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## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. There will be two services that Sunday, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM.

During our Vestry Elections we will be voting on: one Warden position and three Vestry seats. If you would like to run for any of these open positions, please contact the nominating committee of either Fr. Duncan or Scott Cooley at 631-896-1064.

Reminder to all Ministry chairs that your reports are due into the Church Office by Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## 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, Giovanna LaPaglia, Lorainne, Justin, Daniel, David, Sue, Don McInnis, Thomasina Burnett, Merida Rivera, Dana, Tom

Altar Flowers and Perpetual Light are given this week in loving memory Clara Elliot by her husband, Frank Elliot.

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](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org)).

Last Sunday's Attendance: 132

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## TODAY'S HYMNS

ProceSSIONAL Hymn 680	O God, our help in ages past	<i>St. Anne</i>
Sequence Hymn 550 vs. 1-2	Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult	<i>Restoration</i>
Offertory Hymn 685	Rock of ages, cleft for me	<i>Toplady</i>
Communion Hymn LEVAS 133	I Surrender All	<i>Winfield S. Weeden</i>
Recessional Hymn LEVAS 136	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	<i>Indian Folk Melody arr. Norman Johnson</i>

## THE CHALICE

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

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*“Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies’ straw hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return” (Annie Dillard).*

Jesus has been baptized in the Jordan River, spends forty days in the wilderness, and begins to unravel God's plan by the calling of the disciples. Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: “Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.” Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, “Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed (Mark 1:12-20, The Message).

Jesus isn't messing around in the Gospel of Mark. He immediately calls his disciples and begins his ministry in Capernaum. I mentioned last week that before God created the world, God set into motion the Word, which was a plan that would be made flesh in Jesus Christ. The plan is announced in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Mark provides a simple, succinct story so that we might be believers in Jesus Christ and begin to carry out the plan ourselves. Mark hopes to convince you through the Gospel that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah. If you believe, the power (*dunamus* in Greek) of the Holy Spirit will be available to you to accomplish the plan that God has purposed for you. We are called in the same way that Jesus called the first disciples. My hope is that you will discern a call to follow Jesus Christ in your life. You might begin with a deeper commitment to your vertical relationship to Jesus Christ at St. John's. I ask that you then seek love, truth, and justice in our community. Our mission at St. John's is to know Christ and make him known. We are to be the light of Christ in a darkening world.

We have our annual meeting on February 4th after the 9:30 AM service. We will hear about what God is doing at St. John's and I would really appreciate it if you would come and sit with a cup of coffee for an hour and hear about all the fabulous things that God is doing at St. John's. Coral asks each committee chair to have their annual report submitted to the Church Office by February 26th. During our Vestry Elections we will be voting on: one Warden position and three Vestry seats. If you would like to run for any of these open roles, please contact the nominating committee of either Fr. Duncan or Scott Cooley at 631-896-1064.

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

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## 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.

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## MORNING PRAYER

Start your morning in prayer each weekday, Monday-Friday, at **9:00 AM**. Please join us!

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## BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on Tuesdays at **11:00 AM**. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

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## ST. HILDA'S GUILD

St. Hilda's Guild will meet in the Guild Room Tuesdays, at **12:30 PM**. Join us for craft making and fellowship.

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## 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. **Our next Taizé Service will be on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.**

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## CELTIC SERVICES

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

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## 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](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org).

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## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes will begin **THIS Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM**, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City.

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## YOUTH GROUP

St. John's Youth Group will be meeting in the Great Hall **THIS Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM**. There will be a Pizza dinner. Confirmation students are invited and encouraged to join us! Please see Fr. Duncan or Ford Spilsbury if you have any questions.

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS POSTPONED

Holy Communion classes have been postponed until next year. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Duncan or contact the Parish Office.

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## PARISH DIRECTORY

The **2018 Parish Directory is now available**. Printed copies can be found at the back of the church. If you prefer an electronic copy in pdf format, please contact the Parish Office at [cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org). Also, please help to maintain your fellow parishioners privacy and do not share this information with outside parties.

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## 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 Eve 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](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org).

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## 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 Meat and 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.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

	January 21st		January 28th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
<b>MC</b>	Tony Chamorro	Al Szigethy	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett
<b>LEM</b>	Robert Boise	Leslie Valentine	Nancy Feustel	Denise Hernandez
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nancy Feustel	Pete Minichello Stephanie Wickey Jennifer Low Jacob Goldbaum Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck	Karen Quinn	Emma Cahill Luke Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano
<b>Lector I</b>	Ann Wenk	Janice Burnett	Tony Chamorro	Sue Hartman
<b>Lector II</b>	Jim Murray	Stephanie Wickey	Tony Marshall	Emma Cahill

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