



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2025
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2026
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Molly Sherman

2027
Linda Mason
Ed Preneta
David Tompkins

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* Hymnal 423

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 278

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

First Reading Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:6–19

◆HYMN *Tell out, my soul* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 438

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 16:19–31

◆HYMN *Tell out, my soul* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 438

The Sermon Lee Febos, M. Div.

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, in Jesus Christ, You called us to “fight the good fight” of faith! Give us strength to be warriors of peace, soldiers of love, courageous disciples who are equipped by the Church to share the hope of Christ’s salvation and mercy. We pray, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church that She may equip servants to carry the Cross of Jesus into the world - His message of saving grace - an immeasurable love that transforms darkness into light. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our President and Congress, our state legislatures and town councils; for leaders around the world to move away from aggressive language and violent posturing and walk, instead, toward the light of Jesus that calls us into peace and hope. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with hopelessness, bitterness, hunger, deprivation, poverty, or a confused understanding that they are not worthy of love, we pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Lorrie Zippadelli, Matt G., Tiffany O., Howard K., Liz & Paul Dorian, John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Dominic, Joe, Karen, Jane B., Cheryl B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Mark, Gary, Laurent, Tom, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here for prayers from the congregation*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, for all who mourn, and for anyone we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here for prayers from the congregation*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, You warned us about relying too much on wealth, power, human wisdom, or physical strength. Grant us a clearer sense of the power You have given us through Your life, teaching, sacrifice, and Your overcoming of death. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Ain't Got Time to Die* Hall Johnson

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 709, 545, 375

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Announcements

◆HYMN *O, what their joy and their glory must be* (vv. 1, 3–5) Hymnal 623

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.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild		Barbara Hess & Donna Wilkie
Chalicists	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Chandler Howard
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Grier Torrence
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Coffee Hour Host		Gabriela Henry & Anna Whilby
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Andrea Harris

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory
of my sister Denise

~ Michele Briganti



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

Being Intentional

We are asking for folks to make the call to worship, the ringing of the *angelus* five minutes before worship, our signal to settle down, become quiet, and allow the people around you to prepare themselves for worship. The musical prelude begins around that time, if not a few minutes later. At the service's conclusion, Blake plays a wonderful postlude which he takes time to prepare. We are asking that folks please take their conversations outside or – even better – down to coffee hour and allow the people who want to listen to the organ to do so without conversations going on around them. We never want to discourage our friendly chatter and greeting each other, the warm building of community and relationship, that happens when we see each other on Sundays. All that is being asked, really, is that we allow for some additional space for quiet, while still leaving room for talking and visiting.

St. James Lenten Devotional planned: Plans are in the works for preparing our own Lent 2026 devotional book. Who, what, when, etc.? Curious about this? Ask Dianne Antos how to get involved. **THIS MORNING**, anyone interested in a Lenten writing/reflection project is invited to join us as **we hold a conversation in the parish hall between the services at 9 am and after the 10:15 am service, as well.**

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.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our weekly Bible study via Zoom. We've begun a new Bible study on the first and second letters of Paul to Timothy. The second letter is often seen as Paul's final testament and encouragement to his young disciple as Paul awaits execution in Rome. The study guides are available for pick-up in the parish office at \$10 per copy. Zoom gathering info: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!



St. James parishioners and Farmington residents are invited to enjoy a sweet afternoon of connection and community at a free *Community Scoops and Smiles Ice Cream Social* THIS SATURDAY, October 4th, 1–3 p.m. at New Horizons Village, 37 Bliss Memorial Drive, Unionville. Held

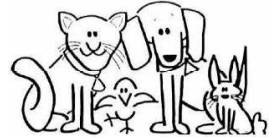
on the indoor pickle ball courts at New Horizons Village, this inclusive event offers neighbors of all ages the opportunity to enjoy a cup of ice cream, explore one of the Farmington Valley's premier indoor sports facilities, and connect with others in a welcoming setting. This event is hosted by the partners of the Farmington Social Connections Project, a community impact initiative facilitated by *For All Ages*, the CT nonprofit empowering people to foster real connections that improve health and life outcomes. Highlights of the event include:

