



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2026
Kathy Bullard
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2027
Linda Mason
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2028
David Hrdlicka
Carol Kirkwood
Michael Slusarz

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

- ◆Hymn *Rock of Ages* Hymnal 685
 - ◆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 16:2–15
- Psalm 105: 1–6, 37–45 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert
- Second Reading Philippians 1:21–30
- ◆HYMN Sequence , *O Master, Let me walk with thee (vv.1-2)* Hymnal 660
 - ◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1–16
- ◆HYMN Sequence *O Master, Let me walk with thee (v. 3-4)* Hymnal 660
 - The Sermon The Reverend George C Roberts
 - The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358
- ◆The Prayers of the People

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the instrument of our rescue, saving us from sin and shame, loving us where we are, and giving us a pathway to be Your instrument of rescue in the lives of another. Give us the courage to forgive when it is difficult, particularly when we need to forgive ourselves, and open in us the way of peace. We pray, responding, Rescue us, Lord Jesus!

For the Church, where She is in error, correct Her, where in trouble, heal Her, and make Your Church on earth – in Christ's name - an instrument of unity, blessing, forgiveness, and rescue. We pray, **Rescue us, Lord Jesus!**

May the leaders of the world repent - where it is needed - of their exploitation of the people and a tendency to divide Your people as a way of maintaining power; give them grace and courage to be Your instrument of rescue from poverty. We pray, **Rescue us, Lord Jesus!**

Continued..

For all who are most in need of rescue, especially the working poor, those struggling with division in their families or places of work; for any who are caught in a cycle of addiction, violence, anger, or homelessness. We pray, **Rescue us, Lord Jesus!**

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, 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, **Rescue us, Lord Jesus!**

For all who have died, especially Enzo Dedominicis, and all others for whom we pray now, silently or aloud [pause here] We pray, **Rescue us, Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant: Lord God, in Your holiness and compassion You have been saving Your humanity from the very beginning. Save us from all those things that would come between Your love and us, Your salvation and us, and rescue us into a place of peace and hope. We pray, in the name of Jesus, Your source of rescue and blessing. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J S Bach

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

**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 523, 617, 309

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Announcements

◆HYMN

Singing songs of expectation

Hymnal 527

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
Altar Guild	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegris
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Kim & Dave Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegris & Tim Milligan
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Marge Litteral
Coffee Hour Host		Sue Holland, The Baptistes
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Neil & Pat Clark
Vestry Keyholder		Ed Preneta

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of
 G. Norman (Norm) Holland,
 ~ by his loving family, Sue, Kevin, Karen & Garret



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 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, September 27th are
 Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 78, Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32.



October Epistle submissions are needed by Wednesday September 23 by 2:00pm. Please send your articles or notices to the parish administrator, Pam Sheehy at St.James.church@sbcglobal.net

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.



Our first session will be at 10am on Sunday, October 4, focusing on St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on the 4th!

On Sunday, November 1, we will commemorate All Saints, which falls on that day. Sunday, December 6, St. Nicholas Day, we will spend time with St. Nicholas!

So, lots of fun. 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. On the second Sunday of each month, beginning October 11, we are going to offer some time for our Youth Group to hang out together and we will start by doing something social and fun! Parents keep an eye out for more of this in the coming weeks! Youth Group will be for 6th grade and up!



Faith & Fries! Tuesday September 22 7-8:30

We usually come together on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 South Main Street in Unionville.

Come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you.

September always begins with Labor Day, the final hurrah, in some ways, of summer, and remembering our workers, people who go to work each day. What is our relationship with our work? How does that change in retirement? How does our retirement, or our work for that matter, effect/inform our relationship with God?" Call the church with questions





Postponed October 3, 2026, 7pm, St James Got Talent Night
This event is postponed until the new year. Be on the look out for info in 202

Women's Ministry

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 along-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 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.



Discipleship for Episcopalians. On Sunday, October 4, following the 10:15 am service, there will be a brief conversation, led by Fr. George, available for anyone interested in Discipleship for Episcopalians, which will involve a series of conversations about how we become better equipped, formed, and courageous disciples of Jesus in the world. We will meet in the library after the service. No obligation is made or implied by you simply showing up and listening for a few minutes. Join us on the 4th!





First Sunday Breakfast Returns! On Sunday, October 4, between the services, we will offer a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and bacon with lots of coffee and juice available will be provided by the Men's Group. A wonderful time for fellowship and community! Join us!!

The Blessing of Animals. Join us on October 4th at 4 pm with your furry friends as we commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of our animals. We will begin our time together with a short liturgy, a little singing, followed by a blessing for each of your pets by Fr. George. Join us on the patio area in the Memorial Garden (in the parish hall in the event of rain)



Movie Night

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 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

We are delighted to invite all the members of our Parish to a Special Newcomer's Dinner. This will be an evening dedicated to welcoming and getting to know those people who are new to our Parish 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.

Regular parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share. Newcomers, as our special guests, do not need to bring anything. Please save the date so you can join us and help make our newcomers feel truly at home! There will be a signup sheet going up shortly, so be on the lookout later in September.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Bullard at 860 -673-6444





Fall Fair Thank-You

With heartfelt gratitude, we extend a warm thank-you to everyone who helped make our 2026 Fall Fair such a joyful success. Your generosity, hard work, and good spirit filled the day with welcome, laughter, and community. Whether you baked, grilled, sorted, set up, cleaned up, donated, volunteered or simply showed up in support, you helped create something beautiful for our parish family. May God bless each of you for the gifts you shared and the fellowship you strengthened.



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).

