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## PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

**For the sick:** Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom, Theresa, Leonardo, Lisa DeAngelis, Cosmo Guarriello, David Saalfield, Nancy Linville, Kay Dabelow, Betty Schmidt, Sue Burns, Lynn Hansen, Muriel DiGiorgio, Cheryl Hairr, Liz Scott, John Morowski, Regina Warnock, Louise Spellman, Don Nidrie, Phillip Wulfken, Jim Evans, Irene Evans, Arthur Goldbaum, Janet Campbell, Autumn Highsmith, Milton Dove, Howard, Caroline, Bill, Amy, Kate

**We pray for our Bishop Lawrence Provenzano who is suffering from vision loss due to a retinal occlusion.**

**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).

**Last Sunday's Attendance: 151**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

	September 17 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM	September 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM
<b>MC LEM</b>	Al Szigethy Linda Ehrenschaft	Earl Matchett Rob Wheeler
<b>Acolytes</b>	Pete Minichello Luke Cahill Emma Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy Wade Holden	Wade Holden Ty Ellenbogen Anna Wickey Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano Jacob Goldbaum
<b>Lectors</b>	MK Brennan Emma Cahill	Janice Burnett Ty Ellenbogen

## TODAY'S HYMNS

<b>Processional Hymn PB 46</b>	Come Be My Brother	<i>Jim Twoby</i>
<b>Sequence Hymn PB 74</b>	Breathe on Me, Breath of God	<i>Nova Vita</i>
<b>Communion PB 108</b>	Have You Seen Jesus, My Lord	<i>John Fischer</i>
<b>Recessional PB 98</b>	Journey to Freedom	<i>Linda M. Snow</i>

## THE CHALICE

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9/11 brought us face to face with evil in this country. Many people face sin every day. When we are hurting, our first response should be to God. The psalmist writes, "Let my cry come before you. Incline your ear to hear me." It is out of the depths of our lives that we call to God and through His mercy and grace we pass through death and are brought to life. In the low points of our lives we realize that we need God. This brings us to a deeper relationship and closer to our inner self. Week after week we hear stories about greed and arrogance, about injustice and oppression, hatred and paybacks. We hear about the hurricanes in Houston, the Caribbean, and Florida. We hear about lives and property that were lost and about innocent people being hurt. The events in Charlottesville brought us face to face with the KKK, Neo-Nazism, Anti-Semites, and racism in America. There are several responses that we may choose. After the servant was forgiven, he grabbed the one who owed him money by the neck and threw him in jail. One way is to strike back. If you are cut off in the parking lot, cut the next person off. If someone is mean to you, say something mean to someone else. After a while you won't even notice that you are tearing a hole in the fabric of your relationship with God. When we can't let go of the past and forgive, our lives become defined by our moments of hatred and pain. Jesus provides another path to follow. We may give our anger and hatred up to God. Come to me all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you. The weight of the world, the sin of the world, was cast upon a sinless man, so that God's mercy and justice could bring our broken lives into wholeness. We are asked to identify with the one who was willing to give himself on the cross that we might have life. On the cross, frustrated by violence against the innocent and all those who were deriding him, Jesus cries with us in the Psalms, "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?" Jesus dies, an earthquake rips open the earth, the curtain that separates us from God is torn in two and all the saints that had fallen asleep, were raised from the dead. God forgives us and asks us to forgive in return.

This past Monday on 9/11 many members in our community gathered in unity. We repeated the phrase, "We stand united in love" over and over as we heard Imams, Priests, Pastors, and Rabbis talk about God's love and forgiveness. The out of control, downward spiraling violence and hatred in the world can only be reversed if we are willing to forgive. God asks us to be gentle as lambs, but wise as serpents. We are asked to listen to one another, care for one another, and love one another. That is how we face injustice. We feel frustration, anger, loneliness, and despair, but we who have been pardoned by the king for great hurts are asked to each give forgiveness for the little hurts. I ask you to let go of your bitterness and forgive others, not seven times, but seventy times seven. We are defined by the one who loves us, not by the ones who hate. When hearts are turned from the little stings of our day, we become thankful for the wideness of God's love. We invite the homeless to stay under our roof, we ask the hungry to eat with us, we cloth the naked, we offer living water to the thirsty, help to the poor, support to the oppressed, we visit the lonely and the sick, and we bring at least a part of this broken world to wholeness.

