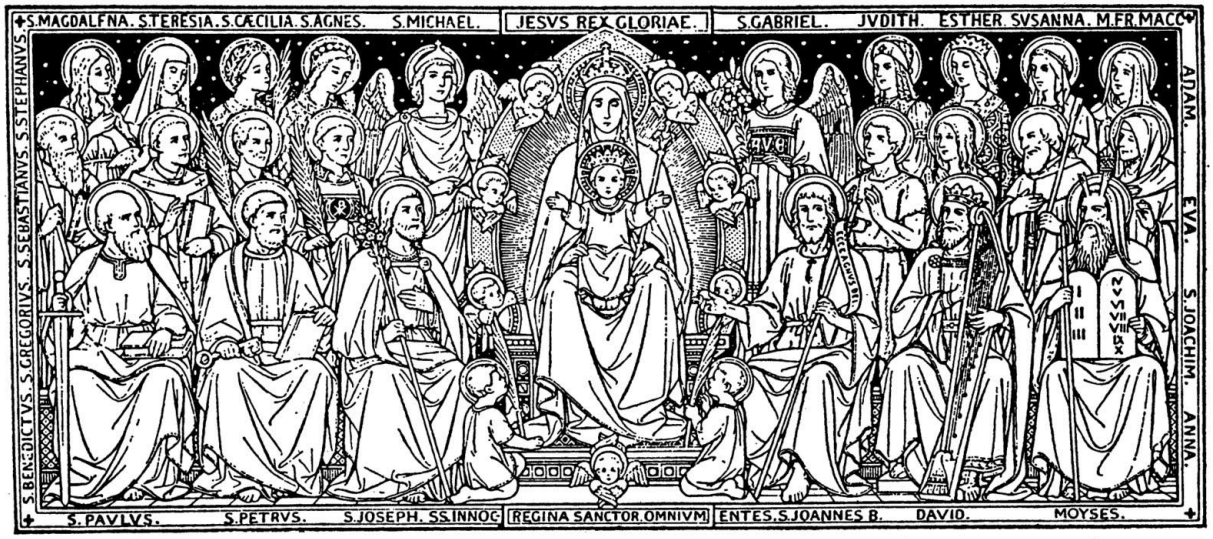
# St. John's Episcopal Church

## *Saugus, Massachusetts*




# Feast of All Saints

### November 1, 2026 - 9am Holy Eucharist

Prelude:

Processional: *Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing (vv. 1-4)* Hymnal #**526**

1. Let saints on earth in concert sing
   with those whose work is done;
   for all the servants of our King
   in Heav'n and earth are one.
2. One family, we dwell in Him,
   one Church, above, beneath,
   though now divided by the stream,
   the narrow stream of death.
3. One army of the living God,
   to His command we bow;
   part of the host have crossed the flood,
   and part are crossing now.
4. E'en now by faith we join our hands,
   with those that went before,
   and greet the ever living bands
   on the eternal shore.

Opening Acclamation:

Blessèd be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***And blessèd be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts be open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession:

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

***Most merciful God,***
***we confess that we have sinned against you***
***in thought, word, and deed,***
***by what we have done,***
***and by what we have left undone.***
***We have not loved you with our whole heart;***
***we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***
***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***
***For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,***
***have mercy on us and forgive us;***
***that we may delight in your will,***
***and walk in your ways,***
***to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*Kyrie:* Lord, have mercy.
***Christ, have mercy.***
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Gloria* *Heritage Mass* – in pew rack.

***Glory to God in the highest!***
***Peace to his people on earth.***
***Lord God, heavenly King,***
***almighty God and Father,***
***we worship you, we give you thanks,***
***we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,***
***Lord God, Lamb of God,***
***you take away the sin of the world:***
***have mercy on us;***
***you are seated at the right hand of the Father:***
***receive our prayer.***
***For you alone are the Holy One,***
***you alone are the Lord,***
***you alone are the Most High,***
***Jesus Christ,***
***with the Holy Spirit,***
***in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Collect of the Day — A Prayerbook for Australia

***Eternal God, neither death, nor life can separate us from your love: Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

First Lesson:

A reading from *The Revelation to John (7:9-17).*

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

*Let us recite the psalm responsively, alternating verses.*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 ***I will glory in the Lord; ****
***let the humble hear and rejoice.***

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 ***I sought the Lord, and he answered me ****
***and delivered me out of all my terror.***

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 ***I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me ****
***and saved me from all my troubles.***

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 ***Taste and see that the Lord is good; ****
***happy are they who trust in him!***

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 ***The young lions lack and suffer hunger, ****
***but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.***

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Lesson:

A reading from *the First Letter of John (3:1-3).*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn: *Blest are the Pure in Heart (vv. 1-3)* Hymnal #**656**

1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
   to dwell in lowliness with us our pattern and our King.

