



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2025
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2027
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *The King of love my shepherd is* Hymnal 645

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 Acts 9:36–43

Psalm 23 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading Revelation 7:9–17

◆HYMN *Shepherd of souls* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 343

◆The Holy Gospel John 10:22–30

◆HYMN *Shepherd of souls* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 343

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

God of life, you are the Good Shepherd who brings us through the valleys and into the pastures of promise and hope. Help us to recognize Your voice in a world of noise and challenge, and listen to us, as we pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

For the Church, that She may be Your Body in the world, a beacon of hope and strength that calls the people with Your voice, we pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

For every leader and government, big or small, anywhere in the world, that they may shepherd Your people with the tenderness and respect that Your sacrifice calls us to, as we pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

For all the lost who do not hear the voice of Jesus, who do not sense Christ's presence with them in the valleys of their lives, and for all of us who struggle to make sense of an often-senseless world. We pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Robert Pizzanello, Sue P., Geoffrey Newton, José Lopez, Meghan K., Mark M., Jayla, Armen, Barbara N., Heather, Mark, Gary, Jane, Laurent, Brian, Tom, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

For all who have died, especially Teri Arburr; for all who mourn, and for those we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray for Mothers and all women who mother, love, give of themselves, and raise up the need of others. We pray, **Hear us, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Lord, You lead us like a shepherd and call us each by name. Speak Your powerful truth over the loud voices of hate and violence, selfishness and greed, and lead us in the way You have gone. We give thanks, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *How Lovely are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**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: 664, 465, 523

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Announcements

◆HYMN *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!!* Hymnal 205

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
Acolytes		Jacob & Anna LaPointe
Altar Guild		Barbara Hess & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Neil & Pat Clark
Welcomer		Sue Holland
Coffee Hour Host		Chris & Deb Butler
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Jim & Jane Vallee

Today's altar flowers are given
in memory of Alpio & Lena Giulietti.

~ Mark Giulietti & Stephen Hard



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.

Women crafting! This Wednesday, May 14th at 7 pm meet at the church to discuss and plan projects such as baking, stitching, crochet, card making, etc., to be made and given to shut-ins and Prudence Crandall Center. For questions, please see/contact Linda Mason or Carol Lemieux.



St. James community workday: THIS SATURDAY, May 17th, beginning at 8:30 am, all who are able are invited to join us in clearing the east side of the building of growth and vegetation (it has become overgrown) and paving the way for seeding grass and starting, we pray, a prayer garden on that side of the church building. Bring your tools, especially chain saws, if you have them, rakes, shovels, etc. Please wear gloves and long pants and sleeves for your protection.



Dominican Mission fundraisers!

Envelope fundraising update. The envelopes on the kiosk in the Parish Hall are steadily disappearing and funds for the DR mission from this fundraiser continue to come in! Our goal is for every single envelope to be taken so, please, take one if you haven't (and can or are able), and support our work with De La Gracia in the Dominican Republic.

Car wash: On Sunday, June 1st, our DR Team will offer to wash your car for a donation to the DR. No specific amount is designated, whatever you wish/are able to contribute. The cars will be washed in the upper parking lot, so we can wash your car during the 10:15 am service or immediately afterwards. You can pull the car up or give us your keys (you can trust us 😊) and we'll pull your car up and then back down to a parking space when it is completed. More to come!

Bingo Night! On Sunday, June 8th, Pentecost, we will hold a fun Bingo Night beginning at 6:30 pm and lasting until around 8 pm. Refreshments will be provided and lots of fun to raise money for the continued building of the church in Boca Chica for the community of De La Gracia. Listen for more details to come.

Morning Prayer: Our Morning Prayer Team began livestreaming the Morning Office during COVID, as another way to connect with folks – through prayer – during that difficult time. Our wonderful team of Joyce, Janet, Mimi, and Foster have continued to work with your rector to bring Morning Prayer to you ever since! We have decided that it is time to invite other interested folks to join us as part of our Team. On Sunday, June 1st, after the 8 am service, folks who are interested in finding out more about joining our Morning Prayer Team are asked to meet with us, have some refreshments, and a brief conversation about what Morning Prayer is and how our process works. We will go from there!

Women's Support Group: St. James Women's Ministry is sponsoring a support group for women who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend. This group will be coordinated by members of St. James and will be a safe place to talk and share experiences. Resources including books and poetry will be shared. Day and time of meetings will be decided by those interested in participating. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Nancy Thompson (860-670-0818 or npthompson@live.com) or Donna Paye (860-673-0097 or djp2946@att.net).

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study of the Book of Psalms beginning next Sunday, May 18th. More information will be available soon.



The St. James Pictorial Directory has 85 submissions of photos and demographics as people saw fit, and an inclusion of our staff page. Thank you to all the many people that worked with me on getting me info, proofing, reworking things, etc. We are all so blessed to have each other! The better news is that the finished project was sent electronically this week and hard paper copies will be available soon. Thank you, Church Family, for being a part of this project and making it happen!

~ Linda Mason

Graduate Recognition: On Sunday, June 8th, the day of Pentecost, we will recognize our graduating seniors (high school, college, vocational school, basic training, Master's, etc.). Please let us know if you have a senior in your home. A small gift will be presented only to those seniors that are a part of our community but we are happy to name and pray for any senior in your life that you wish to make known to us.

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, May 18th are:

Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

Invitation to a recital: Please join us on **Saturday, May 24th at 3 pm** for a vocal recital in the church featuring Rebecca McFarland from the St. James choir and accompanied on piano by Blake Hansen. The music performed is an eclectic range spanning around 200 years and four languages, including opera arias, art songs, modern operetta, and the great American songbook. A freewill offering is accepted, all proceeds going to the St. James ministry to the Dominican Republic.

Spring Cookie Decorating Class



Wednesday

May 21st

6:00 pm

St. James Church

3 Mountain Rd

Farmington, Ct

Learn how to decorate Sugar Cookies with Royal Icing!

Everything needed to decorate 3 cookies is provided along with instructions,
tips, tricks and recipes!

\$35.00

Checks, Cash or use Pay Link below

Payable to St. James Church

Come and have some fun decorating while supporting
St. James' continued ministry in the Dominican Republic



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).

