
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, 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: Michael Riddle, Addison Bunt, Katherine Spinola, Wally McCarthy, Kenenna Onyebeke

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: 176

SUNDAY SERVICE

	March 11th		March 18th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Ken Quinn	Al Szigethy	Tony Chamorro	Earl Matchett
LEM	Tony Chamorro	Noelle DeLorenzo	Robert Boise	Linda Ehrenshaft
Acolytes	Karen Quinn	Chloe Findlay Anna Wickey Stephanie Wickey Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck James Conolly Jacob Goldbaum	Nancy Feustel	Wade Holden Pete Minichello Jennifer Low Jacob Goldbaum Luke Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy
Lector I	Tony Chamorro	Rob Wheeler	Ann Wenk	Janice Burnett
Lector II	Karen Quinn	Chloe Findlay	Crystal Roberts	Carleigh Tracy

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

The Cross is the judgment seat of Christ, the holy of holies for Christians. In every Eucharist the faithful approaches and comes face to face with the crucified Christ. Here death is not the end but the threshold into eternal life. The gifts of bread and wine, the produce of the earth and of human labor and toil, are united with and transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, our souls and bodies are united with Christ. This is our participation in the eternal life of Christ here and now (The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin, A Lenten Journey).

This week at St. John's our First Communion Class and our Confirmation class will be making bread for Eucharist on April 8th (First Communion Sunday) and April 22nd (the Sunday after they are confirmed). In a bowl we will mix wheat flour, white flour, hot water, salt, oil, baking powder, molasses, and honey. The bowl will be filled with a gooey mess. The children and youth will roll out the dough and bake it in the oven. The result will be beautiful loaves of delicious bread. They will be brought up to the altar and the priest will say: "On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me" (BCP 361).

Lent is a time of preparation, when we teach our children and youth to draw closer to the one we love. It is by our example of worship, study, prayer, and outreach that they will see that Jesus Christ came that we might have life and live it abundantly. Jesus Christ came that we might be transformed from a sinful, gooey mess to the beautiful children of God that we were created to be. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Eternal life begins today and never ends. Please use these next few weeks of Lent to draw closer to the one who loves you deeply. The most significant preacher in a congregation is not the person in the fancy vestments in the pulpit, but the people in the congregation going out into the world. Apostles have been transformed by the bread of our Lord, to do the will of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The fact of the matter is that priests come and go, but the power of the Holy Spirit to transform the lives at St. John's goes on from generation to generation. God loves us so deeply that Christ, God's Son, suffered on a cross that we might be forgiven of our sins.

We have the power to transform the nightmare that the world can be into the blessing of the Kingdom of God. We are transformed through the bread of life and we become the transforming power in the world. Please have hope that God can fix this mess of opioid addiction, shootings in our schools, racism, and sexism. Somehow God will stir it all up, place it in the eternal oven and transform them into beautiful children of God. So if you have been hurting, frustrated, sick, or a little down, have faith that you can come to the altar at St. John's and receive the bread of life that has the power to transform us all from the gooey mess that we can become.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School students will be performing the Passion at the 10:00 am Palm Sunday service. Passion rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CHOIR

St. John's Youth Choir will sing "Morning Has Broken" at the 9:00 am service on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will be at 9:40 am on Sunday, March 11th and Sunday, March 18th by the piano in the Church. There will also be a run through at the Passion rehearsal on Saturday, March 24th.

HIHI

Thank you to all who volunteered for HIHI this winter. To all those who cooked and served including our Youth Group and Confirmands, you showed St. John's love and hospitality to those who need it especially at this time of year.

EPISCOPAL MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Today, March 11th, we are 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" at Hecksher Park in Huntington on Saturday, March 24th at 11:00 am. We will be marching in solidarity with those all over the country who want to see an end to gun violence in our schools. We will meet in the park in front of the Hecksher Museum of Art.

ECW

The next ECW Meeting will be on Sunday, March 18th at 11:30 AM in the Guild Room.
Save these dates: ECW Zingo Night – Friday, May 4th at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall.
Harvest Fair – Saturday, October 27th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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.**

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 13th for the Lenten Program with Bishop Johncy Itty, Bishop in Residence at St. Peter's, Bayshore: *"Who Is Our Neighbor: A Bible Study of The Good Samaritan."*

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.

LENTEN RETREAT & CELTIC SERVICE

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.

SJSG Save the Date: *Mothers of the Bible, a music-drama by Debra Valentin* – April 8th at 11:30 am in the Guild Room.

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 prayer services is on Sunday, April 8th at 5:30 PM.

TODAY'S HYMNS

Processional Hymn PB 55	Those Who See the Light	<i>Nancy Elze</i>
Sequence Hymn PB 32	Glorify Thy Name	<i>Donna Adkins</i>
Offertory Anthem	God Is with Us	<i>George Moss</i>
Communion Anthem	None But Jesus	<i>Booke Ligertwood</i>
Recessional Hymn PB 23	I Am the Bread of Life	<i>American Folk Song</i>