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## PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

**For the sick:** Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom, 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, Theresa, John, Artie

**We pray for those affected by the earthquake in Mexico and the hurricanes in Puerto Rico, 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: 150**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

	<b>October 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM</b>	<b>October 8<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM</b>
<b>MC LEM</b>	Al Szigethy Linda Ehrenshaft	Earl Matchett Noelle DeLorenzo
<b>Acolytes</b>	Stephanie Wickey Ty Ellenbogen Emma Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy	Pete Minichello Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano James Conolly
<b>Lectors</b>	Sue Hartman Carleigh Tracy	Rob Wheeler Thalia Tosetti

## THE CHALICE

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

October 1, 2017

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**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5–11)**

There is nothing more important to me than acknowledging that Jesus Christ is Lord. By saying those words we affirm that God loves the world so deeply that God sent his Son to die on a cross that each of us might be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life. This is the premise that everything in the Christian Church is built on. All praise and glory be to God!

How do you feel about saying out loud that Jesus is Lord? I must admit that I have had my doubts at times in my life. When my second child was born prematurely, I prayed to God to help breath air into his under developed lungs. When he passed away a day later, I was very upset. Why does it rain on both good and bad people? Why do hurricanes, earthquakes, and typhoons devastate so many people in the world? Why do so many people get cancer and terminal illnesses? Why can't we watch a lousy football game without arguing over our politics? Where is God in the world anyway?

My experience is that when bad things happen, I am comforted by the Lord. I have a living experience with the Lord. I have seen thousands of children saved by the generosity and faith of others through the love of God. I pray that God will send the Holy Spirit that we may have a living experience with God. Once you taste the real body and blood of Christ, you are changed in an ontological way. By that, I mean that God in heaven is in you. God works through you by blessing you, that you might be a blessing to others. We listen to scripture for a roadmap to follow. Most of us are not real good at listening and getting directions, but God is still with us. When we experience the grace and mercy of God, we are encouraged to get back on track. To me, that is the nature of life. God helps us to be better individuals even though we are likely to stumble again and again.

I invite you to take God seriously. Believe that you are forgiven of every sin you have ever committed. This week at the 10:00 service we will be Baptizing a baby. We will ask you if you will follow your Baptismal Covenant. Listen and make a plan to be a better person. Help us at the Harvest Fair to help others in our community. Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. When you follow this path, the Living God will be more apparent to you and your doubts will turn to faith. If not, we still have an awesome breakfast after service (and God will always be waiting for your return).

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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## TAIZÉ SERVICE

**Join us today at 5:30 PM for our Taizé Prayer Service**, a candlelit evening of prayer, music and respite.

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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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## 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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## ACOLYTE TRAINING

**Acolyte Training for new acolytes will be Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM.** Any child interested in becoming an acolyte can begin by shadowing experienced acolytes at any of the five 10:00 AM services before the scheduled training. To shadow, please meet Fr. Duncan in the Sacristy at 9:50 AM to receive your vestments.

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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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## 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.

**Send in those Raffle Books.** 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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## SATURDAY SERVICE

**Our next Saturday Service will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.**

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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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## AJOYO

**St. John's Cultural Events Series presents AJOYO on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.** Blending African traditions, jazz and soul, AJOYO celebrates life, love and justice through music—featuring French-Tunisian saxophonist Yacine Boulares and rising star vocalist Sarah Elizabeth Charles.

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