
PRAYER CONCERNS FOR ST. JOHN'S

For the sick: 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, Daniel, David, Sue

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: 82

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn 135	Songs of thankfulness and praise	<i>Salzburg</i>
Sequence Hymn 120 vs. 1-2	The sinless one to Jordan came	<i>Solemnis haec festivas</i>
Offertory Anthem		
Communion Hymn LEVAS 115	Spirit of the Living God	<i>Daniel Iverson</i>
Recessional Hymn 296	We know that Christ is raised	<i>Engelberg</i>

THE CHALICE

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January 7, 2018

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!**

We share by water in his saving death.

**Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!**

The God of splendor clothes the Son with life.

The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.

Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows

as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. I have shared the words of our recessional hymn, "We know that Christ is raised" This hymn gives me goosebumps, because I have sung this hymn at key moments in my life such as Baptisms, the Easter season, and especially at my ordination. Through water and the Holy Spirit, we are washed of all sin, raised with Christ, and adopted as children of God into the body of Christ. God was able to accomplish all this for us by Jesus Christ becoming flesh and sharing our nature. God has an intimate understanding of our pain and joy because Jesus Christ was born in a manger and baptized in the river Jordan. He showed us how to love one another, he died for our sins, and he rose to eternal glory.

God moved through the water and brought the people out of bondage in Egypt into the Promised Land. God moved through the water in Jesus baptism and tore open the heavens. Time after time, God moves through water to bring us out of death into new life. In Baptism we are fully initiated into the body of Christ by the pouring of the water and by the indwelling of the Spirit. God promises that we will grow into a new creation.

At St. John's, we each have the choice to turn to God in joyful obedience and help make this parish everything that God has promised it can be. God has acted in our lives in the waters of Baptism, filled us with the Holy Spirit, and we have the power to emerge, still wet from our baptism and re-create this new thing that was promised to each and every one of us.

One of our themes during Christmas was developing an intimate relationship with Jesus. As children of God, we are born of water and the Holy Spirit. We become a new creation as we grow in the Christian life. This life is not easy in the world today. We need to support and love one another. When Christians share with one another the joys and pains of our lives, they can develop into a beautiful community of God.

This new year is filled with hope at St. John's. May God bless you and your families with a happy and healthy 2018. May we all be restored and made whole in the love of Jesus Christ and may we all sing Alleluia!

Here I am, a servant of the Lord, may it be according to your Word,
Rev. Duncan A. Burns

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 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.

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.

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**.

PASTORAL CARE

Fr. John 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.

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.

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.

ST. HILDA'S GUILD

St. Hilda's Guild will meet in the Guild Room, **Tuesday, January 9th at 12:30 PM**. Join us for crafts making and fellowship. You don't have to know how to sew.

TAIZÉ SERVICES

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.

You are invited to our upcoming Taizé Services on the following Sundays at 5:30 PM:
January 7th, February 11th & March 4th

CELTIC SERVICES

Join us for a contemplative Holy Eucharist with beautiful music at our next Celtic Service on **Sunday, February 24th at 5:30 PM**.

SUNDAY SERVICE

	January 7th		January 14th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Ken Quinn	Al Szigethy	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett
LEM	Robert Boise	Noelle DeLorenzo	Tony Chamorro	Linda Ehrenshaft
Acolytes	Karen Quinn	Pete Minichello Stephanie Wickey James Conolly Jacob Goldbaum Chloe Findlay Ty Ellenbogen	Karen Quinn	Ty Ellenbogen Jennifer Low James Conolly Tim Kusterbeck Kayla Andrews Walter Kusterbeck
Lector I	Tony Marshall	MK Brennan	Ann Wenk	Rob Wheeler
Lector II	Jim Murray	Thalia Tosetti	Crystal Roberts	Jennifer Low
