



# St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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**2028**  
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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026, 10:15 a.m.



*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

*People* I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate	BCP pg. 305
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP pg. 306
The Baptism	BCP pg. 307
The Peace	BCP pg. 308

◆The Prayers of the People

Jesus, in spite of ourselves, no matter where we have been, no matter what we have done, what a great relief it is to fall into Your grace and mercy, to claim friendship with You even as You always have with us. As we remember our Baptism today - and embrace a new member into Your Body, the Church - may we know that we are a part of You only because You have willed it to be so. We pray, responding, Call us, Lord Jesus!

For Your Body, the Church, may She constantly invite us, in Your name, to come and see the unconditional mercy and love offered in Jesus Christ. We pray, **Call us, Lord Jesus!**

For leaders everywhere, at every level of government and culture, that they may be inspired by the call of Christ to reject violence and selfishness and serve in humility and love. We pray, **Call us, Lord Jesus!**

For all who believe that they are “a dead end,” worthless, hopeless, unlovable, or unholy. May they be baptized into the love of Christ. We pray, **Call us, Lord Jesus!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially John Newton, John S. and family, Kevin and his daughter Zara, Nina, Joyce Jensen, Mike D., Preston, Jerry M., Wylder, Pauline, Susan Livingston, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Bob C., Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., 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, **Call us, Lord Jesus!**

For all who have died and for all who mourn, especially those we name now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Call us, Lord Jesus!**

We give thanks for the baptism this day of Benjamin Connolly, we pray, **Call us, Lord Jesus!**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and saving God, gather us, in Your mercy, into Your loving Presence. Speak Your grace into a graceless world and heal us, relieve us of our burdens too great to bear, and make us Your disciples. We pray, in the Holy Name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>O for a Closer Walk</i>	arr. by C. V. Stanford
◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)		Hymnal 380
*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A		BCP pg. 361
* <i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal (front section) S 125
*The Lord's Prayer		BCP pg. 364
*The Breaking of the Bread		BCP pg. 364
	<i>Gluten-free hosts are available.</i>	
Communion Hymns: 590, 301, 294		
◆Postcommunion Prayer		BCP pg. 365

## Announcements



**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.



**Baptized this morning** is Benjamin Thomas Connolly, infant son of Gary James Connolly and Amber Marie (Gianni) Connolly.

**On a Sunday each month** we say a prayer for those having a birthday during that month. Another way for us to celebrate life together! If someone cannot be present because of illness, a family member may say their name, so that we may pray for them.



**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 12:30 pm via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

**Faith & Fries** is canceled for this month, Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will return on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Puente Restaurant in Unionville. Stay tuned for more specific details!



**Safety Committee forming:** In an effort to provide the safest environment possible for everyone in our parish, we are starting a Safety Committee. This committee will work together to develop a Church Safety Plan which will include responses to violent events, fire and evacuation safety, first aid, and other topics. Everyone with an interest in improving the safety of our church, or a background in safety-related fields, is invited to come to the first meeting on **TOMORROW, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall.



**Men's Breakfast THIS SATURDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am**, at the Crazy Pancake, 17 Whiting Street, Plainville. Join us for a time of social time, good food, and a little prayer. All men of the parish are invited!!

**Pastoral Care Team: THIS SATURDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am** (to 11:30 am) we will hold a Eucharistic Visitor training in our parish hall. As part of learning more about how we care for each other, EV Training will give whoever desires it an opportunity to learn more about how to offer Holy Communion to people in what we call “Special Circumstances” when they cannot physically come to church on their own. Sometimes Fr. George is away or unable to see everyone who might want to receive Communion on a given time, so lay folk are empowered to offer already consecrated Eucharist to the homebound. Join us if you are interested!



**Summer Worship Schedule:** We will hold a single Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 returns on June 21<sup>st</sup>!** Thank you to those who have signed up to offer hospitality after the one service (9:30 am) on Sunday morning beginning June 21<sup>st</sup>! 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. 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.

**Retirement Celebration for Sue Deming:** After many years of faithful service to St James, our Parish Administrator, Sue Deming, will soon be retiring! We are deeply grateful for the dedication she has shown as she helped to support the mission and the daily life of our wonderful church. **Sue’s retirement party is on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. RSVP by Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We sincerely apologize for the mix-up with the days of the week. Please note the correct dates/days and please do not forget to RSVP!** We hope you will join us as we wish Sue many blessings and happiness in her retirement.



The lectionary readings for Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> are:

Genesis 18:1–15; Psalm 116:1, 10–17; Romans 5:1–8; Matthew 9:35–10:8.

**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!!

### 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).

