
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, Rev. Peter Lai

Altar Flowers are given this week in thanksgiving for Ginny and Dick Furman and their 90th Birthdays by Annette and Richard Gentile.

Altar flowers are given this week in loving memory of Marjorie S. Bienz by Fran Gorman.

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: 144

SUNDAY SERVICES

	November 26th 10:00 AM	December 3rd 10:00 AM
MC	Al Szigethy	Earl Matchett
LEM	Linda Ehrenshaft	Denise Hernandez
Acolytes	Chloe Findlay Kayla Andrews Jacob Goldbaum James Conolly Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano	Ty Ellenbogen Anna Wickey Stephanie Wickey Wade Holden Jennifer Low Kayla Andrews James Conolly
Lectors	Rob Wheeler Thalia Tosetti	Janice Burnett Ty Ellenbogen

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn PB 110	Jesus Is Our King	<i>Howard Clark</i>
Sequence Hymn PB 5	Seek Ye First	<i>Karen Lafferty</i>
Offertory Hymn PB 64	Spirit Song	<i>John Wimber</i>
Lord's Prayer PB 123	The Lord's Prayer	<i>Liz Zanghi</i>
Communion Hymn PB 42	The Greatest Things	<i>Mark Pendergast</i>
Healing Hymn PB 73	Let Our Hands Be Your Hands	<i>Linda M. Snow</i>
Recessional Hymn PB 26	Our God Reigns	<i>Leonard E. Smith, Jr.</i>

THE CHALICE**The weekly Sunday Bulletin of St. John's Episcopal Church****November 26, 2017**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age (Psalm 100).**

Psalm 100 reminds us that God's steadfast love is eternal. We should show our thanks by loving God and loving one another with the same steadfast love. Be generous with your love to God, to your family, and to your neighbor. Celebrate the diversity of our community with a thankful and joyful heart, a steadfast faith, and the peace that passes all understanding. Come to church this day, give thanks, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

"Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me'" (Mathew 25:44-45). Be generous in helping those in need. Every kind act you do reminds us of God's steadfast love for us and the many times that he has restored us. We have delivered shoeboxes to kids all over the world, given toys to children in the hospital, prepared baskets for those who have fled their homes due to domestic abuse, and we will give to several families through Adopt-a-Family. We give groceries each week to the Helping Hands Food Pantry and we will host the homeless through HHHI three times in December. The Youth Group will host HHHI on December 8th, we will work with the United Methodist Church on December 15th, and we will host the homeless again at St. John's on December 28th. If you would like to shop, cook, or serve the homeless at St. John's, please see me. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to those in need in our community. Giving comes very natural to us in the Huntington area. We are blessed by God and we want to be a blessing to others. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we are thankful for everything we have and it brings us great joy to help others in need. Let us remember that we are created by God and we are called to be in relationship with him.

We serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Please sing with our praise band today with joy in your heart. We will also have healing during our communion at 8:00 and 10:00 today. Deacon Anthony and Leslie Valentine will pray for you by the side altar during our communion. I ask others in our congregation to pray for healing for all those in need on Sunday. God's steadfast love endures from generation to generation at St. John's. God has loved us for the last 272 years at St. John's, loves us deeply right now, and has great things in store for us in the months and years ahead. So rejoice in the Lord always!

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 this evening at 5:30 PM for our next Celtic Service, 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. Michael F. Delaney, Liturgical Coordinator of the Diocese of Long Island. Following the service, he will be sharing with us his expertise on the Taizé approach to prayer and worship.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the ministry of St. John's.

- 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.
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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.

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. Join us as we look at some short poetry, a few carols, several pieces of prose and a cartoon or two in order to discover how Advent offers a ray of light in this present darkness.

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." All are welcome. A suggested donation of \$20 is requested. Please RSVP to either Heather Kress at (631) 549-1586, hkress@optonline.net or Patti Aliperti at (631) 385-1410, silverymoon33@yahoo.com.

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!

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 on Sunday, December 3rd.** Any questions, please contact Linda Ehrenshaft at (631) 863-1118.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHNS

Join us as we Celebrate Christmas here at St. John's!

Christmas Eve: 4 PM-Family Holy Eucharist with string quartet; 8 PM-Candlelit Choral Eucharist; and 11 PM-Candlelit Holy Eucharist with incense.

Christmas Day: 10 AM-Holy Eucharist with music.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

There will be a Christmas Pageant rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 AM to noon. Please contact Cindy Ellenbogen at (631) 261-5753 for more information on how to be a part of this pageant. **The Christmas pageant will be presented at the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, December 17th.** Invite your friends and family to this special event.

SING NOËL - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 7:30 PM

Sing Noël is our most anticipated concert of the year and is attended not only by members of our parish, but by many friends and acquaintances in our community. Your help is needed to share the joy of this Christmas tradition here at St. John's. For the reception, we need finger food donations (savory and sweet) and beverages (wine, cider and seltzer), and help setting up and cleaning up. We also need help selling tickets and raffles, for our many baskets. Perhaps you could get a poster or two from Alex and hang them in a local business you frequent. But, most of all, please join us for some Christmas music and stories and to share a cup of cheer! Please see Leslie Valentine to offer your help or email leslieval@aol.com.

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