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## PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

**For the sick:** Kwame Owusu, Hortense Afflick, Gloria, Nancy, George, Nancy Schuman, Van Rhodes, Adam Messing, Mark Bellissimo, Rob DelPizzo, Sally Saplin, Janet Campbell, David Canga, Allen, John Morowski, Howard Ehrenschaft, Mary White, Lorraine, Justin, Rick, Charlie, Patti, Bill, Amy, Kate, Fred, Howard, Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom

Perpetual Light is given this week in Thanksgiving for Michael Cassatta by Jerry and Jean Giacomini.

We pray for the unemployed and under employed.

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.

To have someone entered onto our Prayer List, 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](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org). **The names on the Prayers List for the Sick will be rolled off after 6 weeks.** Please resubmit a prayer if someone who has been removed is still in need.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 100

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

	July 23rd 10:00 AM	July 30 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM
<b>MC</b>	Al Szigethy	Earl Matchett
<b>LEM</b>	Noelle DeLorenzo	Rob Wheeler
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jennifer Low Stephanie Wickey Anna Wickey Kayla Andrews	Wade Holden Chloe Findlay James Conolly
<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Wheeler Anna Wickey	Sue Hartman Chloe Findlay

## TODAY'S HYMNS

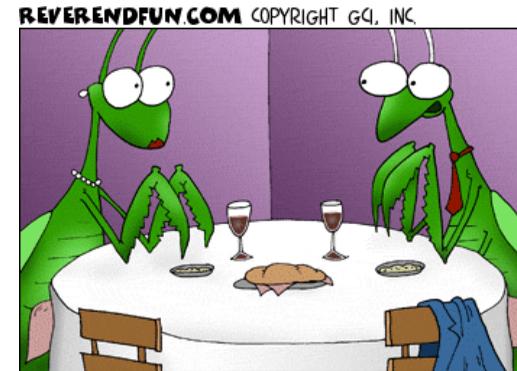
<b>Processional Hymn</b>	<b>665</b>	All my hope on God is founded	<i>Michael</i>
<b>Sequence Hymn</b>	<b>453</b>	As Jacob with travel was weary	<i>Jacob's Ladder</i>
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>LEVAS 148</b>	I'm a-going to eat at the welcome table	<i>Sammuel Webbe</i>

## THE CHALICE

The weekly Sunday Bulletin of St. John's Episcopal Church

July 23, 2017

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WHAT ME? ... OH NO, I'M DONE PRAYING ...  
I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL PRAYING!



I HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THIS,  
NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH BEING THIS  
ELECTRICITY BILL

*The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! (Matthew 12:41-43)*

I noticed when studying this week that most preachers avoid the last part of this week's Gospel. I have been looking at verses that "surprise me" this summer and these last three lines are both surprising and easy to avoid. Do you think about heaven and hell? Do you wonder what happens to people after they die? Since I did four funerals this week, I have been thinking about this question. For most of us, we know that we are going to heaven because we simply have faith. It is an easy formula for most of us. Love God and love your neighbor. What about Hitler and Stalin and truly evil people that have hurt others in their lives? Where do they go after they die? C.S. Lewis said, "In all discussions of hell we should keep steadily before our eyes the possible damnation, neither of our enemies nor our friends...but of ourselves."

According to the "Punishment Model" hell exists to punish those who deserve everlasting punishment; the punishment will be consciously experienced by some people who will not be permitted to leave or escape from hell. The "Choice Model" agrees that hell is inescapable and that it is a place of conscious experience. While it is compatible with hell being a place of punishment, the fundamental purpose of hell is to honor people's choices. On the "Choice Model", hell is simply a natural consequence of rejecting God. Heaven is (at the very least) fellowship with God. If we don't want God to have his rightful place here and now, then we will not want him to rule our lives for all eternity. Now, if we value our own freedom more than we value God's offer of love and forgiveness, we opt out of heaven. If life goes on past the physical grave, and if we have rejected everlasting love, all we have left is everlasting ruin and misery. On the choice model, this is the meaning of damnation." (Posted on 08/27/2013 by Saints and Sceptics) Food for thought.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Duncan

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## 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.

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### MORNING PRAYER

Start your morning in prayer. **Please join us for Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM** every Monday and Tuesday in the church.

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### BIBLE STUDY

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

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### CELTIC SERVICE

**Join us on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** for a contemplative Holy Eucharist with beautiful music.

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### TAIZÉ SERVICE

**Our next Taizé Prayer Service is on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** Please join us. "It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being." So says Brother John, a Taizé monk.

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### SATURDAY SERVICE

Please join us on **August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** for Holy Eucharist.

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### CULTURAL EVENT SERIES

**Season Tickets for the Fall Concert Series go on sale in August. For \$100 you will get a ticket to each of the concerts and an acknowledgement in the program for supporting cultural events here at St. John's:**

#### **Oskar Stenmark Jazz Quartet – Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**

Swedish fiddle melodies passed through seven generations in trumpeter Oskar Stenmark's family, get a New York makeover with a top-notch jazz quartet featuring Alex Pryodny on piano.

#### **Songs for All Seasons – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**

Mezzo-soprano Leslie Valentine and pianist Christine Doré will perform a delightful program of songs about the four seasons, featuring works by Bernstein, Schubert, Quilter and Fauré; as well as pre-1950 selections from the Great American Songbook.

#### **AJOYO – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**

Blending African tradition, jazz and soul, AJOYO celebrates life, love and justice through music--featuring French-Tunisian saxophonist Yacine Boulares and rising star vocalist Sarah Elizabeth Charles.

#### **Sing Noel – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

A concert of Christmas Songs, Carols and Stories.

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## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**We will be accepting weekly food donations**, in the baskets provided in the rear of church, to support a local food pantry **Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington Station**.

Donations needed are unexpired, non-perishable products such as: Peanut butter & Jelly, Rice & Pasta Sides, Canned Vegetables, Canned Corn, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Pancake Mixes & Syrup, Canned Soups, Canned Fruit & Juice. Fred Hansen will be delivering these collected items to their food pantry weekly. **Please bring them to church with you.** Please do not leave donations in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**In the Fall, we are looking to add a few new teachers** to help support and build our Christian Education programs for children and youth. Parents, please consider serving as a teacher, assistant or volunteer in 2017-18.

**Early registration forms for 2017-18 Sunday School will be online beginning in August.**

**Also, we will open a Nursery with babysitting for the 10:00 AM Service.** If you have a trusted babysitter, please share that we are looking for a regular babysitter as well as substitutes.

**For more information or if you would like to volunteer**, please let Fr. Duncan know or contact the Parish Office at (631) 427-1752 or [cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org).

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## THRIFT SHOP

Last week the church received a grant for \$8000 for improvements to the Thrift Shop. There will be a **Thrift Shop Steering Committee meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Guild Room.**

We will begin to plan the expansion of the Thrift Shop and focus on designing new areas for receiving and marking donations. We will also be designing the merchandise floor with plans for new fixtures, a jewelry case, etc.

We need 25 volunteers for sorting, planning, selling and serving the community.

Please contact Nancy Feustel at [n.feustel@verizon.net](mailto:n.feustel@verizon.net) if you would like to attend the meeting and to be part of a planning committee.

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## JUSTICE MEETING

On Tuesday, July 25th, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Light of Salvation Church, 1599 New York Avenue, Huntington Station there will be a **meeting for anyone who lives in the Town of Huntington and wants to help undocumented immigrants.**

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## HARVEST FAIR

**Save the Date:** This year's ECW Harvest Fair will be on Saturday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**

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