



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2026

Kathy Bullard
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2027

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2028

David Hrdlicka
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Michael Slusarz

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

- ◆Hymn *Lo! What a cloud of witnesses (v. 1-3 ,5)* Hymnal 545
- ◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355
- ◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355
- ◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 280
- ◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert
- First Reading Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
- Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 (*responsively, the People in **bold***) see insert
- Second Reading Philippians 3:4b–14,
- ◆HYMN Sequence *Christ is made the sure foundation (v.1-2)* Hymnal 518
- ◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23–32
- ◆HYMN Sequence *Christ is made the sure foundation (v3–4)* Hymnal 518
- The Sermon Mr. Stephan Hard, MDiv
- The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358
- ◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, by drawing us into discipleship and a desire to follow Jesus, we hope know Christ and the power of His resurrection. Help us, like Paul, to find a willingness to give up the ways of the world that we might make more room from the Spirit of our Lord Christ. We pray, responding: Help us to know Jesus!

For the Church that She may be an instrument of learning, growth in discipleship, and wisdom, that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus may be our truest strength! We pray, **Help us to know Jesus!**

For leaders in the world, who vie and grasp for more power and influence, using violence and deceit to achieve their aims, that they may know Christ and, by their own humility, make Him known. We pray, **Help us to know Jesus!**

For all who have fallen into the darkness of addiction, mental illness, violence, the lure of false hope and broken promises tied to this world, that they may know the healing love and sacrificial life of Christ. We pray, **Help us to know Jesus!**

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For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Peter M., Abe, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, John M., Brian, Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Heather, Laurent, Tom and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here...]. We pray, **Help us to know Jesus!**

For all who have died, for all who mourn, especially any we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here...]. We pray, **Help us to know Jesus!**

Celebrant: Almighty, powerful, and living God, we thank you for bringing us to a new day with new opportunities to pray and worship You. Grant us the wisdom, patience, community, and will to follow and know more entirely the resurrected and saving love of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray: **Amen.**

Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thmpson

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer C

BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S125

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns 360, 422, 458

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

◆Prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Announcements

A Birthday Prayer

Watch over us, O Lord, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

◆HYMN *Ev'ry time I feel the Spirt* WLP 751

The Dismissal BCP pg. 365

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
Acolytes		Anna LaPointe & Sefakor Tompkins
Altar Guild	8:00 a.m.	Janet Lapierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Joyce Bettencourt
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Carol Kirkwood
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet Lapierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Dona Waugh
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet Lapierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Tracey Roberts & Evan LaPointe
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Dianne Antos
Coffee Hour Host		Friends of Stephen Hard
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Jim & Jane Vallee
Vestry Keyholder		Dave Hrdlicka

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of my sister, Denise
~ by Michele Briganti



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 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.

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.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, October 11th are
Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14.

! In need of some help! *Coffee Hour* needs volunteers! Folks, thank you in advance, as we need more folks to sign up to host coffee hour. If you have never hosted before, there is help, guidance in making coffee, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board on the breezeway by the parish hall or contact Janice Lee, Coffee Hour Coordinator, janice51d@comcast.net Please consider helping.



Church School. We are currently working through new plans for our upcoming Church School year. A major part of those plans is to hire a new church leader/teacher for our children as we give the dedicated, hardworking folks who have led/taught church school for many years space to step away a bit. As we search, Church School will be downsized a bit for now. We will offer a church school session on the first Sunday of each month only, coinciding with the First Sunday breakfast, beginning at 10 am, as usual.

Church School this year will be for 1st grade through 5th. The schedule is tentative and if we hire someone before year's end, we will resume weekly church school offerings. Please be patient with us as we work through this time and Fr. George is always open to your suggestions.



Youth Group. For our first gathering together, October 18th at 3:00pm our 6th grade and up folks are invited to join us for a round of miniature golf at Riverfront Miniature Golf and Ice Cream, 218 River Rd., Unionville, just across the River, and then ice cream, a treat from St. James Parish. Please contact Fr. George at rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net if you plan to come and it is okay to bring a friend.



The Safety Committee will be having a meeting on Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm. This committee was formed to address safety concerns that include emergency medical issues (such as first aid, CPR, and AED use), emergency response issues (fire evacuation, sheltering in place), childcare safety, and responses to external threats. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this committee is encouraged to attend. If you have questions or concerns, call Kathy Bullard 860-673-6444.

