
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, Ellen

We pray for the recently departed: Ruth Wood and Dorothy Wayne

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: Steven Gunn, Ida Sutherland, Sue Hartman, Anthony Jones, Alexander Aitken, Marielle Murn, Tracy Colby

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.

We will start the prayer list anew beginning in Easter. Please resubmit any names you would like prayers to continue for to the Parish Office. To add someone to the birthday or prayer list, please email cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org.

Last Sunday's Attendance: 142

SUNDAY SERVICE

	March 18th		March 25th	
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
MC	Tony Chamorro	Earl Matchett	Ken Quinn	Al Szigethy
LEM	Robert Boise	Linda Ehrenshaft	Nancy Feustel	Denise Hernandez
Acolytes	Nancy Feustel	Wade Holden Pete Minichello Jennifer Low Jacob Goldbaum Luke Cahill Colby Tracy Carleigh Tracy	Karen Quinn	Pete Minichello Anna Wickey Wade Holden Stephanie Wickey Reiko Masticiano Akiko Masticiano Timmy Kusterbeck
Lector I	Robert Boise	Janice Burnett	Tony Chamorro	Leslie Valentine
Lector II	Jim Murray	Carleigh Tracy	Crystal Roberts	Anna Wickey

THE CHALICE

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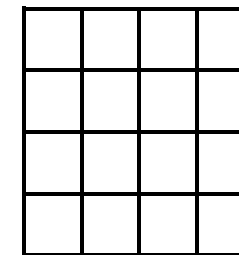
March 18, 2018

“Seeing is not believing; it is simply seeing” — George Macdonald

This afternoon I am taking a short ride to Immaculate Conception Seminary in order to listen to a lecture on one of my favorite authors, Flannery O'Connor, the southern Roman Catholic writer of the mid-20th century. In preparation, I read one of my favorite O'Connor short stories, “*Good Country People*,” a piece about a young woman, Hulga Hopewell, with a wooden leg and a PhD in philosophy, a young woman who believes that superior minds like hers can get across ideas to inferior minds like those of her mother and a traveling Bible salesman who eventually steals her wooden leg. At one point early in the story, the arrogant, intellectual shouts at her more simple mother that she, unlike Hulga, can't see beneath the surface of anything: “Woman! Do you ever look inside? Do you ever look inside and see what you are?” However, at the end, it is Hulga who cannot see, whose pretense and self-assurance is punctured. A key to the story can be found in what and how we see, an image inherent in this morning's gospel.

When I was attempting unsuccessfully to teach myself New Testament Greek, one of the early exercises was to conjugate the verb '*blepo*,' to see. Basic grammar—not very difficult—until I discovered how many different tenses there are in Greek as well as how many other words are relatively synonymous. '*Blepo*' meant to see with the eye; '*horao*,' a synonym, suggested seeing in a deeper sense, seeing from within, seeing with nuanced meaning and multifaceted dimensions. It would be like the Princess Jasmine seeing only from the ground the objective surroundings of her kingdom, while Aladdin opens for her a “whole new world” from the vantage point of a soaring magic carpet, a world that is truly there and filled with wonder, awe, majesty rather than a mere geological or architectural arrangement of matter.

When I have taught the Confirmation Class, I have begun frequently with a puzzle that tests their vision. I draw the adjacent diagram and ask them to count how many squares there are. Of course, no one gets the right answer. Try it yourself. The point is that their vision is limited; it needs to be expanded; they must break the prison of the literal and begin to behold all the implications behind what is factual. In one sense, imaginations need to be baptized. Fr. Duncan illustrated this principle in his use of a mirror and the accompanying metaphor of an “angled mirror” during his Lenten presentation when he asked us to consider what God looked like.



Now imagine the request made by the Greeks in today's Gospel. Then turn that request into the singular with yourself as subject: “I want to see Jesus?” What sort of Jesus do you want to see? How broad or narrow is your vision? How might your answer determine the way in which you approach Holy Week and all that follows?

By the way, there are 30 squares in the diagram.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School students will be performing the **Passion at the 10:00 am Palm Sunday service on March 25th**. 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**. The next rehearsal will be at 9:40 am on Sunday, March 18th by the piano in the Church. There will also be a run through at the Passion rehearsal on Saturday, March 24th.

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.

LENTEN SERIES

What Does It Mean to Be Made in the Image and Likeness of God? We explore this question in our Lenten Series. 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.

Join us on **Tuesday, March 20th** for the Lenten Program with **Fr. John Morrison, Assistant Priest** at St. John's, Huntington: *"Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive Others: Paths of Healing Relationships."*

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
ECW Annual Dinner – Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 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**.

SJSG PRESENTS MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

St. John's Spirituality Group presents *Mothers of the Bible*, a music-drama by Debra Valentin on Sunday, April 8th at 11:30 am in the Guild Room.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

8:00 am – Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 am – Rite II Choral Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm – Christian Seder Dinner

7:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Choral Eucharist with Foot Washing

9:00 pm – Prayer Vigil Begins

Good Friday

9:00 am – Prayer Vigil Ends with Morning Prayer

12 noon to 3:00 pm – Good Friday Service

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm – Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday

7:30 am – Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:00 am – Rite II Choral Eucharist

10:15 am – Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am – Rite II Choral Eucharist

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 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone

Sequence Hymn 691

My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

Communion Hymn LEVAS 154

Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

Recessional Hymn 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer
