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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, Benjamin Owusu

**We pray for all those lost or suffering due to gun violence in our country.**

**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: 190**

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

	October 8 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM	October 15 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM
<b>MC LEM</b>	Earl Matchett Noelle DeLorenzo	Al Szigethy Rob Wheeler
<b>Acolytes</b>	Pete Minichello Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano James Conolly	Wade Holden Luke Cahill Emma Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck
<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Wheeler Thalia Tosetti	MK Brennan Emma Cahill

## TODAY'S HYMNS

<b>Processional Hymn 388</b>	O worship the King	<i>Hanover</i>
<b>Sequence Hymn 383</b>	Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature	<i>St. Elizabeth</i>
<b>Communion 324</b>	Let all mortal flesh keep silence	<i>Picardy</i>
<b>Recessional 460</b>	Alleluia! sing to Jesus!	<i>Hyfrydol</i>

## THE CHALICE

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

October 8, 2017

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Most of us feel awful about the tragedy in Las Vegas. Our first reaction is to pray for those who were killed and injured and their families. Our next thought might be to realize that we live in a broken world and decide to do something about it. My question this morning is: How do we react to such pain and suffering in our country and in the world? I am frustrated by the hate that seems to fester in this country. I am frustrated that we cannot achieve bipartisan health care legislation, assault weapon legislation, or tax relief legislation for the middle class. I am especially frustrated with the sexism, racism, and hate groups right here in Suffolk County. I am frustrated by our political system in general and the animosity that exists between members of my own family about who they voted for in the election. It reminds me why I go to church.

I come to church, because it is my desire to follow God. I believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of God. I believe that Jesus died for our sins, and I try to live every day in the path that God sets before me. I realized as a teenager that God loved me beyond what I can even comprehend. I think that happened because I allowed God into my life and then began to see God's presence. I pray and meditate every day to open my heart to the joy and light of Christ. This filling of our heart with the love of God is what allows us to love the broken world back. Our hearts overflow with abundance and thankfulness for all that we have. A natural response is to give that love back to God. Augustine said that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. For me, it is that restlessness that keeps me striving to do what God asks of me.

One of the main goals of this church is to show hospitality to everyone that walks through our door. We need to love one another as God loved us. We are all broken in many ways, but Jesus Christ and this church can help bring us back to wholeness. My reaction to this crisis is to show kindness and love to those around us. Please set up an appointment with me to talk about your feelings. I am happy to listen and often share in your pain. I am going to focus my attention to helping others and getting ready for the Harvest Fair. On Friday night October 20th, please join me at the church to help set up the fair. There are lots of things to set up (like tables) or you could just drop off a few dozen cookies. On Saturday, October 21st just come down to the church before 9:00 AM. You could help out in the kitchen or downstairs in the White Elephant room. You will meet dozens of parishioners and will enjoy the comradery of working together to benefit our community. Most of all, please just come to the Harvest Fair from 9:00-4:00 on Saturday on October 21st and come back to coffee hour after church on Sunday October 22nd as we draw all the winners of the raffle baskets. God asks us to spread that love to the very least of those in our community. Please open your heart and help out as you are able.

Please invite our newcomers to join your ministry for the Harvest Fair. Invite them to the ECW table during coffee hour and ask them to put up a sign on their lawn or come to the Harvest Fair with their neighbors and family. Ask them to buy raffle tickets if they will be away that weekend. You know the wonderful (and slightly exhausted) feeling of another successful ECW Harvest Fair and the way it strengthens our bonds of affection within the parish. The feeling of God's love permeates our very being when we all work together for a common mission. After the events of this week, we really need to share God's love.

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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## SATURDAY SERVICE

**Our next Saturday Service will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** Please join us for worship and Holy Eucharist.

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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 next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11<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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## THRIFT SHOP

**Once again the thrift shop will have a separate booth at the Harvest Fair, highlighting handbags and accessories.** If you have gently used handbags or accessories to donate, please mark them for the thrift shop.

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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 and need to be every five years. 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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## ST. JOHN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

**The next meeting of SJSG will be on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Guild Room.** Please contact Patti Aliperti for more information at [silverymoon33@yahoo.com](mailto:silverymoon33@yahoo.com).

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## BLOOD DRIVE

**In honor of Colin Bowles there will be a blood drive on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Great Hall.** Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our Community Hospitals need your help. Please share your life saving gift. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Jennifer Bowles at [kbowles@verizon.net](mailto:kbowles@verizon.net).

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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.

**Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$10 for children. Sing Noel tickets are also available.** For Tickets see Alex after the 10 AM service on Sundays or contact the Parish Office at (631) 427-1752 or [music@stjohnshuntington.org](mailto:music@stjohnshuntington.org). 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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