
HEALING SERVICE

Our Deacon Antony Jones will be home at St. John's on Sunday, November 26th for a Special Healing Service at 10:00 AM.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

For the sick: 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, Howard, Caroline, Bill, Amy, Kate, Catherine Perry, Theresa, John, Artie, Benjamin Owusu, Mark Bellissemo, Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom, Joseph Canga, George Nelson, Ian, Jen, Lucy, Ana Rodrigues, Laura, Assisting Bishop Daniel Allotey

For the recently departed: Betty Schmidt and Milton Dove

Altar flowers are given this week in Loving Memory of Blanca Vite by Camille Vite.

Altar flowers are given by Dave and Nelly Lasek in Thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.

We pray for the unemployed and the 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.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 147

SUNDAY SERVICES

	November 19 th 10:00 AM	November 26 th 10:00 AM
MC	Earl Matchett	Al Szigethy
LEM	Rob Wheeler	Linda Ehrenshaft
Acolytes	Pete Minichello Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck Kayla Andrews	Chloe Findlay Kayla Andrews Jacob Goldbaum James Conolly Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano
Lectors	MK Brennan Thalia Tosetti	Rob Wheeler Thalia Tosetti

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn 680	O God, our help in ages past	<i>St. Anne</i>
Sequence Hymn 490	I want to walk as a child of the light	<i>Houston</i>
Communion Hymn LEVAS 133	I Surrender All	<i>Winfield S. Weeden</i>
Recessional Hymn 551	Rise up, ye saints of God!	<i>Festal Song</i>

THE CHALICE

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

November 19, 2017

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him” (1 Thessalonians 5:6-11).

The St. John's Wardens and Vestry will be working on a ministry plan for 2018 this week. Our parish will be focused next year on our four, long-term ministry goals of children and youth, growth, pastoral care, and outreach. We will also continue to grow our liturgy with excellent music at our 10:00 services, Taizé, and Celtic services. Our plan includes the hiring of another clergy. We are expanding our Thrift Shop in size, hours, and how many people we help in the community. Our ECW will be leading this year's outreach effort following our most successful Harvest Fair in our history.

But being a Christian is rooted in our relationship with Christ. My biggest goal for next year is that you will strengthen your relationship with Christ. I pray that despite the fears that we all face in our lives, you understand that with the breastplate of faith and love we are destined for salvation through Jesus Christ. The bishop has requested that every member of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island should pray for one hour per day. Maybe you could start your day with just a small prayer for God to help you through the nonsense that you will face. Pray at meals in thanksgiving for all you have. End your day with a prayer that God keep your loved ones healthy and safe during the darkness of night. My great grandmother taught her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to talk to Jesus in our prayers like Jesus is your closest friend. When troubles and fear come in your life, you will have an advocate to lean your head on.

The second goal I have is that we will support one another at St. John's through our hospitality and community. In the Episcopal Church we claim that all our welcome. Please reach out to new members and invite them to participate in your small group ministry. The bond that we form in groups like EFM and St. Hilda's Guild create an atmosphere of faith and love. We grow together in the love of Christ by sharing our love with one another.

Finally, I ask you to turn in your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Our Stewardship Committee will be making calls and visits next week to follow up, but they would prefer if they didn't need to make any calls. Please also check if you are up to date on your pledge for 2017. Thank you to all members of our congregation who have already pledged. Your generosity allows us to continue the faith and love that have been shared for the past 272 years.

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. If you would like to join us by conference call in your own home, please call (845) 271-9134 at 8:55 AM.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study which meets Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. We are studying the Gospel of Mark.

CELTIC SERVICES

Please join us for our next Celtic Service on Sunday, November 26th at 5:30 PM, A contemplative Holy Eucharist with beautiful music.

TAIZÉ SERVICES

Join us on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 PM for a special Taizé Service. We will be joined by the Rev. Canon Michael F. Delaney, Liturgical Coordination of the Diocese of Long Island. He will be sharing with us his expertise on the Taizé approach to prayer and worship.

STEWARDSHIP

- **Please turn in your 2018 pledge card if you have not done so already.**
 - **Quarterly Statements are at the back of the church.**
 - **Please make sure your 2017 pledge is up to date. Also,** Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the ministry of St. John's.
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ECW THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Basket appeal this year! Through your generosity we are able help families displaced by domestic violence.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

This year's Thanksgiving Day Service will be at St. Margaret's in Plainview at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 23rd. Please join Deacon Anthony Jones for this joint service.

ECW ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The ECW will be participating in the St. John's Episcopal Hospital's Adopt-A-Family Program this Christmas. All purchased gifts should be gift wrapped and have the individual tag attached to the gift. All gifts need to be dropped off by **Sunday, December 3rd.** Any questions, please contact Linda Ehrenshaft at (631) 863-1118.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The annual wreath, poinsettia, roping and Christmas cactus sale is December 2nd & 3rd. You can pick up your order that Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM or Sunday between or after the services until 12 noon.

Order forms are in the Sunday bulletin. Please give your order to a Youth Group member in the Great Hall or drop off at the Church office by Monday, November 27th.

Thanks for supporting the St. John's Youth Group.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, December 3rd at 11:30 AM** as we continue the tradition of **Advent Wreath making.** We will provide greens, wire wreaths, candles and music. Please join us and bring a friend! This is a perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends to visit St. John's. If you saved your wire wreath frame from last year, please bring it with you!

ST. JOHN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

SJSG Advent retreat will be on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 9:00 AM with breakfast and ending with a Celtic Service. Canon Charles "Charlie" McCarron will be presenting "Giving Birth to the Word: Spiritual Motherhood and the Advent Season." **A suggested donation of \$20 is requested.** To RSVP, please contact Heather Kress at (631) 549-5186, hkress@optonline.net or Patti Aliperti at (631) 385-1410, silverymoon33@yahoo.com.

The next SJSG meeting will be on Sunday, November 26th in the Guild Room at 11:45 AM.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all who brought in boxes for Operation Christmas Child last week in the true St. John's spirit. We are accepting boxes until today, Sunday, November 19th.

ADVENT SERIES

All are welcome to attend our Tuesday Advent Series on December 5th, 12th & 19th: Evening Prayer at 6:00 PM; Soup & Salad Dinner at 6:20 PM; Program at 7:00 PM with Fr. John Morrison.

SING NOËL

Take a joyous break from the holiday rush and join us for Sing Noël, our annual concert of Christmas songs, carols and stories on Sunday, December 17th at 7:30 PM. There will be raffles and a lovely reception. Please join us for this very special event.

For advanced sale tickets, see Alex after the 10:00 AM service or contact the Parish Office at (631) 427-1752.

FR. DUNCAN ON RETREAT

Fr. Duncan is taking a few days for spiritual retreat. Please welcome Fr. John Morrison today.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th, for Thanksgiving. We wish you and your family a joyful, peaceful time together.