3. he to the lowly soul will still himself impart
   and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew (5:1-12).*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sequence Hymn: *Blest are the Pure in Heart (v. 4)* Hymnal #**656**

4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
   give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

Homily Fr. Walter Connelly

Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,***
***the Father, the Almighty,***
***maker of heaven and earth,***
***of all that is, seen and unseen.***
***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,***
***the only Son of God,***
***eternally begotten of the Father,***
***God from God, Light from Light,***
***true God from true God,***
***begotten, not made,***
***of one Being with the Father.***
***Through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation***
***he came down from heaven:***
***by the power of the Holy Spirit***
***he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,***
***and was made man.***
***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;***
***he suffered death and was buried.***
***On the third day he rose again***
***in accordance with the Scriptures;***
***he ascended into heaven***
***and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***
***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,***
***and his kingdom will have no end.***
***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,***
***who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***
***With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.***
***He has spoken through the Prophets.***
***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***
***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***
***We look for the resurrection of the dead,***
***and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

Prayers of the People* *TENS*

*Lay Leader:* Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are mansions." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need Vincent Ameral, Emily Graves Autori, Manuel Bettencourt, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Janet Lancaster, Matt, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Steve Perkins, Keelan Pothier, Kathy Pothier, Malcolm Silva, Ken Hoelzl, and Stacie Testa. Surround them with your healing and your peace.

Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace, members of Bergeron/Ingram Families; Mr. & Mrs. Frank P. Bennett, Jr., The Rev. & Mrs. Franklin P. Bennett, Olive C. Bennett; The Gripper Family: Laura, Frederick, L. Maude, Frederick T., and Michael; George, Kathleen L., and Kathleen A. Plummer; James & Doris Smith; Anna, Peter, and Myron Manoogian; Russell Cutter, Bill & Carol Cox, Bill & Garnet Cox; Richard & Dorothy Tarr, Marilyn Tarr Schiappa, Jim & Janet Dunton, Tom & Carolyn Hashem, Frank Morrissey, and Robert Simmons.

Lord, in your mercy: ***hear our prayer.***

Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

** Prayer requests are for four weeks unless otherwise specified.*

Peace and Announcements

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
***And also with you.***

Invitation to the Offering

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory: *You shall Cross the Barren Desert (Be Not Afraid)* WLP #811

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
   You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.
   You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand.
   You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain:* Be not afraid,
I go before you always,
Come, follow me,
and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
   If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
   If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
   know that I am with you through it all.
   *Refrain*

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
   Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
   And if wicked men insult and hate you, all because of Me,
   blessed, blessed are you!
   *Refrain*

Doxology *(v. 3)* Hymnal #**380**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***
***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***
***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;***
***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Common Worship* - Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and *singing*:

***Holy, holy, holy. Lord God of power and might,***
***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***
***Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***
***+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***
***Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his Body and Blood;
Who, in same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for may for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension' and with this Bread and this Cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

Accept through Jesus, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

***Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven,***
***hallowed be thy Name,***
***thy kingdom come,***
***thy will be done,***
***on earth as it is in heaven.***
***Give us this day our daily bread.***
***And forgive us our trespasses,***
***as we forgive those who trespass against us.***
***And lead us not into temptation,***
***but deliver us from evil.***
***For thine is the kingdom, and the power,***
***and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Fraction: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) *Heritage Mass* – in pew rack

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***
***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***
***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

The Invitation to Holy Communion

In fellowship with our sisters and brothers worshiping online, let us join together in praying for that spiritual communion shared by all Christ's disciples.

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" *(Mt 11:28-29).* All those wishing to share in the life of Christ are welcome at God's altar.

Post-communion Prayer

***Almighty and everliving God,***
***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food***
***of the most precious Body and Blood***
***of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;***
***and for assuring us in these holy mysteries***
***that we are living members of the Body of your Son,***
***and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***
***And now, Father, send us out***
***to do the work you have given us to do,***
***to love and serve you***
***as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***
***To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,***
***be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

Blessing:

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace. ***Amen.***

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises. ***Amen.***
May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory. ***Amen.***
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Recessional: *For All the Saints (vv. 1-4)* Hymnal #**287**

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal:

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude:

**Welcome to St John's Episcopal Church.** All those wishing to share in the life of Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Proceed up the aisle on the right, allowing room on the left for others to return. You may kneel or stand at the rail to receive. Most people receive the consecrated Host in the hands, and some receive on the tongue. At St John's we share the Cup by intinction: dip (instinct) the Host in the consecrated Wine when presented with the Cup. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Holy Communion, simply cross your hands over your chest as the priest approaches. Let the greeters know if you would prefer to receive Holy Communion in the pew. Please join us for fellowship and refreshment in Ashworth Hall after worship.

## Parish Calendar

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| Nov 7 | Sat | Rappie Pie Fête, Saugus, 12-3pm |
| Nov 8 | Sun | Fall Clean-up Day, after worship (*see insert*) |
| Nov 11 | Wed | Vestry, Hurll Room, 6-8pm |
| Nov 14 | Sat | Diocesan Convention |
| Dec 5 | Sat | Christmas Craft Fair, 9am-2pm |

## Announcements:

Counting - Nov. 1st: We will be counting today after the service. Please leave any memorial gifts, pledges, etc., at the church office - thank you!

Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11th: The parish office is closed, but Bible study will gather at 10am per usual. Vestry gathers at 6pm, and observers are welcome. For those preferring to view the meeting online, contact the office on Tuesday – we will send you a special Zoom link.

Prayer List:

Vincent Ameral, Emily Graves Autori, Manuel Bettencourt, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Janet Lancaster, Matt, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Steve Perkins, Keelan Pothier, Kathy Pothier, Malcolm Silva, Ken Hoelzl, and Stacie Testa

Participants in this Service:

The Rev. Walter J. Connelly, Jr., Priest-in-Charge
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director
Linda Graves, Lay Reader ~ Kristina Palazzo, L.E.M.