



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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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 1

◆Hymn	<i>Lord, whose love though humble service</i>	Hymnal 610
Opening Acclamation		BCP pg. 323
Collect for Purity		BCP pg. 323
Summary of the Law		BCP pg. 324
<i>Gloria</i>		BCP pg. 324
Collect of the Day (<i>Traditional – in unison</i>)		see insert
First Reading	Exodus 12:1–14	
Psalms 149 (<i>responsively, the People in bold</i>)		see insert
Second Reading	Romans 13:1–4	
◆Hymn	<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i> (v.1–2)	Hymnal 336
◆The Holy Gospel	Matthew 18:15–20	
◆Hymn	<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i> (v.3)	Hymnal 336
The Sermon		The Rev. George Roberts
The Nicene Creed		BCP pg. 326
◆The Prayers of the People		

Lord God, the night of anguish and fear is nearly gone. Let us lay aside the world's darkness and walk in the Light of Christ, clothing ourselves with His love and hope. Help us to pray, responding, let us put on the armor of Light.

For the Church that She may be the beacon on the hill, the Light of Christ shining in the darkness, even as She proclaims the reality of Christ's enduring love. We pray, **let us put on the armor of Light!**

For the nations of the world where violence and greed fuel the darkness of division, pain, distrust, greed, and blame. Raise up for us leaders with the courage and integrity to nudge us all toward the Light. We pray, **let us put on the armor of Light!**

For those who live in the darkness of war or famine, disease or isolation, homelessness or poverty, anger or racism that Your Light may shine on them through all those who stoke the embers of Christ's love. We pray, **let us put on the armor of Light.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, Emilia, Bob C., John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **let us put on the armor of Light.**

For all who have died, and for all who mourn, especially Sunny Newton, Margaret (Peg) Trahiotis and for all others we pray for now silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **let us put on the armor of Light.**

Celebrant: God of Light, we thank you for making us in Your image and giving us everything we need in this world to act as Your children, people of the Light. Grant us courage when the road is dark and crooked and lead us onto the path that leads to Your promise. We pray, in the name of Jesus, the Light that shines in the darkness. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 331

The Peace

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

*The Great Thanksgiving II

BCP pg. 340

*The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

BCP pg. 336

*Fraction Anthem

BCP pg.337

*The Administration of Holy Communion

BCP pg. 337

Communion Hymns 581, 379, 593

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 339

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 us 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

Joyful, joyful

Hymnal 376

The Blessing and Dismissal

BCP pg. 339

- ◆ 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
Chalicer	Andrea Harris
Lector	Janet LaPierre-Greene
Ushers	Michele Briganti & Olivia Pare
Welcomer	Stephen Karwowski
Lemonade on the Lawn Host	The Clarks & Thompsons
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery	Joyce Bettencourt
Vestry Keyholder	Kathy Bullard

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of William Larkin
~ Linda, Elizabeth, and Brian



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 10:15 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, September 13th are
Exodus 14:19–31; Psalm 114, Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35.

On September 13 we will shift back to our two services. Holy Eucharist, Rite I will be at 8 am, no music. Holy Eucharist, Rite II will be at 10:15 am with music and our choir. Please note the change in times. Coffee hour will follow the 10:15 service

Walking with Grief: Support for the Journey of Loss

This eight-week series will guide a small community of participants through spiritual exploration as they navigate the path of loss and the grieving process. This in-person series will be held on consecutive Wednesdays 9/16 - 11/4 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM at The Spiritual Life Center at 76 Sherman St in the West End of Hartford.

Click [HERE](https://www.spiritlifectr.org/Walking-With-Grief) for more details or visit <https://www.spiritlifectr.org/Walking-With-Grief>



Celebration Sunday Picnic Sunday, September 20, we will have our Celebration Sunday Picnic, commemorating a new program year. We will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks and invite you to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex in the next few weeks Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new year in the life of our parish.

Women's Ministry

September 12, 2026, Church Fair mark it on your calendar and plan to come for FUN!!!

September 22, 2026, 10am, Coffee at Daily Grind Fall into autumn on it's very first day by having a cup of coffee with your BESTIES from church! No better way to celebrate the new season!

September 26, 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.

October 3, 2026, 7pm, St James Got Talent Night all hands-on deck to dust off your funny bones and get them ready to show them off to your friends at this Women's Ministry chuckle, chuckle, ha ha event!! Think of what YOU could do, drag your friends in, and let's PERFORM!! This event is for ALL members—men, women, children—to be involved with. If you got the Talent—We got the spot for you!! Sign up on bulletin board on ramp to Parish Hall soon to be seen. Only YOU can make this night fun—We Got This Ladies!

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/>

November 13, 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.



St James' Fall Craft Fair



Less than 1 week to go!! Hope to see you all there, enjoying (or working) the day

FAIR VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ARE FILLED! See below:

1. Cashier & Order takers 10AM TO 3PM
PATRICIA KRISTIN ****5 TKTS
PAUL AMATO
2. Grillers 10AM TO 3PM
DOUG McDOWELL ****5 TKTS
JOHN PILLA
3. Food Runners 10:30AM TO 2:30PM
DONNA PAYE
BARB PRENETA ****5 TKTS
KATHY BULLARD
4. Coffee Bar 8:30AM TO 11:30AM
CAROL LEMIEUX ****5 TKTS
DONNA CARD
5. Friday Nithe Set-up FRIDAY NITE SET-UP 4PM TO 7PM
DOUG McDOWELL
JOHN PILLA
STEPHEN HARD **** 5 TKTS
6. Saturday Morning Set Up (open to all) 7AM TO 9AM
DAVE TOMPKINS
DOUG McDOWELL ****5 TKTS
SUE HOLLAND

continues..

7. Saturday Tear Down (Open to all) 3PM TO 6PM

ED PRENETA

DOUG McDOWELL

KAREN LOMBARDI

SUE HOLLAND ****5 TKTS

STEPHEN HARD

THANK YOU! WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE HELP! CALL/TEXT DAVE
571.594.9336



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Movie Night

Saturday, October 10, at 6pm, we will host the viewing of a movie called The Story of Everything, a documentary about the beginnings of the universe and how that ties in to how we understand the creative nature and power of God. Save the date and for now and more on the film going forward. Bring dinner, if you wish, and we will provide drinks, popcorn, and dessert.



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).