Women's Ministry

October 22, 2026, 7pm, Book Club with Tracey this month's book is, "The Secret Book of Flora Lea," by Patti Callahan Henry. This historical fiction explores a woman's finding out more about her past and who she is through discovered clues. To hear a podcast about the book go to : <https://janehealey.com/podcast-episode/the-secret-book-of-flora-lea-by-patti-callahan-henry/>

October 31, 2026, 9am, Prayer Pot Luck Breakfast with Mimi This Fall we will have our very own Mimi Hostetter, Biblical Scholar, as our guest speaker. Mimi has been a long-time member of St James and has taught Ancient World history, which included the place of women in that world, to both high school and college students over the years. Bring a breakfast food and come enjoy a wonderful breakfast with your Christian sisters.

November 13-14, 2026, Camp Washington Women's Retreat Mark it on your calendar! Plan to come for a renewal of your spirit and fun with your women friends. Stay tuned for more information and please reach out to Kathy Bullard with questions. **We are** hoping for a large turnout.

December, 2026, Theater Opportunity Thank you to Dianne Antos for suggesting a group activity for Playhouse on Park in West Hartford, CT to go see All is Calm, the Christmas Truce of 1914. Ticket prices are \$38.50 - 58.50. The show runs from Dec 2 - Dec 27. A date has not yet been chosen - STAY TUNED! The plot: The Western Front, Christmas, 1914. Out of the violence arose a silence, then a song. Amid the combat, a German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. A remarkable true story told in the words and songs of the men who lived it.



Movie Night! Join us on Saturday, October 10, at 6 pm, for a documentary called *The Story of Everything*. "The Story of Everything is a cinematic exploration of the cosmos that reveals the hidden hand behind our universe. From the precise laws that govern the stars to the

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intricate patterns found in every living cell, the film traces evidence of intentional design throughout nature. Whether examining distant star-forming clouds or the spiral structure of DNA, we discover a consistent signature woven into the fabric of existence” (from the film’s website).

Please join us, bring your dinner (grinder, salad, whatever) and we will add drinks, dessert, and popcorn. The film is 97 minutes, leaving us some time for conversation after it is over.



Newcomer’s Potluck Dinner, Sunday October 18, 2026

See the insert in the bulletin for more info. community. We hope this gathering will give us an opportunity to extend a warm and personal welcome to our newcomers, introduce them to our parish and get to know them better.

Please save the date so you can join us and help make our newcomers feel truly at home! There is a signup on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Bullard on 860-673-6444

CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed October 19 2026 7-9pm

The American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR Course and The American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed Course.



- Learn hands only CPR and relief of choking in adults,
- CPR and relief of choking in infants
- How to operate our defibrillator..
- Learn how to recognize a serious bleed and learn how to stop it, practicing on a simulated limb.

Practice on adult and infant manikins so you feel confident

Sponsored at no charge by the Town of Farmington Fire Department, you will receive a manual and key chain barrier device and be guided by parishioners and certified instructors, Bob and Bonnie Sudell. Sign up in the hallway to the parish hall.



All Hallow’s Eve (Halloween), Saturday, October 31. At 5pm, on Halloween, by the Memorial Garden (weather permitting, or inside), we will have a short service for All Hallow’s, and some refreshments available afterward along with our table outside, by the street, for Trick or Treaters! Cool apple cider will be available, too. If you have kids and

cannot come by for the 5pm fun, please come by for candy and goodies! dtompk2000@aol.com, or check in with me before or after service.

Thanksgiving at St. James Parish. Thursday, November 26

Holy Eucharist of Thanksgiving will take place in our sanctuary. at 10 am on Thanksgiving morning. All are welcome! Eucharist means “thanksgiving” and, before the turkey is carved, family and friends arrive, or football begins, join us in thanks for God’s great sacrifice, goodness, and love.



Social time and Thanksgiving dinner: The Roberts' family and St. James invites folks to join us for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, at 4pm for social time. Dinner will be around 4:30-5pm. A sign-up sheet will go up in the parish hall in early November for anyone who plans to come. The Roberts family will provide the turkey, (sign up is essential!), and will ask everyone who comes to bring some Thanksgiving fare to share. If you know a friend or neighbor who is alone, please bring them along – and anyone who might enjoy coming and anyone who simply wants to share in the fun is warmly welcome.

Rides will be available for those who don't drive. More details to come!

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 narthex 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 AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

