
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, Patti

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: Joseph Tonjes, Jonathan Feustel, James Conolly, John Furlong, Fran Gorman, William Jenne, Benjamin White, Kayla Andrews, Malcolm Beuka, Ashlee Cox

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.](mailto:cfreas@stjohnshuntington.org)

Last Sunday's Attendance: 175

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**Easter Sunday, April 1st**

	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 am
MC	Ken Quinn	Al Szigethy	Earl Matchett
LEM	Bob Boise	Leslie Valentine	Linda Ehrenshaft
Acolytes	Karen Quinn	Luke Cahill Chloe Findlay Stephanie Wickey Timmy Kusterbeck Walter Kusterbeck Carleigh Tracy	Tony Chamorro James Conolly
Lector I	Jim Murray	Janice Burnett	Denise Hernandez
Lector II	Tony Marshall	Thalia Tosetti	Rob Wheeler

THE CHALICE**The weekly Sunday Bulletin of St. John's Episcopal Church****March 25, 2018**

Some twenty-five years ago, I spoke with my spiritual director about Palm Sunday and Holy Week. We chatted about an era of post-modernism, of me and -ism, of do-your-own-thing -ism, but as usual his counsel came down to questions that only I could answer. Did I really mean to praise the King who enters Jerusalem? Do I truly bring to him prayers that I want him to accept? What was significant about me hearing the Passion narrative read again?

I've been answering those questions for a long time and the answers are always part of an ongoing discovery. That means that each cycle of the Christian year is always new as I become aware that all the acts that I perform are charged with meaning. I believe that hymns, palms, and a donkey, a procession, a trial, and a cross elicit from me something always radically new, challenging, refreshing as I live out the events of Holy Week. Yet it is also a journey that draws something new from me each year. The pilgrimage toward the cross is a kind of announcement: "Look, John, behold that divinity is before your eyes. All you need to do is look."

Two thousand years ago, Jesus approached Jerusalem to shouts of acclamation, but not just then. He approaches this morning and deep within me reside questions. Will I reject him? Will I sleep instead of pray? Will I betray him? Will it be just pom-pom Sunday for me? Jesus approached me first in childhood, but is he now no more than a fading memory, even a memory to be ignored or rejected? Trust me; I am a believer, but times exist when I am frail, weaker than you can imagine. As Holy Week commences, I will move toward the foot washing and the Last Supper, toward the stripping of the altar and into the Garden of Gethsemane; I will try to watch one hour, to engage the agony of betrayal and arrest, flogging and trial; I will remember my tears at the foot of the cross when I was in Jerusalem. And when we sing "Were You There when They Crucified My Lord," I will confess, "Yes" and I helped drive the nails--in my sins, in my indifference. And yet, Lord, you "stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross" for me.

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent Passion cannot be reduced to mere scholarly analysis. The evangelists do not write for a consumer public that desires a safe Jesus with blow waves in his hair. They write so that those events that I may seek to relegate to a long dead past are palpably present. The horror is that unless I take myself by the scruff of the neck and enter the events I will permit them to tumble past, never grasp any of it as real, prefer cream-filled eggs, chocolate bunnies, and jelly beans to a real journey toward first the cross and then the empty tomb. Mark wrote so as to say to me, "Listen John, you dummy, something is here worth beholding, worth hearing, worth even dying for, something true and awesome that will change your life." Let me close with these words from a sermon preached by N. T. Wright at the funeral of a close friend: "Who knows what might happen if one of you—ten of you—fifty of you—were to go through Holy Week praying humbly for the powerful fresh wind of God to blow into that combination of cultural pressure and personal aspiration, so that you might share in the sufferings of the Messiah and come through into the new life he longs to give you? Who knows what God's power and God's glory will look like when they steal upon tomorrow's world from an unexpected angle? If the Son of God is now King of the world, what will that kingdom look like in this next generation?"

"Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord." Blessed is he who answers 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! Please note that the week after Easter Sunday, April 2nd to 6th, there will be no scheduled morning prayer.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for **Bible Study on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM**. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans. There will be no Bible Study on March 27th or April 3rd.

ALTAR GUILD

All are invited to help with **Easter flower set up on Saturday, March 31st**. We will meet in the church at 10:00 am. Please contact Nancy Feustel (n.feustel@verizon.net) with any questions.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, April 8th at the 10:00 am service. A special thanks to our Sue McInnes for preparing our children for this special day. Please invite your family and friends to celebrate with us. All are welcome!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be on **Saturday, April 21st, at 4:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, New York**. Please meet Fr. Duncan in the Cathedral at 3:30 pm. Space is limited, so please be sure to arrive early to secure parking and a good seat.

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**.

ECW

The ECW would like you to 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

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.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

8:00 am – Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 am – Rite II Choral Eucharist

Monday, March 26th

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

Tuesday, March 27th

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday, March 28th

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

Maundy Thursday

9:00 am – Morning Prayer

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICE

	Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm	Good Friday 12:00 pm	Good Friday 7:30 pm
MC	Ken Quinn	Ken Quinn	Earl Matchett
LEM	Nancy Feustel		Noelle DeLorenzo
Acolytes	Pete Minichello Tony Chamorro		Pete Minichello Tony Chamorro
Lector I	Crystal Roberts		MK Brennan
Lector II	Leslie Valentine		Rob Wheeler