- Free ice cream for all attendees
- A demonstration of adapted pickle ball skill-building, showcasing inclusive recreation
- A brief video and quiet space for conversation about community and inclusion
- A visit from Officer Tony Ruggiero and Nash, the Farmington Police Department's therapy dog



First Sunday Breakfast returns! On Sunday, October 5th (after the 8 am service). All are invited to breakfast for pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, lots of coffee (with juice and tea available) and much good conversation. So, join us, bring your family and neighbors, and share in the great food from our Men's Group, and a new season of life for our parish!

Blessing of the Animals! On Sunday, October 5th, at 3 pm, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast day is on the 4th), we will offer a brief liturgy which will include a little lively singing and then a blessing of our animals, our furry (or scaly or feathery) family friends. Weather permitting, we will gather on our brand new patio of the Memorial Garden or in the parish hall in the event of rain. Feel free to tell your friends; all are welcome.



Keys, Keys, Keys! Our new doors are being installed! When the installation is complete, new keys will be issued. So, **if you have a key (or 2 or 3) to a door into or within the church facility, please contact the parish office** to “register” your need for a new key going forward. All keyholders will be asked to sign for their new keys.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, October 5th are:

Lamentations 1:1–6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10.

Women's Ministry

I Am a Vessel of God's Power: Friday, October 17th to Saturday, October 18th at Camp Washington in Lakeside, CT. We are very excited about the Women's Retreat being planned for this fall for the women of St. James Parish! We are so blessed to have as our retreat leader The Rev. Canon Susanna Cates Mother Susanna received her Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in 2013 and has served as an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas, the Diocese of Newark, and now in the Diocese of New Jersey. Originally raised in the Jewish tradition, she rejoices in the diversity, openness to questions, and welcoming spirit of the Episcopal Church – and she loves to hear about everyone's faith journeys!

Our retreat is centered around *The Corinthian Song* and its Scriptural source, 2 Corinthians 4:1–15. We may sometimes feel as though the bodily “jars of clay” that house our spirits are fragile, cast down, battered, and full of confusion. But God has created us, fills us with God's own Holy Spirit, and calls us to empty ourselves through the work of discipleship and service—and as we are emptied, we are continually refilled and strengthened! Join us as we pray, honor our own ministries, find new paths of service, and celebrate God's joyful power in each one of us.

Our time together begins Friday evening at 6 pm as we arrive at Camp Washington for dinner and our evening program. We'll continue our workshops and prayers on Saturday morning, welcoming those who are joining us just for the day, and conclude by 4 pm Saturday afternoon.

The weekend includes all meals, materials and supplies, and lodging for those arriving on Friday. The cost for the weekend is \$200 for a single room or \$150 for a double. If you can only come on Saturday, you will miss some programming, but the cost is \$63. We do not want cost to prevent anyone from coming, so, if you need assistance, please check in with Fr. George as help is available. If you need a ride, check in with Fr. George (rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net) or Kathy Bullard (860-673-6444 or kathyrbullard@snet.net). Please RSVP prior to October 1st by contacting the parish office or Kathy Bullard.

Hearing assist support upgrade: We had a recent upgrade to our sanctuary audio system which should clear up the volume issues some have experienced on the livestream and in the worship space itself. Please let us know if those issues are unresolved for you at home. There is a new Wi-Fi station, very discreetly placed, that should help folks with hearing impairments. We have, by way of reminder, four devices to help those who need them to better hear the service. They can be found on the table in the narthex (ask ushers for help, if needed). The process is simple and below, if you have an iPhone or Android, you can use your phone.

- + Get one of our hearing aid devices
- + Log into to *St. James Par* (our Wi-Fi network) with password *StJofc2010*
- + Go to the App Store and download *Wavecast* audio receiver (Williams).
- + Once you have the app, open it, and click on Search by channel or name
- + You can adjust the volume or the hearing aid device (each device comes with simple instructions).

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–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

