

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

For the sick: Rosa Dovi, Mike LaVertu, Milton Dove, Bill, Amy, Kate, Jim, Irene, Joyce, Art, Harold Staudenmaier, Ellen, Sue, Deb, Kathy, Hortense, Shannon Anthony, Bill Hinton, Ginny Weick, Tom, Ericka, Richard, Mark Bellissimo, Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Gary, Muriel DiGiorgio, Margaret, Bill & Anne Wesp, Karin, Mary Frances, Mary Maria, Joe Olive, Allison Ruddick, Janet Campbell, John, Janet Batterberry, Scott, Kwame Owusu, Margaret Morrone, Luis, Lorraine, Justin, Rick, Chris, Patti, Nancy, Betsy. **This is the final week for these names. Please submit all new prayer requests to the church office for the new list starting next week.**

We pray for all our men and women serving in the armed services and all first responders. May God keep them safe and return them home to their loved ones.

The perpetual light is given in loving memory of Bertha & Frank Lasek/Natividad & Modesto Roman by Dave and Nelly Lasek.

To have someone entered onto our Prayer List for, please e-mail the church office with the person's name as well as the requester's name. The e-mail address is: cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 406

Sunday Services

	April 30 th 10:00 am	May 7 th 10:00 AM
MC	Al Szigethy	Earl Matchett
LEM	Leslie Valentine	Noelle DeLorenzo
Acolytes	Luke Cahill Emma Cahill Colby Tracy Thalia Tosetti Jacob Goldbaum	Wade Holden Anna Wickey Stephanie Wickey Jennifer Low Kayla Andrews James Conolly
Lectors	Janice Burnett Emma Cahill	Leslie Valentine Anna Wickey

THE CHALICE

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The disciples were locked in a room in fear after Easter. My guess is that they were totally overwhelmed by what had happened. Peter just couldn't figure out why that tomb was empty. They were still worried that they might end up on a cross if they didn't keep out of sight. Do you remember the moment that Mary heard her name and immediately knew that Jesus had Risen? The disciples met Jesus for the first time after the resurrection and also knew that he had Risen. Jesus says, "Peace be with you, As the Father sent me I am sending you." The disciples had been unable to grasp what Jesus had done for them in the past few days. They now experienced the unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace of their Father in heaven. Understanding was difficult, but experiencing the Risen Christ made all the difference.

A week later Thomas, who was not present for Jesus' first appearance, met Jesus. Jesus says "Peace be with you and if you don't believe without seeing, put your fingers in my side and you will believe." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" You are empowered by Christ with the Peace of God that passes all understanding and given the power of the Holy Spirit. This is not a first time event for us. We are a post resurrection, post Pentecost people. In short, we are an Easter people still soaking wet in our Baptismal water and filled with the Spirit of God. We have seen the Risen Lord and experienced his unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace. Jesus tells us, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34)

We are empowered by the breath of God to do the work of God in the world. If you look through scripture you will see the breath of God throughout.

*30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.*

*31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—*

*32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.*

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being. (Psalm 104)

"Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD. (Ezekiel 37:9-14)

In Christ's love,
Fr. Duncan

VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

We welcome you to St. John's Episcopal Church. Established in 1745, this historic church opens its doors to all who seek to deepen their faith and provides warm hospitality to all. We are blessed by your presence and invite you to **fill out a Visitor's Card on the back table of the church.**

MORNING PRAYER

Start your morning in prayer. **Please join us for Morning Prayer at 9:00 am** every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the church. Please note: There will be no morning prayer on April 24th, 25th and 26th.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 11:00 am in the Guild Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 30th** at the 10:00 am service.

As the First Communion class finished their studies they have prepared for their first Eucharist. They studied the meaning of Eucharist as thanksgiving for the Last Supper and Christ's gift to us. The boys and girls learned the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. They baked Communion bread in our kitchen for their First Communion. We reviewed the meaning of words like miracle and sacred, "hallowed be thy name" and the offertory. They drew pictures of families at the altar rail. Father Duncan showed them his vestments and they helped prepare the communion chalice and patten. The children learned that we kneel to pray and show respect, we sit to listen to the sermon and stand to sing and praise God.

They are delighted to join the congregation at the communion rail. **We invite these children and their parents to sit in the first ten rows of the church** on the piano side to pray and come forward for their first communion.

Our First Communion recipients are:

Sara Benitez	Emily Butterfield
Kayla Heyer	Cole Lima
Violet Molinaro	Landon Walton
Keiana Wetsell	Benjamin White
Camden White	

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 am and Saturday, May 13th at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. Please arrive at least a half an hour early.

THE THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is looking for lots of new volunteers. Please see Nancy or Fr. Duncan if you are interested in serving in this important ministry.

ECW BOWLING NIGHT

ECW's Family Bowling Night: Sunday, May 7th, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at Larkfield Lanes in East Northport. The cost is \$25 per person.

Please contact Adriana Dovi (631) 943-2253 or Lynn Hanson (631) 275-7326 with any questions.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Please check the binder in the back of the Church to confirm that all your contact information including your street address, home phone number and e-mail is correct. **If you could initial your entry so that we may confirm that you have reviewed it, we would be grateful.** Please provide a cell phone number if you have one next to your information. We will publish a revised Directory once we have updated all information. Thank you for your help in this.

THE ART OF IMPROVISATION

Award-winning pianist, Alex Pryodny will have a concert at St. John's on Sunday May 21st at 5:30pm. This brand-new program will trace the evolution of improvised music all the way from Bach to jazz, and the audience members will have an opportunity to submit their own themes for improvisation. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door, children 12 and under are half-price; for **\$100 you can become a patron of the concert and get up to 4 tickets and a mention in the concert program.** There will be a free wine-and-cheese reception after the concert. Reservations through the church office, 631-427-1752.

A WELCOMING PLACE

The newly renovated Lounge is welcoming you! Heartfelt thanks to Frank Elliot and his family for their generous donation which helped turn our vision for this room into a reality. We will let you know the date of our dedication celebration soon!

Thank you to Patti, Ellen, Maryann and all those who worked in the Canterbury Shop.

Also, we are looking for any new or slightly used books to be a part of our new space. Please drop them off in the office any day except Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.