Every Child Deserves to Smile* ministry.



If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer: 781\*662\*4342 or email at [jmseaboyer\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:jmseaboyer(at)gmail(dot)com)

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Contact Information

Keeping our church directory up-to-date is important—if you have recently moved, changed a phone number or email address, kindly contact the office. Thank you.

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**"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."  
ACTS: 20:35**

**Operation Christmas Child Project:**

Samaritan's Purse – “The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for great teamwork and generous donations.”

St. John’s Church has been an active supporter for the Operation Christmas Child Project. The shoeboxes we sent had reached children in many places including Mali, Benin, Malawi, Togo, Honduras, Ukraine, Kenya, Colombia, Burundi, Botswana, and Madagascar. We will once again answer the call and plan on sending out 50 boxes full of love and joy to the program. We will have a shoebox packing party in October.

**We are currently collecting followings items:**

- 50 bars of soap
- 50 individual packed toothbrushes
- School supplies and toys which can fit inside a shoebox
- New assorted sports equipment
- New assorted sizes clothing and socks for children
- A few more adult large size shoeboxes
- Packaging tape, gift wrap and trash bags

**\*\* We are looking for volunteers as wrapping specialist to wrap the outside of the shoeboxes during the summer months**

**\*\* It cost \$9 as postage/ handling fee per shoebox. Donations are welcome, please visit <https://st-john-church-saugus.squar4e.site/> and scroll down to “Operation Christmas Child Donations”.**

Please contact Diana White ( [01906nsw2\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:01906nsw2(at)gmail(dot)com) ) for any questions.  
Thank you for your support.



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WORD SEARCH

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Breezy ~ Campground ~ Concerts ~ Cookout ~ Festivals ~ Fireworks  
 Hammock ~ Lemonade ~ Refreshing ~ Sandbar ~ Solstice ~ Thunderstorms  
 Tourists ~ Weddings ~ Watermelon ~ Waterski

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Happy 4th and Enjoy Summer!

**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)