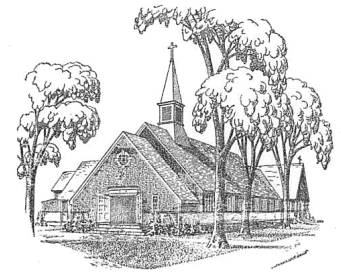


St. John's Good News



From Rev. John...

Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Dear Friends,

On Celebrating Labor Day

On September 5th, 2022, the country will be celebrating the 128th Labor Day. Like most national holidays, it has evolved into a day of rest and recreation (something lacking in many of our lives). It marks the season in which we say goodbye to summer and return to school and embrace the rhythm of life we left behind in June.

But there is one thing missing in all the messaging we receive about Labor Day. We rarely talk about Labor. We rarely stop for a moment to think about each other as laborers in the vineyard who deserve to be recognized for our work. Speaking for myself, I can't remember the last time I turned to my neighbor and said, "Thank you for the work that you do, I trust that you are doing your best to make the world a better place. And on this day, I celebrate you." After all, that's what the day was set aside for. In 1882, workers in New York City themselves decided to hold a Labor Day Parade. They highlighted each other's accomplishments, union solidarity, and the great strides in workers' rights since the Civil War. And even after the holiday was established federally on June 28th, 1894, the Sunday before Labor Day was unofficially designated as a time to spiritually recognize the importance of the laborer in bringing about the equity spoken of in so many sacred texts. We have strayed from this basic purpose of a Labor Day holiday.

But we have not strayed so far that deep down we know all holidays really do serve another purpose other than just a day off from work or school. It is just good to remind ourselves of what they do mean every now and then. The days after the Civil War was a time in which there was growing realization that there is dignity in all work.

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Sunday worship remains at 10am, in-person and virtually on Zoom. All are welcome to participate, and seating capacity is 75. Please note: we continue to monitor community Covid cases and will keep you updated about worship. The Zoom link is shared weekly via email.

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Several strikes demanding a living wage were put down violently by powerful forces devoted to maintaining the status quo. Hundreds of Americans were killed by U.S. troops and law enforcement officers. It was this powder keg of events that allowed Representative Lawrence McGann's call to adopt the Senate Bill to honor Labor on the first Monday of every September to be heeded. It was this set of events that led to President Cleveland signing the bill into law just 2 days later. It was the sacrifice of these workers for basic dignities of wage, hour, and living conditions that we are called to honor on this Labor Day. In addition to the collect for Labor Day found in the Book of Common Prayer, I commend to you the prayer I lift up every evening that I might remember the labor of all.

O, God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ The Book of Common Prayer

Peace,
John+

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You are warmly invited to attend the
St. John's Labor Day Barbeque
Sunday, September 4th, 11:30am
at the Church Rectory
276 Central Street, Saugus, MA

If you are able to join us, please contact the church office at 781-233-1242 or StJohnsSaugus@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing you!



From St. John's Wardens...

Hello Everyone,

As we begin winding down the weeks of summer, we need to begin planning our work for the rest of the year (and into next year). One of those items is the Discernment process for our Priest in Charge, Reverend John who is about to enter his third year as our Priest-in-Charge.

*What is **Discernment**?*

Yes the word itself sounds a little scary but it's not. One of its meanings is...

.. the ability to recognize small details, accurately tell the difference between similar things, and make intelligent judgements by using such observations.

In the discernment process, we will review our vision for the congregation. We then assess whether our priest-in-charge shares that vision and is a good fit to continue on as our rector at the end of year three.

What does this mean to you?

As a parish member we need to hear from you. This is your church.

We will be forming a Discernment Committee and will be established before the end of September. One of the tasks of the Discernment Committee is to interview parish members to gather their thoughts/dreams/changes for St. Johns. We value everyone's time and currently working with our consultant for scheduling meetings and content.

How can you participate?

If you are interested in joining the Discernment Committee or participating in an interview, please let us know. You can let us know directly or call the office and let Angela know and we will contact you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Keep looking up,

Your Wardens, Dan Casey and Brenda Caggiano

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The New Front Doors are IN!

The weather permitted, and new front church were installed on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of August. A *special thanks* to Steve and Fritz White, and Ken Webber for their time and help on the installation of our new church doors.