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 which meets Tuesdays at 11:00 AM.** We are beginning a new unit on the Gospel of Mark.

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### CELTIC SERVICE

**Our next Celtic Service will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** Please join us for this contemplative Holy Eucharist with beautiful music.

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### TAIZÉ SERVICE

**Join us on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM for our Taizé Prayer Service,** a candlelit evening of prayer, music and respite from the everyday.

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### ACOLYTE APPRECIATION DAY

**Today is Acolyte Appreciation Day.** During the Peace at the 10:00 AM Service, Acolytes will receive their crosses, and there will be cake in the Great Hall following the service.

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Registration was a wonderful success. It was such a joy to greet returning and new families on our first week. **Sunday school meets at 9:40 AM in Clara's Canterbury Corner** for a short children's sermon by Fr. Duncan. Children will then go to their classes with their teachers. If you would like to register for Sunday school, Registration Forms and calendars are available at the back of the church and online. Please contact the Parish Office or see Fr. Duncan if you are interested in **First Holy Communion Classes or Confirmation Classes.** [Registration Forms are available online.](#)

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### SONGS FOR ALL SEASONS

**On 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.

**Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$10 for children.** For tickets, see Alex after the 10:00 AM service on Sundays or call the Parish Office at (631) 427-1752. Tickets for AJOYO and Sing Noel are also available. A contribution of \$100 gets you 5 tickets plus an acknowledgment in each concert program as a Patron of the St. John's Cultural Events Series.

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## CONCERT FOR PEACE

**A Concert for Peace at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Bayshore this Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.** All Proceeds go to benefit F.I.S.T. (support for families of those suffering with addiction) and 9-1-1 Veterans, Inc. (support for Long Island veterans at times of need). Please see Christine Dore for more information.

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### PARISH PICNIC

All are welcome to the **Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00 PM** at [Centerport Beach, 239 Little Neck Road, Centerport.](#) This will be a wonderful chance for all of us to meet our newcomers. There will also be games and prizes for our children and youth.

**Please bring your food donations as follows:** Last names beginning A thru M, please bring a salads, last names beginning N thru Z, please bring a dessert. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided by the Breakfast Team and the ECW. Everyone is encouraged to bring a beach chair and umbrella.

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### THRIFT SHOP

**On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Thrift Shop will have a grand opening for the parish to visit and see our beautiful space.** A big Thank you goes to the many volunteers who helped in renovating the thrift shop.

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### HARVEST FAIR

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

**Your time, talent and treasure are needed!**

#### Ways you can donate/help:

- **Make a craft**—woodworking items, Christmas decorations, homemade soap, sachets and potpourri are just suggestions. Use your creativity!
- **Offer** your vacation home/timeshare week for the Silent Auction.
- **Donate** new, unused gifts you have received to the Silent Auction.
- **Request** a donation for Corporate Sponsorship from your place of work.
- **Design** a gift basket, give items or gift certificates for a gift basket, or donate \$ to create one.
- **Bake** cookies, pies, cakes or muffins for our bake sale.
- **Give** your gently used clothing or bric-a-brac a second life at the White Elephant sale.
- **Plan** on spending the day working a table, or helping before or after with set up/clean up.
- **Invite** your friends and families to shop, dine and visit our beautiful, historic church.

**Raffle books were sent out last week.** Additional books are available in the Parish Office or after Sunday services. Please purchase them as they are a very important fundraiser for the fair. Also consider becoming a Harvest Fair Patron with an added donation.

Please contact Fran Gorman for more information or to volunteer at [gormport@aol.com](mailto:gormport@aol.com) or (631) 754-2772.

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