



# St. James Parish

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The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *We walk by faith* Hymnal 209

### The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation for Baptism BCP pg. 299

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 278

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

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Psalms 116:1–3, 10–17 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17–23

◆HYMN *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 495

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 24:13–35

◆HYMN *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 495

The Sermon Deacon Doug Engwall

### The Service of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power  
of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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 Candidates

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Peace

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, we want our hearts to burn as we walk with You along the way of life. Give us the openness and patience, the grace and love to hear You as You are revealed in scripture, and the breaking of the Bread. We pray, responding, Burn in our hearts, Lord Jesus!

For the Church, that She may be an instrument of Your learning and a place of discovery, where Your purpose for us is discussed, revealed, and grown. We pray, **Burn in our hearts, Lord Jesus!**

For leadership around the world, that wars may cease, hope might increase, and Your love and Spirit of community may grow in their hearts, moving around the world. We pray, **Burn in our hearts, Lord Jesus!**

For all who are struggling with pain, forgiveness, or loneliness in this season of Eastertide, and for the people whose spirits are not lifted by the reality of Christ's Resurrection. We pray, **Burn in our hearts, Lord Jesus!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Pauline, Drew Fries, Susan Livingston, Maxine Christensen, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Jer H., Bob C., Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and for all others that we pray for, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... we pray, **Burn in our hearts, Lord Jesus.**

For all who have died, especially Barbara Nevins, and for any others we pray for now, in silence or shared aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Burn in our hearts, Lord Jesus.**

*Celebrant:* Gracious and loving God, You reveal Yourself to us in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine, in the Eucharistic nature of Your glory in Your Church. Help us to see the revelation of Your resurrected life in the world around us, too, in each other, even in our enemies. We praise You, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory trad. Scottish arr. by Robert Powell  
*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

\*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer C BCP pg. 369

\**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: WLP 763, 242, 452

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

## Announcements

◆HYMN Hymnal 296  
*We know that Christ is raised*

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.  
WLP refers to *Wonder, Love, & Praise*, found in the pew book rack.



### *Serving this week*

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Erik Ososki & Sefakor Tompkins
Altar Guild		Mimi Hostetter & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Bob Kissel
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Michael Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Kim Pereira
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Coffee Hour Host		Janice Lee
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Jim & Jane Vallee
Vestry Keyholder		Ed Preneta

Today's altar flowers are given in thankfulness  
for our 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 18<sup>th</sup>!

~ Dave & Donna Paye



**We welcome** all who are guests with us this week – we are so glad you are here!  
Please fill out one of the small cards in the pew rack and hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better.

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



**Baptized this morning** is Caleb Michael Vincenzo, son of Robert Daniel Vincenzo and Stephanie (Martin) Vincenzo, and grandson of Dee Vincenzo.

**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:** TODAY, we begin a new Bible study on the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon, using a study guide from the Ignatius Bible Study series. 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.

**Everyone in the parish is invited** to the Women's Ministry sponsored *Wine, Cheese & Poetry* evening, **THIS SATURDAYy, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**. Please bring a beverage of your choice and a small dish to share with your friends for an evening to laugh, live and experience through poetry. The evening will start with the very talented Brunilda Myftaraj & students presenting some beautiful music to inspire us while we mingle. If you have a poem to share, please send email Linda Mason at [ldelshire@gmail.com](mailto:ldelshire@gmail.com) or reach out to her. This evening won't be a success unless we get enough people to be brave and be cheered and adored by your fellow friends while you share with us some brilliant poetry. Poems can be original, well known, or obscure.



**Braver Angels visit: NEXT SUNDAY, April 26<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:15 service**, Paul Manfredi of *Braver Angels* will be with us. Paul is going to tell us a little bit about the work of *Braver Angels*, their mission, and how they work with communities like ours. *Braver Angels* has a vision: “We envision an America where courageous citizen is the honored norm, renewing civic culture and building trust across political difference.” Though *Braver Angels* is a secular organization, a 501(c)(3), they have experience working with faith communities toward having constructive dialogue across difference. They encourage secular and faith-based communities to work together to create space for conversation when people disagree. We offer this opportunity as an exciting window into work we may invited into, if we so choose. Join us and feel free to invite anyone you know from outside the church.



**Faith & Fries! On TUESDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7–8:30 pm** you are invited to join us for *Faith and Fries* at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 Main Street in Unionville. Come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you. At our April gathering, we will explore question stirred by John 20:15b–16: Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Teacher.” How do we miss Jesus when He is standing right in front of us? How is He, post-Resurrection, appearing to us in this messy world? We invite all to come as they are able and please, feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker! Call the church with questions.

## Outreach Corner

St. James Parish is pleased to again participate in the *CT Foodshare Walk Against Hunger* this Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is the largest anti-hunger event of its kind in Connecticut. Foodshare works with over 400 donors to rescue surplus food. They then partner with a network of over 650 food pantries, meal programs, and mobile distribution sites throughout the state. CT Foodshare is a critically important organization dedicated to alleviating food insecurity in our state and desperately needs our support at this difficult time.



Our team is called “The St James Heelers”. We will walk the approximately 1.5-mile course as a team but are in the company of hundreds of fellow walkers. This event is fun and family-oriented, and everyone in our parish is invited and encouraged to join in the Walk! Please consider inviting family, friends, and coworkers to get involved by walking and/or donating. **Please note: all in person walkers need to register online.** Last year, we had a team of 24 walkers and raised a record-breaking \$2,395!! Of course, if you are unable to join us on the Walk day, you can still support us by donating online.

### TO REGISTER TO WALK OR TO DONATE:

1. Go to [www.ctfoodshare.org](http://www.ctfoodshare.org) and click the arrow under “Walk Against Hunger”. You will be asked press either “Register” or “Donate now”.
2. To Register to walk, click “Register”. Next, click “Join a team” (you do **not** need to create a team). Search *St James Heelers* to join our team. You will be prompted to complete the registration. This is where you will be able to donate if you would like. If asked for an agency or team to receive our funds, we frequently select Farmington Food Pantry, Meals for Neighbors-Bristol, or Friendship Service Center, but you can indicate any participating agency of your choice.
3. To make a donation only (to support the team, but not walk, click “Donate Now”. In the space for crediting the fundraiser or team, type *St James Heelers* and click that into the box. You will be prompted to make your online donation.

Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause! Call Kathy Bullard @ 860-673-6444 with any questions. Before the walk she will be in touch to give arrival times, where to meet, directions, parking info, and to help organize carpools as necessary.



**First Sunday Breakfast** – Find delicious food and fellowship at *First Sunday Breakfasts* cooked by a great crew of men of the parish: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee as good as Mom made. A gluten-free option will also be available. And, of course, much good conversation! So, join us Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am–9:45 am, bring your family and neighbors, and share in the great food from our Men's Group.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> are:

Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:9–25; John 10:1–10.

### 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).

