
BREAKFAST—BAGELS—BRAINS: FIVE SUNDAYS IN LENT

Please see this week's *insert* for the quotes for next week's Breakfast – Bagels – Brains or on our website under Fr. John's picture. Meet Fr. John in the Canterbury Corner between Sunday services in Lent to discuss.

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 Bellissemo, 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, Pepe, Richard Walsh, Derick Bennett, Jennifer Cahoy, Joyce Glicker, Caroline S., Beverly, Alex G, Charlie Sullivan, John Mingo

The Perpetual Light is given this week in loving memory of Bertha & Frank Lasek by Dave and Nelly Lasek.

We pray and give thanksgiving for all those celebrating a birthday this week: Barbara Hinton, Tom Homan, John Giovanniello, Daria Quinones, Elizabeth Spinola, Deborah Rappaport, Joseph Corcoran III.

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: 144

SUNDAY SERVICE

	March 4th		March 11th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett	Ken Quinn	Al Szigethy
LEM	Nancy Feustel	Leslie Valentine	Tony Chamorro	Noelle DeLorenzo
Acolytes	Tony Chamorro	James Conolly Chloe Findlay Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck Jacob Goldbaum Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy	Karen Quinn	Chloe Findlay Anna Wickley Stephanie Wickley Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck James Conolly Jacob Goldbaum
Lector I	Jim Murray	Rob Wheeler	Tony Chamorro	Sue Hartman
Lector II	Crystal Roberts	Thalia Tosetti	Karen Quinn	Chloe Findlay

THE CHALICE

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

March 4, 2018

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer (Psalm 19:14).*

It is a scary thing to listen to the last words of this week's Gospel. Jesus says that he knows what is in our hearts. If we are to be followers of Jesus Christ, we need to focus more of our attention on the divine and less on our individual wants and desires. Lent is the time of year when we take our eyes off the temporal for a few moments and we focus on the eternal. We are asked to spend a little more time in worship, study, and prayer. At St. John's, we offer lots of ways to observe a Holy Lent. There is Morning Prayer, bible study, Tuesday Lenten Suppers, discussions on Sunday mornings, a Celtic service, a Taizé service, and a retreat on March 17th. If you have not come to a Taizé service, please drop by on Sunday March 4th at 5:30 pm. There is something about meditation, singing, and prayer that draw our hearts to God.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus walks into Jerusalem and sees people acting selfishly. When he arrives he is angered by the money changers and the merchants. Some are trying to make a large profit by converting Greek or Roman coinage to Tyrian currency so that it may be donated to the temple. Others are controlling the sale of animals to be used in temple worship. Jesus can't believe what is going on and he seems to totally lose control. He makes a whip and chases away the animals, turns over the tables, and pours out the coins of the money changers. This is the temple of Jerusalem at Passover and Jesus is not keeping a low profile. Jesus has a deep conviction that the people of God have forsaken their relationship with God and reverence for God's house and used the temple for personal gain.

High school students all over the country are protesting the gun violence that has claimed the lives of so many in our nation. They are asking our government to openly discuss the problem and work together to solve the problem of mass shootings in America. This month there will be sit-ins, marches, and protests throughout our nation. Our Youth Group will participate in these events because they are among a large group of young people that say, "Enough is enough." I urge you to listen to our young people and to join the effort to reach a bipartisan solution to the problem of gun violence in our schools.

Please support our children that choose to sit-in on March 14th and those who "March for our Lives" in New York City on March 24th. The St. John's Youth Group will take the train to Manhattan and join with thousands of other youths that will urge our law makers to work together and sign legislation to alleviate the gun violence in our schools. Please pray for our children with all your heart that they should not have to live in fear. Please pray for our state and national governments to work together to address this problem and that they will enact bipartisan legislation to ensure safe schools for all our children.

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.

Join us this Sunday, March 4th at 5:30 PM for our Taizé prayer service.

CONFIRMATION

For Confirmation class this week, we will participate in the Taizé prayer service this Sunday, March 4th at 5:30 PM. Please arrive a little early and meet in the church. Confirmands are encourage to then stay for Youth Group which will meet immediately following the Taizé service.

Also, each Confirmand is required to do two service projects. The final HIHI is on March 9th. Please meet at 4:30 PM in the kitchen. If you are not able to participate in HIHI, Please see Fr. Burns to discuss other options to meet the service project requirement.

HIHI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friday, 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.

EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Next Sunday, March 11th, we will be participating in the Episcopal Ministries Annual Appeal. Money raised supports Camp DeWolfe, scholarships and \$100,000 in parish missions grants. St. John's received one of these grants for our Thrift Shop renovation last year. On March 11th, please give generously using the envelope which you will find on the back of the pews or at the back of the church.

Please make checks payable to "Episcopal Ministries of LI."

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES

Youth and adults are invited to join us as we "March for Our Lives" on Saturday, March 24th in New York City. We will be marching in solidarity with those all over the country who want to see an end to gun violence in our schools. Please see Ford Spilsbury or Fr. Burns to participate.

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 Meditation & 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.

Join us on Tuesday, March 6th for the Lenten Program with Rev. Duncan Burns, Rector of St. John's, Huntington: *"I Give You a New Commandment: Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself."*

EASTER FLOWERS

Please sign up for Easter Flower Memorials. Forms are located on the table in the back of the church or on the Parish website. You may place them in the collection plate or mail them to the Parish Office. All forms are **due by Monday, March 19th**.

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!

WINE TASTING

There will be a "Wine Tasting" hosted by the ECW on Saturday March 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Come and taste an assortment of delicious wines! Pick your favorite and have a glass. Appetizers will be served as well. Come join the fun! \$10 per person.

Please contact Fran Gorman, gormport@aol.com, for more information.

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.

ECW MEETING

The next ECW Meeting will be on Sunday, March 18th at 11:30 AM in the Guild Room.

TODAY'S HYMNS

ProceSSIONAL Hymn 436	Lift up your heads	<i>Truro</i>
Sequence Hymn 637	How firm a foundation	<i>Lyons</i>
Communion Hymn LEVAS 154	Taste and See	<i>James E. Moore, Jr.</i>
Recessional Hymn LEVAS 72	Just a Closer Walk with Thee	<i>American Folk Song</i>