We are in the planning stage of refitting the downstairs kitchen sink and food prep area. This is necessary to bring us into compliance with state regulations regarding disposal of grease from food preparation and dishwashing, dishes, utensils, pots, and pans.

We will also be putting windows in all class room and office doors to bring us into compliance with safe church standards. ~ Dan Casey



Zoom Book Study

The Violence Project: How to Stop A Mass Shooting Epidemic

By Jillian Peterson, PhD and James Densley, PhD

Winner of the 2022 Minnesota Book Award

Using data from the writers' groundbreaking research on mass shooters, including first-person accounts from the perpetrators themselves, *The Violence Project* charts new pathways to prevention and innovative ways to stop the social contagion of violence. Frustrated by reactionary policy conversations that never seemed to convert into meaningful action, special investigator and psychologist Jill Peterson and sociologist James Densley built *The Violence Project*, the first comprehensive database of mass shooters. Their goal was to establish the root causes of mass shootings and figure out how to stop them.

"If you ever wondered how can we stop mas shootings, this is the book for you. By mixing compelling first-person interviews with mass shooters and significant data analysis, *The Violence Project* illustrates the tangible ways we can intervene and prevent a tragedy from occurring. No one is helpless-read this book and help stop violence before it starts."

Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 East Coast Time September 7th - October 5th
For more information, contact The Rev. John Beach at revjbeach@gmail.com

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Thank you to Huberman's Greenhouses!

Our sincere thanks to Huberman's Greenhouses for the donation of fruit and vegetable plants to encourage area residents to grown their own food. We are pleased to report there was an significant show of interest from fellow Saugonians. Despite the summer drought, we hope those who participated had good results!

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Every Child Deserves to Smile

Thanks go out to all who donated non-perishable food items and back-to-school supplies! Your generosity has allowed us to drop off several cases of bottled water, boxes of food items, and fresh fruit during these hot summer months to very grateful children and their families. We will continue to collect school supplies until mid-September. Paper goods, disposable flatware and storage baggies are prime items needed by the families. With the anticipation of cooler weather, soup & crackers, microwavable foods, and grocery gift cards to Stop & Shop or Market Basket are also being collected. Donations may be left in the donation baskets located in the church vestibule. Any questions may be directed to Jeanne Seaboyer.

Founder's Day 2022 – Saturday, September 10th: Once again ice cream is on the menu at St. John's during Founder's Day activities! Help showcase the spirit found at St. John's simply by volunteering to be on hand during this fun event. Ice cream scoopers, toppers and greeters are needed. No experience necessary; we will train! Contact T. J. Martin or Jeanne Seaboyer to volunteer an hour or two of your time.

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Lobster Roll Sale

Friday, September 16th ~ 7am – Noon

Order deadline: **Tuesday, Sept. 13th**

\$15.00 Each – includes one lobster roll, condiments, bag of chips, and a brownie.

Local delivery for orders of 5 or more. Email or call the parish office:

StJohnsSaugus@gmail.com or 781-233-1242. If leaving a message, please include your contact info – we will only call if there's a question. *We appreciate your continued support!*

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Looking ahead...

Annual Fair and Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct. 15th ~ 9am – 2pm

Baked goods, books, candy, greeting card, knit, and jewelry tables; yard sale, basket raffles, outdoor barbeque and more! Please visit our website for updates.

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Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, October 22nd, 5 - 6:30pm ~ Pick-up and take out

Adults: \$16 Kids 7 to 12 yrs. old: \$8

Children 6 & under: Free (limited availability)

Includes one serving of Roast Beef, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad, Roll, Beverage, and Apple Crisp. Availability is limited - kindly email or call your RSVP to order no later than **Tuesday, October 11th**.

Word Search

Can you find these famous Episcopalian writers, actors, presidents,
inventors, and others?

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Jefferson ~ Madison ~ Marconi ~ Poitier ~ Rockwell ~ Roosevelt
Steinbeck ~ Souter ~ Taft ~ Tennyson ~ Weld

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Vestry: Duana 'Dee' LeMay (2024), Sandy Mears (2025), Donna Manoogian (2024), and Kenneth Webber (2023)