

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

For the sick: 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, Theresa, Leonardo, Lisa DeAngelis, Cosmo Guariello, David Saalfield, Nancy Linville, Kay Dabelow, Betty Schmidt, Sue Burns

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.** **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: 120

SUNDAY SERVICES

	July 30 th 10:00 AM	August 6 th 10:00 AM
MC	Earl Matchett	Al Szigethy
LEM	Rob Wheeler	Noelle DeLorenzo
Acolytes	Wade Holden Chloe Findlay James Conolly	Stephanie Wickey Kayla Andrews Jennifer Low James Conolly
Lectors	Sue Hartman Chloe Findlay	Janice Burnett Thalia Tosetti

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn	9	Not here for high and holy things	<i>Morning Song</i>
Sequence Hymn	711	Seek ye first the kingdom of God	<i>Seek Ye First</i>
Recessional Hymn	488	Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	<i>Sammuel Webbe</i>

THE CHALICE

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Thanks to Alvin Hammond

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PARDON ME SIR ... WE ARE JUST A FEW MINUTES OUT FROM THE BENEDICTION AND I NEED YOU TO RETURN YOUR PEW TO ITS FULL, UPRIGHT POSITION

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IT'S NOT REALLY THE SECOND COMING UNTIL I RETURN AFTER ACTUALLY LEAVING EARTH ... THIS TIME I WAS JUST GETTING GROCERIES

God's reign spreads from a spark to a wild fire when we hear, accept, and grow in God's love. Even a seed as small as the mustard seed will flourish when it is sown in the ground. The mustard seed is the love of God that is sown in our hearts. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that everyone that believes may have eternal life. Jesus' love is sown into all of our hearts and each of us can, have, and will do amazing things. Today's Gospel demonstrates God's mystery and power in commonplace events and activities. When we come to church, we open endless possibilities through God. When we listen to the Gospel, we hear a perspective that is different from the negativity in newspapers, our iPhones, the television, and our computers. God is always creating new possibilities, even during difficult times. Our mistake is not having enough faith that God is good and that we have the power to change our environments. We need to have an expectancy of God's love and grace. While many around us are cynical and skeptical, we continue to be hopeful. Herbert O'Driscoll said that we need to dream good dreams while so many are having nightmares. When we hear the Word of God, accept what it means for our lives and bear fruit, we are transformed into more than we could ever ask or even imagine. Like the mustard seed, our simple lives are incorporated into a much larger plan to bring everyone to unity with God and each other.

I ask each and every member of St. John's to participate in the ministry that God is doing right here. We need each and every seed to be nurtured into all God has created us to be. Pray for one another, love one another, visit one another, cook for one another, feed one another, cloth one another, teach one another, and experience the endless possibilities that God offers to those who love God with their whole mind, heart, soul, and strength. When you experience the love and mercy of God in community, you find the pearl of great price, the treasure hidden in the field. Your life is changed forever when you live your life in the expectancy of God's love and mercy. Think good thoughts, dream good dreams, do good things. God's love is closer than you could ever imagine.

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 and Tuesday in the church.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study for the month of August. Please join us for our next **Bible Study on Tuesday, September 5th at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room.

CELTIC SERVICE

Join us this evening at 5:30 PM for a contemplative Holy Eucharist with beautiful music.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Our next Taizé Prayer Service is on Sunday, August 6th 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.

SATURDAY SERVICE

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

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 10th 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 8th 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 5th 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 17th at 7:30 PM

A concert of Christmas Songs, Carols and Stories.

A MORNING WITH THOMAS MERTON

Thomas Merton was one of the great spiritual masters of the 20th century. The circuitous journey of his own life from bon vivant to Trappist monk, from poet and contemplative to peace activist, and from solitary hermit to interlocutor with leading world figures is a fascinating story of one man's quest for meaning.

On Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 AM, Thomas Petriano, Ph.D, will lead a morning of reflection on Thomas Merton's life and writings and how they can be a guide and help for all of us seeking a more contemplative way of living. Thomas Petriano, Ph.D is Professor and Chair of the Religious Studies Department at St. Joseph's College he teaches courses on World Religions, Faith and Film, and Belief in the Modern World.

Please contact Patti Aliperti of the SJSJG for more information at silverymoon33@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

THRIFT SHOP

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

Please contact Nancy Feustel at n.feustel@verizon.net if you would like to contribute to this vital, growing ministry.

HARVEST FAIR

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