
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, Howard, Caroline, Bill, Amy, Kate, Catherine Perry, Theresa, John, Artie, Benjamin Owusu, Mark Bellisemo, Roger Giacomini, Jean Giacomini, Tom, Joseph Canga, George Nelson, Ian, Jen, Lucy, Ana Rodrigues, Laura, Assisting Bishop Daniel Allotey, Giovanna LaPaglia, Lorainne, Justin

For the recently departed: The Rev. Peter Lai

We pray in Thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of James and Patricia Beedenbender.

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.

To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office (cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org).

Last Sunday's Attendance: 123

SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

	December 17th 10:00 AM	December 24th 10:00 AM	December 25th 10:00 AM
MC	Earl Matchett	Al Szigethy	Earl Matchett
LEM	Linda Ehrenshaft	Rob Wheeler	Leslie Valentine
Acolytes	Emma Cahill Luke Cahill Carleigh Tracy Colby Tracy Jacob Goldbaum Wade Holden Thalia Tosetti	Pete Minichello Kayla Andrews Jacob Goldbaum	Anthony Chomorro
Lector I	MK Brennan	Janice Burnett	Leslie Valentine
Lector II	Thalia Tosetti	Rob Wheeler	Sue Hartman

THE CHALICE

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

December 17, 2017

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory (Isaiah 61:1-3).

When Jesus was in the temple, he unrolls the scroll and reads this lesson from Isaiah. God's Word reverberates from the prophets and in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for Christmas on this third Sunday in Advent, let us rejoice that we have been part of God's inbreaking Kingdom. Let us rejoice that the Holy Spirit is with us right here and now and that Jesus Christ is coming again in great majesty. Let us not think of the coming of Jesus Christ as some kind of a birthday or celebration of a onetime past event. Let us see, hear, and feel that Jesus Christ is coming into our hearts that we might follow the will and purpose of God. The spirit of the Lord God is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us; he has sent us to bring good news to the oppressed, and to bind up the brokenhearted.

There is a wonderful energy at St. John's right now. Two weeks ago we fed the homeless through HHHI with the Methodist Church. Last Friday, our youth group fed and housed the homeless here at St. John's. On Thursday December 28th, we will feed and house the homeless again at St. John's. We brought gifts for the ECW through the Adopt a Family program and our youth group made hundreds of Christmas wreaths. The ECW just met to decide on all the local charities that will benefit this year from the proceeds of the Harvest Fair. The Thrift shop will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and is offering 25% off everything. The choir is rehearsing for Christmas Eve and the children have prepared for the pageant today at 10:00. Lots of you will serve at one of the five services we will have on Christmas Eve. 8am and 10am will be Advent IV services in the morning. The 4pm family service will feature music from the children and youth and a wonderful string quartet. Alex asks you to be seated by 3:45pm for a beautiful prelude. The 8pm service will feature Alex and our choir. The 11pm service will be midnight mass Rite I service with beautiful choral solos and incense. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you on Christmas Eve. There will be a Christmas service with music at 10am.

We prepare our hearts to receive the incarnate love of Jesus Christ so that we may be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. We are the reverberation of God's Word when we spread the Good News by our words and actions. I ask you all to be extra generous and kind to one another in the coming week before Christmas. It is a busy time at St. John's and a busy time in our lives. Please take a few days to rest and gather with the ones you love. Please forgive everyone that sins against you and work towards racial reconciliation in this broken world. God's wonderful Kingdom will be ushered in a poor manger on a quiet evening. All the preparations that we do are important, but we cannot miss the whole point of the season. God loves us unconditionally and so deeply that despite our brokenness, God can bring this world to peace, hope, love, and joy through the incarnation of a little baby on Christmas.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, January 9th at 11:00 AM. We will be studying the letters of Paul. We will take a short recess from Bible Study on December 19th, 26th and January 2nd.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Join us on Sunday, January 7th at 5:30 PM for our next Taizé Service.

ADVENT SERIES

All are welcome to attend our Tuesday Advent Series on December 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. Please bring a Bible.

ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

This Christmas, remember your Loved Ones or offer Special Thanksgivings, by making a donation for this year's Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms can be found in the back of the church, as well as on our website. Order forms and payment are due Today!

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

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
11 PM-Candlelit Choral Eucharist with incense

Christmas Day: 10 AM-Holy Eucharist with music

ST. HILDA'S GUILD MINI FAIR

Today, Sunday, December 17th, following the 10 AM service, St. Hilda' Guild will be having a mini fair to sell Christmas crafts. Find a Christmas gift to give or a little something for yourself.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thank you to all who participated in today's Christmas Pageant, especially Cindy Ellenbogen and Christine Doré for putting together such lovely program and the Sunday School teachers and assistants for helping to bring it all together.

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

Take a joyous break from the holiday rush and join us for Sing Noël, our annual concert of Christmas songs, carols and stories TONIGHT, Sunday, December 17th at 7:30 PM. There will be raffles and a lovely reception. Volunteers are still needed to bring finger foods and beverages. Please contact Leslie Valentine to contribute at leslieval@aol.com.

For advanced sale tickets, see Alex after the 10:00 AM service. Tickets are also available at the door for \$25, \$10 for children under 12.

HIHI

Volunteers are needed for the next HiHi at St. John's on Thursday, December 28th. Help is needed at 4:00 PM in the kitchen. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM in the Great Hall. Please see Fr. Duncan to volunteer.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE & BRUNCH

Please join us on Monday, January 1st at 10:00 AM for our annual New Year's Day Service and Brunch immediately following the service.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, January 21st at 5:30 PM. First Holy Communion classes will begin on Wednesday, January 31st at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in having your child participate in either Confirmation or First Holy Communion, please review the class schedule and complete a form which can be found at the back of the church or on our website.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	11:00 PM
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LEM	Linda Ehrenshaft	Noelle DeLorenzo	Nancy Feustel
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Lector II	Jennifer Low	Leslie Valentine	Leslie Valentine
Deacon	Anthony Jones	Anthony Jones	Anthony Jones