
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, Richard Walsh, Derick Bennett, Jennifer Cahoy, Joyce Glicker, Caroline S.

Altar Flowers are given this week in loving memory of Neville Madhoo, Oscar Chin and Nina Joyce Chin

Altar Flowers are given this week in loving memory of Arthur H. Seymour and Harold B. Charlton

We give pray and give thanksgiving for all those celebrating a birthday this week: Ouida Cook, Sage Catlan, Jean Giacomini, Robin O'Leary, Lisa Bergman, Mitsu Kee, Harry Kibirige, Michael Busterna, Judy Hoffman, Austin Buri, Coral Molinaro.

We pray for all those affected by the opioid epidemic.

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 **birthday** or **prayer list**, please email cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 147

SUNDAY SERVICE

	February 11th		February 18th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett	Tony Chamorro	Ken Quinn
LEM	Nancy Feustel	Noelle DeLorenzo	Nancy Feustel	Linda Ehrenshaft
Acolytes	Karen Quinn	Pete Minichello Thalia Tosetti James Conolly Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck	Nancy Feustel	Emma Cahill Stephanie Wickey Jennifer Low Jacob Goldbaum Luke Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy
Lector I	Crystal Roberts	Rob Wheeler	Jim Murray	Janice Burnett
Lector II	Tony Marshall	Thalia Tosetti	Ann Wenk	Carleigh Tracy

THE CHALICE**The weekly Sunday Bulletin of St. John's Episcopal Church****February 11, 2018**

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear: that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servants Absalom Jones and Richard Allen, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever (collect for Absalom Jones).

On February 13th, the Episcopal Church celebrates Absalom Jones. St. Augustine's in Brooklyn hosted a service to celebrate our first black minister on Saturday, February 10th Part of the process of racial reconciliation is hearing the stories of our past. Absalom Jones was born a house slave in 1746 in Delaware. He taught himself to read out of the New Testament, among other books. When sixteen, he was sold to a store owner in Philadelphia. There he attended a night school for Blacks, operated by Quakers. At twenty, he married another slave, and purchased her freedom with his earnings. Jones bought his own freedom in 1784 (Holy Women, Holy Men).

In 1786 the membership of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia included both blacks and whites. However, the white members met that year and decided that thereafter black members should sit only in the balcony. Two black Sunday worshippers, Absalom Jones (1746-1818) and Richard Allen (1760-1831), whose enthusiasm for the Methodist Church had brought many blacks into the congregation, learned of the decision only when, on the following Sunday, ushers tapped them on the shoulder during the opening prayers, and demanded that they move to the balcony without waiting for the end of the prayer. They walked out, followed by the other black members. Absalom Jones conferred with William White, Episcopal Bishop of Philadelphia, who agreed to accept the group as an Episcopal parish. Jones would serve as lay reader, and, after a period of study, would be ordained and serve as rector (James Kiefer).

Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery, and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God was the Father, who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his own flock and by the community. St. Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument (Holy Women, Holy Men).

Our focus at St. John's this year is prayer and racial reconciliation. Lent is the time when we ponder the work that God has called us to do. We realize that the distractions of the world have kept us from God's purpose in our lives. If we want to be an authentic expression of Christ's light, we need to pray, study, listen, and make God the center of our world again. For this season of Lent, please consider listening to God. Please observe a Holy Lent and take a few quiet moments to re-examine your commitment to our focus at St. John's and God's purpose for your life.

Here I am, a servant of the Lord, may it be according to your Word,
Rev. Duncan 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 Tuesdays at **11:00 AM**. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

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 **THIS EVENING, Sunday, February 11th at 5:30 PM**.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is always looking for new members. No experience necessary. We are even looking for people to just make tags. Another way to participate is to donate money for yarn and supplies. Please Call Lindsey Kertland for more info at (631) 651-2787. Blessings!

