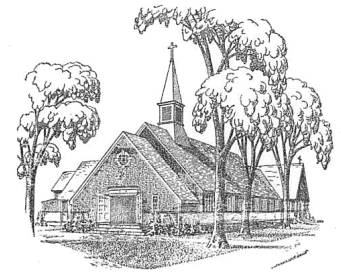


# St. John's Good News



## From Rev. John...

Dear Friends,

I am writing this as Denise and I prepare to see old friends and parishioners in our former parish in Geneva, Switzerland. Leaving town (even for a lovely trip) is always an exhausting and anxiety producing undertaking. I am reminded that it will always be the case that we leave our present situations with many things left undone. I am also reminded of the obvious fact that the world can rotate very well in my absence. I take great comfort in this fact.

I am grateful that The Rev. Dr. Harry Coverston will be in the rectory and celebrating the Eucharist at St. John's for the first two weeks of my vacation. The Rev. Robert Davidson will be celebrating for the third Sunday. I trust that you will be as welcoming of them as you have been towards Denise and me.

There will be several volunteers tending the St. John's Community Garden while we are away-and I invite anyone who feels so moved to join them. In particular, we invite interested persons to join the small groups which have evolved on Friday and Saturday mornings between 9 and 11 a.m. As I said good by to the garden before my departure to the airport I am reminded of one of the favorite hymns from childhood:

*We plow the field and scatter the good seed on the land  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand*

I pray that all of you find time for rest and refreshment throughout this summer and I look forward to seeing you upon our return on July 14th.

Peace,  
John+

## July ~ August 2022

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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### Prayer for Independence Day

By William Sloan Coffin

O God, mightily we pray for wisdom, courage, and strength to serve thee and this nation faithfully in the days that lie ahead. Remind us of our duty to promote the general welfare, to secure the blessings of liberty for all, to see to it that justice and compassion reign from sea to shining sea, and that the bountiful resources of a favored land are not only thankfully received but also gladly shared with the whole human family.

We know, O God that this vision of America has never been fully realized, but it has never been abandoned. Remind us that it has been significant to the rest of the world, where echoes and adaptations of it are seen in the revolutions and the constitutions of many nations; it has been a magnet to our own people, charming them away from slavery and sweatshops, chain gangs and lynch mobs, toward broader opportunity, deeper compassion, fuller equality, and greater justice for all. O God, grant wisdom and courage for the living of these days.

Hear too our prayer for those in this congregation and the globe around who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; may they feel thine everlasting arms. O God, bless this congregation. Bless our worship here today. May thy Holy Spirit be like penetrating oil to loosen the rusted hinges of our hearts, so that we swing wide the doors to thee and to one another. AMEN.

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### Yard Sale - Update

**Thank you** to everyone who helped out at our June yard sale. It was certainly a joint effort from donations, to set up, and clean up. The profit was \$520.35 (with no expenses).

~ Donna Manoogian

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### Every Child Deserves to Smile



During July and August we will be collecting snack items, and single serve beverages such as fruit juice, water, lemonade, iced tea, etc. along with the ongoing collection of non-perishable food items, size 4 diapers, and everyday needs (paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, baggies, etc.)

**Back-to-School Supplies—July & August 2022:** As we have done for many years, we will be collecting school supplies for the children served by our Every Child Deserves to Smile ministry and children who are in need of assistance in the Saugus community. Donations may be left in the Every Child Deserves to Smile collection container in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Seaboyer at 781-662-4342 or [jmseaboyer@gmail.com](mailto:jmseaboyer@gmail.com)



**Annual Spring Mother’s Day Plant Sale Update:** total proceeds for the sale are \$729.50! Again, a huge thank you to all volunteers, patrons and donors. It would never have been possible without each and every one of you. Mark your calendars for May 13 and 14 next year, and let’s do it again!

### Word Search

Can you find these European capitals?

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*Have a great Summer!*



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

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