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## PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

**For the sick:** Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom, Theresa, Leonardo, Lisa DeAngelis, Cosmo Guariello, 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, Blanca Vite, Catherine Perry

**We pray for those affected by the earthquake in Mexico and the hurricanes in Texas, Florida, the Caribbean, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.**

**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: 162**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

	<b>September 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM</b>	<b>October 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM</b>
<b>MC LEM</b>	Earl Matchett Rob Wheeler	Al Szigethy Linda Ehrenshaft
<b>Acolytes</b>	Wade Holden Ty Ellenbogen Anna Wickey Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano Jacob Goldbaum	Stephanie Wickey Ty Ellenbogen Emma Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy Chloe Findlay
<b>Lectors</b>	Janice Burnett Ty Ellenbogen	Sue Hartman Carleigh Tracy

## TODAY'S HYMNS

<b>Processional Hymn 690</b>	Guide me, O thou great Jehovah	<i>Cum Rhondda</i>
<b>Sequence Hymn 309</b>	O Food to pilgrims given	<i>O Welt, ich muss dich lassen</i>
<b>Communion LEVAS 152</b>	Let Us Break Bread Together	<i>Negro Spiritual</i>
<b>Recessional 344</b>	Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing	<i>Sicilian Mariners</i>

## THE CHALICE

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September 24, 2017

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**"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.**

**"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.**

**"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are - no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.**

**"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.**

**"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'carefull,' you find yourselves cared for.**

**"You're blessed when you get your inside world - your mind and heart - put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.**

**"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family."  
(Matt. 5:3-9 The Message Bible)**

Jesus is creating a community where the last are first and the first are last. The world isn't always fair and maybe God helps to even things out a little. Jesus is teaching parables that turn our world upside down. In today's Gospel, the landowner pays the workers the same wage, whether they worked one hour or a full day. Maybe the workers that were hired late in the day needed money to buy food for their families. When they received their pay at the end of the day, they must have been elated. "Maybe this is the break I have been waiting for," says the unemployed person trying to get back in the work force. The workers that were paid a full days wage for a full day's work, begin to grumble. The Kingdom of God is not always fair. God's mercy and generosity are so far beyond our comprehension that we can scarcely imagine God's love for us. "Thank God," says the lonely man in the nursing home, when a LEM from his church brings him communion. A cup of cold water, a kind word, a new pair of shoes, a hot meal, and a roof over your head are all things that are given to people in need. Paul said, "to live is Christ." To me, living means sharing God's love with others. There is nothing more important in a Christian community than how we treat one another. Even if we are in a hurry, we disagree, or we don't think things are fair, we need to love one another as Christ loved us. We need to see beyond our selfish needs and our narrow perspective. When we open our hearts and minds to the love of God in Jesus Christ, we begin to see people differently.

When someone new enters our church, we should introduce ourselves to them and invite them to coffee hour after church. Ask them to fill out a visitor's card on the back table. Walk to the Parish Hall with them, invite them to sit at your table, and introduce them to others. Hospitality is not just about a friendly hello, but about listening to one another's hopes and dreams. Get to know them and look for them at next week's service. There is nothing like a non-judgmental, friendly, hello to make a visitor feel like they have found a home. You're blessed when you come to St. John's because we are a diverse, welcoming parish that stretches its hands in love to our entire community.

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 is this evening 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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## GARDEN OF BLESSINGS CLEAN-UP

**A Garden of Blessings clean up (pruning, weeding, trimming, etc.) will be on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in advance of the Harvest Fair. All are welcome to assist.**

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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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## THRIFT SHOP

**The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays, noon to 3 PM, and Saturdays, 10 AM to 3 PM.** We are so blessed to have this valuable ministry open to the public again. **Thank you** to the Thrift Shop volunteers and especially Zach Butterfield, Kevin Keegan, George Feustel and Jonathan Feustel for all their work and care put into the renovation.

**Join us today for the grand reopening** after the 10 AM service to tour the Thrift Shop and to see how we are able to better serve St. John's and the community.

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## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING & RACISM AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAP)

Mercer School of Theology is offering **Safe Church Training on Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9 AM to 3:30 PM** and **RAP on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 4 PM.** These are required trainings for all clergy, lay leaders, employees and key-holders of St. John's. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to register.

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## SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

**Kidz Helping Kidz is a unique social skills program meeting on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** in the Great Hall. During that hour, middle school and high school kids will come together to feel welcome, respected, included, safe, accepted, make new friends, increase self-esteem, and learn social skills. **The first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.** The Group will be led by Dana Kane-Glickman, LCSW. To register or for more information, please call Dana at (516) 702-0957 or email [kidzhelpingkidz2017@gmail.com](mailto:kidzhelpingkidz2017@gmail.com).

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## PARISH PICNIC

All are welcome to the **Annual Parish Picnic This afternoon 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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## 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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