CONFIRMATION

NOTE: There is a **time change**. Confirmation will be on **April 21st at 4:00 PM** at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. Please see Fr. Duncan or contact the Parish Office with any questions.

Our next Confirmation class is **TODAY, Sunday, February 11th at 5:30 PM in the Guild Room**. Confirmands please bring your Bibles and a copy of [The Magician's Nephew](#) with you. **Also, each Confirmand is required to do two service projects.** HIHI offers several opportunities in the coming weeks to complete this requirement: February 23rd, March 2nd and March 9th. Please meet at 4:30 PM in the kitchen.

HIHI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friday, February 23rd and March 9th. Volunteers are needed to help in St. John's 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.

Friday, March 2nd. Youth Service Day. Youth volunteers are needed beginning at 4:30 PM in St. John's kitchen. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM at St. John's.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us for our special **Ash Wednesday** worship services with Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, **February 14th at 7:30 AM, 12 NOON and 7:30 PM**.

LENTEN SERIES

What Does It Mean to Be Made in the Image and Likeness of God? We explore this question in our Lenten Series. Each Tuesday in Lent join us at 5:30 PM for Stations of the Cross, 6:00 PM for Music & Evening Prayer, 6:30 PM for Supper, 7:15 PM for the Program with Q&A, and 8:15 PM for Closing Prayer. Each week we will have a different speaker. Please see our flyer at the back of the Church or our website for details.

Lenten Study 1: Genesis 1: Humans Made in God's Image--Mark 15: Jesus' Cry of Dereliction from the Cross ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")--CAN YOU AND I ENTER INTO TODAY THE JOY OF ONE AND THE AGONY OF THE OTHER? Attend the Lenten Program on Tuesday evening and find out the answer.

LENTEN RETREAT

St. John's Spirituality Group will present a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 17th. We will begin with Breakfast at 9:00 AM, followed by the Program, **"Turning Towards the Son: Conversion of Life As a Path Towards Wholeness,"** led by Rev. Charles "Charlie" McCarron. We will conclude with a **Celtic Service at 12 NOON**.

BREAKFAST—BAGELS—BRAINS: FIVE SUNDAYS IN LENT

Meet Fr. John in the Canterbury Corner between services next Sunday, Feb. 18th to discuss:

It is a time to let go of excuses for failings and shortcomings; a time to stop hanging on to whatever shreds of goodness we perceive in ourselves; a time to ask God to show us what we really look like. Finally, it is a time to face up to the personal role each of us plays in prolonging Christ's agony at Golgotha. As Richard John Neuhaus (paraphrasing John Donne) advises, "Seek not to know by whom the nails were driven; they were driven by you, by me."

—Introduction to *Bread and Wine*

"Calvin and Hobbes provided one of the great cartoons of the 1990s because it captured perfectly the growing no-fault ethos of the decade. The cartoon is mostly a monologue by Calvin, the little boy, to his tiger friend Hobbes. It begins with the two walking along and Calvin musing, 'Nothing I do is my fault.' The next frame shows Hobbes scratching his whiskers as Calvin expostulates, 'My family is dysfunctional and my parents won't empower me! Consequently, I'm not self-actualized!' Then we see Calvin, eyes shut and arms crossed, doing a poor me: 'My behavior is addictive functioning in a disease process of toxic codependency! I need holistic healing and wellness before I'll accept any responsibility for my actions!' Hobbes responds, 'One of us needs to stick his head in a bucket of ice water.' The strip ends with Calvin walking on saying, 'I love the culture of victimhood.'"

—Kent Hughes, *Genesis*

"The chief biblical analogy for baptism is not the water that washes but the flood that drowns. Discipleship is more than turning over a new leaf. It is more fitful and thoughtful than gradual moral formation. Nothing less than daily, often painful, lifelong death will do. So Paul seems to know not whether to call what happened to him on the Damascus Road 'birth' or 'death'—it felt like both at the same time."

—William Willimon, *"Repent" from A Wild and Windy Mountain*
