
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, Robert Osbourne, Pepe

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: 145

SUNDAY SERVICE

	January 28th		February 4th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett	Ken Quinn	Al Szigethy
LEM	Nancy Feustel	Denise Hernandez	Robert Boise	Rob Wheeler
Acolytes	Karen Quinn	Emma Cahill Luke Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano	Nancy Feustel	Chloe Findlay Stephanie Wickey Anna Wickey Jacob Goldbaum Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck
Lector I	Tony Chamorro	Sue Hartman	Karen Quinn	MK Brennan
Lector II	Tony Marshall	Emma Cahill	Tony Chamorro	Chloe Findlay

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn 536	Open your ears, O faithful people	<i>Torah Song</i>
Sequence Hymn 533 vs. 1-2	How wondrous and great thy works	<i>Lyons</i>
Communion Hymn LEVAS 115	Spirit of the living God	<i>Daniel Iverson</i>
Recessional Hymn 535	Ye servants of God	<i>Paderborn</i>

THE CHALICE**The weekly Sunday Bulletin of St. John's Episcopal Church****January 28, 2018**

Some time ago when the Prospect Street Band still functioned, Rob Wheeler would stand on the choir steps and sing with the band's accompaniment before the service began, "I hear the voice of one crying...prepare ye the way of the Lord"; Moses hears a message from God, who raises Moses up as a prophet and proclaims that "Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable"; in My Fair Lady, Liza Doolittle sings to Freddie, "Words! Words! Words! I'm so sick of words! I get words all day through, first from him, now from you! Is that all you blighters can do—don't talk—show me now"; and Mark recounts for us that those in the synagogue were "astounded at [Jesus'] teaching, for he taught them as one having authority."

The Holy Scriptures issue a call to you and me through the prophets who are God's spokesmen, through Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, who doesn't have to add footnotes or cite sources for what he says and does because his authority is not derivative but uniquely divine. Through literature, music, painting, image, metaphor, the arts open another dimension and enable us to see with other eyes that to which we have heretofore been blind; they don't just talk; they show. That is why the call of God, issued in so many ways, provides what Os Guinness defines as "the Archimedean point by which faith moves the world. That is why calling is the most comprehensive reorientation and the most profound motivation in human experience—the ultimate Why for living in all history."

As Lent approaches and you and I once again prepare to commence a journey toward the cross and the empty tomb, the question for each of us remains whether we will answer the call and so fulfill the purpose for which each of us was created. As Stephen Cherry, the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, suggested to me this summer, there is a question that will be asked of each of us, not "Who do you say that I am?" though that, too, will be asked; rather, "Why did you not become your true self?" As Os Guinness implores us at the end of each chapter of 'The Call, "Listen to Jesus of Nazareth; answer his call."

Fr. John+

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 Tuesdays at **11:00 AM**. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

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 11th at **5:30 PM**.

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**.

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. Also, please help to maintain your fellow parishioners privacy and do not share this information with outside parties.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion classes will begin as originally scheduled 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 submit a registration form to the Parish Office. These 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**.

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

Our next Confirmation class will be on **Sunday, February 11th at 5:30 PM in the Guild Room**. Confirmands please finish reading the Magician's Nephew by the next meeting.

Also, each Confirmand is required to do two service projects. HIHI offers several opportunities in the coming weeks to complete this requirement: February 2nd, February 23rd, March 2nd and March 9th. Please meet at 4:30 PM in the kitchen.

Confirmation is April 21st at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. Please see Fr. Duncan or contact the Parish Office with any questions.

ANNUAL MEETING

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

During our Vestry Elections we will be voting on: one Warden position, three Vestry seats, and one Clerk of the Vestry. **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.**

HIHI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

Volunteers are needed for HiHi on the following dates:

Friday, February 2nd and Friday, March 2nd. Help is needed at 4:30 PM in the kitchen to cook. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM at St. John's.

Friday, February 23rd and March 9th. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen at 4:30 PM to cook. Dinner will be served at the United Methodist Church, 180 West Neck Rd, Huntington at 6:30 PM.

Please see Fr. Duncan to volunteer.
