
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 Reverend Richard Montrose

Perpetual Light is given this week in loving memory of Kay and Hoss Miller by Patti and Artie Post.

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 email the Parish Office (cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org).

Last Sunday's Attendance: 561

SUNDAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

	December 31th 10:00 AM	January 1st 10:00 AM
MC	Earl Matchett	Ken Quinn
LEM	Denise Hernandez	Bob Boise
Acolytes	Chloe Findlay Kayla Andrews Thalia Tosetti	Karen Quinn
Lector I	Janice Burnett	Crystal Roberts
Lector II	Chloe Findlay	Jim Murray

THE CHALICE

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

December 31, 2017

*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all people,
Love for plea and gift and sign.
Christina Rossetti*

I was watching Star Wars yesterday and I loved the line from Rose, "That's how we're going to win. Not fighting for what we hate. Saving what we love." It was a huge surprise to the disciples in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus would not lead them to victory over the hated Roman occupiers. Jesus comes down from heaven to show us that love is the way, the truth, and the life.

My hope for St. John's in this coming year is that we could make love our priority. We need to focus on loving God for the precious gift of Jesus Christ. God loves us like a mother loves her child despite the occasional inappropriate or bad behavior. God loves us so deeply that God sent his only Son so that we might know steadfast and unconditional love. Please give praise and worship back to the Lord in the coming year. Give thanks for everything you have in your life.

God asks us to love our neighbor with this same steadfast love. In this year, my hope is that with the addition of Fr. John Morrison as our Assistant Priest, we will concentrate on visiting and caring for those who are homebound. If you are a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, I ask you to recommit yourself to visiting those who are in nursing homes, the hospital, and in their own homes. If you know of someone who is in the need of home visitation, please let me know.

My hope is that we will continue to expand our outreach and mission work through our ECW. Please consider helping with our Thrift Shop, HHHI, or one of our ECW fundraisers. If everyone commits to helping just a little, we can have a huge impact on our community.

Another hope I have for 2018 is that we will have more attendance at our Celtic and Taizé services on Sunday nights. These are a great opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors to a beautiful service. Please try to attend at least one of these services. Our next Taizé service is on January 7th at 5:30 PM. Alex has put together a service that is very spiritual and contemplative and I believe you will really enjoy it.

My last hope for this chalice is that you will welcome Fr. John on New Year's Day at our 10:00 AM service and Brunch. Fr. John started this wonderful tradition when he was interim priest a few years back. I hope you will join me in giving him a warm welcome. He offers compassionate pastoral care, thoughtful Christian Education, an authentic expression of the love of Jesus Christ in his preaching, and of course an occasional reference to C.S. Lewis.

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. **Beginning Tuesday, January 2nd, Morning Prayer will be held each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 9:00 AM.** Please join us!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, January 9th at 11:00 AM. We will be studying the letters of Paul. There will be no Bible Study on January 2nd.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who donated memorial and thanksgiving poinsettias for Christmas this year. If you indicated that you would like to pick-up a poinsettia, please do so following the 10:00 AM service today.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

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.

NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

New Stewardship Envelopes are available for pick-up at the back of the church for those who requested them. If you do not see yours, or would like to request envelopes, please contact the Parish Office at (631) 427-1752 or cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

HIHI

Volunteers are needed for the next HiHi on Friday, January 5th. Help is needed at 4:00 PM in the kitchen at St. John's. Dinner will be served at the United Methodist Church, 180 West Neck Rd, Huntington at 6:30 PM. HIHI is the Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative. Local churches provide a meal and shelter for homeless in the area on a rotating basis. St. John's participates about twice a month in the winter. Please see Fr. Duncan to volunteer.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Our next Taizé Service will be on Sunday, January 7th at 5:30 PM. "Taizé chants or 'short songs' have a meditative character as they are repeated again and again." "Silence makes us ready for a new meeting with God." Join us in prayer, short song and silence as we find our way to an inner unity with God.

CONFIRMATION

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

Confirmation will be held on Saturday, April 21st at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion classes will begin on Wednesday, January 31st at 5:00 PM. If you are interested in having your child participate in 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.

First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, April 8th at the 10:00 AM Service.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

We will be accepting weekly food donations, in the baskets provided in the rear of church, to support a local food pantry Helping Hands Rescue Mission located in Huntington Station. Donations needed are unexpired, non-perishable products such as: Peanut butter & Jelly, Rice & Pasta Sides, Canned Vegetables, Canned Corn, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Pancake Mixes & Syrup, Canned Soups, Canned Fruit & Juice. Fred Hansen will be delivering these collected items to their food pantry weekly. Please bring them to church with you. Please do not drop off in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity.

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

Did you happen to take any photographs during the Christmas Pageant presented by our Sunday School? Did you take any during our Christmas Even services? We'd love to post them on our Facebook page and on the bulletin board in the Great Hall so others can enjoy the spirit that is alive here at St. John's.

Please e-mail your photos to the church office at: cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

WELCOME FR. JOHN!

Please welcome the Rev. John Morrison as our new Assistant Priest. He will be celebrating Holy Eucharist on January 1st at 10:00 AM. Please join him at the New Year's Day Service and Brunch.

Beginning January 3rd, He will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM for pastoral care by appointment.

Fr. Duncan is also available for pastoral care appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
