



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2026
Kathy Bullard
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Molly Sherman

2027
Linda Mason
Ed Preneta
David Tompkins

2028
David Hrdlicka
Carol Kirkwood
Michael Slusarz

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

Prelude (*please listen in silence, preparing for worship*)

◆Hymn *Blessed be the God of Israel* Hymnal 444

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* BCP pg. 356

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Genesis 22:1–14

Psalm 13 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading Romans 6:12–23

◆HYMN *Creator of the stars of night* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 60

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:40–42

◆HYMN *Creator of the stars of night* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 60

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, You show us the way, in Jesus Christ, to an obedience that leads our lives to serve You above all other competing interests. Grant us purpose and courage as we reorder our lives in such a way as to place Jesus at the center. We pray, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church that She may guide, strengthen, and equip Your people to place our trust in You and our lives in Your hands. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for leadership that obeys Your call on their lives, rather than their own interests, greed, or a need for power and control. We pray for the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, South Sudan, and everywhere people in power place their lives and needs in jeopardy. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For police officers, fire and rescue personnel, members of our military, doctors, nurses, counselors, teachers, and all who place others ahead of themselves in their lives and work may be strengthened in the knowledge of Your grace and love. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Austin Bohlman, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Kevin and his daughter Zara, Joyce Jensen, Wylder, Pauline, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Bob C., Emilia, John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially Henry Skonieczny, buried from this church yesterday, and for all who mourn, including any we now name, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Holy, righteous, and loving God we give You thanks for hearing our prayer. We pray You will come to our aid as we sometimes struggle with problems and challenges too heavy to bear. Speak to us, Lord, and give us the spirits, hearts, ears, and minds to hear You. We ask, in the strong name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus* BCP pg. 362

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: WLP 776, 318, 655

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

Announcements

◆HYMN *Where cross the crowded ways of life* (vv. 1, 3-5) Hymnal 609

The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Postlude (*please remain seated to enjoy the Postlude or depart in silence*)

◆ You are invited to stand, as able. * You are invited to kneel, as able.

BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer*, found in the pew book rack.

WLP refers to *Wonder, Love, & Praise*, found in the pew book rack.

Serving this week

Crucifer	Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild	Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	Armen Michalak Slusarz
Lectors	Michael Slusarz
Ushers	Dave & Verona Schlosky
Welcomer	Marge Litteral
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	The Roberts family
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery	Joyce Bettencourt
Vestry Keyholder	Linda Mason

Today's altar flowers are given To the Glory of God and
in memory of Garrett & May Nevius.

~ Jonathan Jensen



Music for the 9:30 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

Our thanks to Rachel Abrams for sharing her music with us this morning.

Wednesday mid-day service: you are invited to join us for in-person Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in the Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, you are invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – brown bag or something to warm up) and time for conversation in the parish hall.

Sunday Bible Study: we are in a Bible study of the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon, using a study guide from the Ignatius Bible Study series (available in the parish office for \$10). The three books are connected as part of the “wisdom literature” of the Old Testament. Bible study begins **Sundays at 11:45 am** via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.



Summer Worship Schedule: We hold a single Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. This service is open to in-person attendance and available online as well. Nursery childcare will be available for the service during the summer. Morning Prayer will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Mondays at 9:30 am during the summer and the Wednesday 11:30 am Holy Eucharist service will continue throughout the summer except during Fr. George's vacation – watch for updates.

Lemonade on the Lawn is back! Thank you to those who have signed up to offer hospitality after the one service (9:30 am) on Sunday morning! We have lemonade (and iced tea) mix on hand in the kitchen, so it is just a matter for the volunteer to arrive early enough to make lemonade (and iced tea, if you wish) and put it in the fridge to cool during the service, then the simple set up of a card table on the patio, weather permitting. Coffee will be available indoors, for those who need their “jolt.” You would bring some cookies to share (store-bought is fine) or something else simple. Not a lot of heavy lifting, but nice to have time for fellowship after service. We still have many available Sundays, so please sign up on the Coffee Hour/Lemonade poster located on the parish hall ramp bulletin board.



The lectionary readings for Sunday, July 5th are:

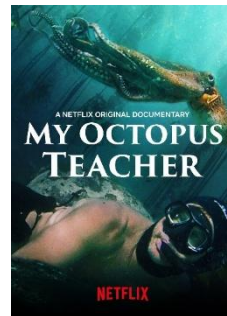
Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67; Psalm 45; Romans 7:15–25a;
Matthew 1:16–19, 25–30.



Farmington Food Pantry month! The need continues to be enormous at food pantries across the country. St James Parish continues to support The Farmington Food Pantry which serves those with food insecurity right here in our own community. In January and June of each year, St James takes the responsibility to “step up” our collection of nonperishable food items for the pantry. Summer brings increased use, as children are out of school, and need all their meals at home. The grey collection bin marked “Farmington Food Pantry” is in the church narthex. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Simply make out your check to *St James Parish* and include “Food Pantry” on the note line. Thank you so much for your continuing generous support of the Farmington Food Pantry!!

We welcome Pam Sheehy as our Parish Administrator. She begins tomorrow, June 29th, spending her first week with our retiring Sue Deming. The parish office remains open Monday–Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm.

Movie night: On Friday, July 10th at 6:30 pm please join us for our first movie night in a while with a stunning documentary called *My Octopus Teacher*. No, not the greatest name for a film, which was my first response to the title. too. But a friend recommended it to me and so I watched it on recent flight (alluded to in a recent *Feed My Sheep* article). I was blown away by the sheer beauty of the film, set off the coast of the Western Cape in South Africa. The film chronicles a documentary filmmaker (Craig Foster) who is struggling in all of his human relationships – including with his wife and adolescent son – and has even lost his zest for filmmaking. He begins to free-dive off the coast where he has a family home and encounters an octopus, animals who are notoriously shy. Over the course of week and months, the two creatures – human and invertebrate – begin to form a bond that begins, amazingly, to transform Craig's life. The film taps into this sense of grace that I hope we can focus on in the coming year. The film is not a religious one, but there are currents of grace flowing freely and powerfully all through it. The film is a spare 1 hour, 25 minutes. Join us for the movie at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Bring dinner for yourself if you'd like and we will have drinks, popcorn, and dessert available. The film is appropriate for all ages; please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor.





The binding of Isaac by Caravaggio

MISSION STATEMENT

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.
We reach out to those in need as a caring community &
live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

COMMUNION IN THIS CHURCH

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table in the Episcopal Church. If you are visiting, and have received Communion in your own parish, then please share in the sacrament with our parish. Gluten-free hosts are available. If you are not baptized, you are welcome to ask for a blessing.

GUESTS

A cordial welcome to St. James Parish. Please fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the collection box or hand it to an usher. We invite you to sign our guest book as you leave the church. Scan this QR code to access our website for more information about St. James Parish.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER & MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Summer Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 am.

