



# St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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## VESTRY

2026

Kathy Bullard  
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Molly Sherman

2027

Linda Mason  
Ed Preneta  
David Tompkins

2025  
Stephen Hard  
Skip Mason  
Bob Sudell

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The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

## The Word of God

❖ 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

Psalm 40:1–12 (responsively, *the People in bold*) see insert

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

◆HYMN When Christ's appearing was made known (vv. 1-3) Hymnal 132

## ◆ The Holy Gospel according to John 1:29–42

◆ HYMN When Christ's appearing was made known (vv. 4–5) Hymnal 132

The Sermon The. Rev. George Roberts

## The Nicene C

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

## ◆ The Prayers of the People

Lord God, in Christ You invite us to “come and see” the ways You call us into life, discipleship, and faithfulness, to come and see You revealed in the world. Call us, see us, Lord, even as we pray, responding, “Come and see!”

For Your Church that She may speak Your truth with courage, hold up the lowly, persecuted, and lost, and not be afraid to forge a path that is at odds with the world's values. We pray, "Come and see!"

For the nations of the world that their leaders may see and experience Your profound truth and be transformed by Your grace, responding to the actual needs of the most challenged communities and people that they serve. We pray, "Come and see!"

For the brokenhearted and grieving; for the addicted and homeless; for the abandoned and isolated that all who need You, Lord, may see and know the power of Your love. We pray, **“Come and see!”**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Andrea Hunt, John Beer, Jer H., Bob C., Michael R., Sara, Don, Barrett, Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian,

Avery, Cruz, Karen, 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, “Come and see!”

For all our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Christmas Eve or this month, especially Sefakor, Story, Jacob, Savannah, Brooklyn, and Jenna. Lord, by virtue of their Baptism and the blessing of Holy Communion, gather them unto You! We pray, “Come and see!”

For all who have died, especially Kathryn Cone, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, “Come and see!”

*Celebrant:* Lord, in Your Baptism and in Holy Eucharist, instituted by You, we are invited to “come and see” Your power, grace, and mercy, understanding that in Your beloved community we are all gathered to each other and to YOU by grace. We pray, in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

### The Holy Communion

Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus arr. by Jonathan Crutchfield

♦DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

\*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B BCP pg. 367

\*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: 497, 440, 550

♦Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

### Announcements

♦HYMN Christ, when for us you were baptized Hymnal 121

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
Altar Guild		Barbara Hess & Gina Pines
Chalicists	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Jerry Hess Gina Pines
Lectors	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Michael Slusarz John Newton
Ushers	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Richard Baba Michele Briganti & Olivia Paré
Welcomer		Linda Mason
Coffee Hour Hosts		Dustin & Erica Nofziger
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Linda Mason

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of  
Alaric & Mariquita Drew.

~ David & Verona Schlosky



**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.

**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:** join us for 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. All are welcome!



**In the last few weeks** we've had a number of young people take their First Communion: Story Cadigan, Jacob Loebel, Brooklynn Murray, Jenna Slusarz, and Savannah Wanzer. This morning we celebrate with Sefakor (Coco) Tompkins.

**Bible Study:** we continue our study for Epiphany using Fleming Rutledge's little book *Epiphany: Season of Glory*, as a text to engage the wider implications of our faith and life with Christ through the often-minimized season of Epiphany. The books are \$20, but please let Fr. George know if this is a challenge for you; there will be no issue. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 pm with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.



**The 2025 St. James Parish Annual Meeting will be held NEXT SUNDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am in the parish hall** and invite everyone to bring food to share (an entrée, a side, or dessert) and we will eat potluck style – a **signup is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board**. We will vote on the budget, elect new Vestry members, and report on the overall state of things at St. James Parish. Join us for worship and then the Meeting. Thank you for all that you do to be Christ's light in and from this place. Annual Reports will be emailed this week.

**Annual Appeal for Stewardship:** We hope that you have actively engaged God in conversation about your gift to our Annual Appeal for the continuing life and ministry of St. James. Please fill out your pledge card and return it as promptly as possible. Thank you to those who have already done so! As of Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, we've received 111 pledges totaling \$357,383 with a goal of \$358,000. If you pledged and requested giving envelopes, the envelope sets are still available in the parish hall.

**Coffee Hour signups:** Many thanks to those who have hosted our time of fellowship this year! **The 2026 signup is now on the parish hall ramp bulletin board, offering you the opportunity to host a Coffee Hour in the New Year!** On your day, you make regular & decaffeinated coffee and then clean up after Coffee Hour. You may signup for as many Sundays as you'd like – or just one! Signup to work alone or with a friend or two! Providing simple snacks (cookies, cupcakes, maybe a small gluten-free option) is nice, but **not** necessary to volunteer for this ministry.



**The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar** is posted in the narthex (church entryway). Please sign-up for a Sunday when you would like to donate and dedicate the flowers for the day's services. Note: there will be no altar flowers during Lent.

**The lectionary readings** for Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> are:

Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 5–13; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18; Matthew 4:12–23.

**Amberwoods Ministry:** On the second Sunday of each month, St. James Parish conducts a brief service of prayer and song at Amberwoods of Farmington. Thank you to the following people who led this service last week: Joyce Bettencourt, Janet Lapierre-Green, and Tracey Roberts. Please contact Joyce Bettencourt if you are interested in participating in this ministry.



**Faith & Fries!** On Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join us for **Faith & 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. We will be talking about what God reveals to us in Jesus during this time of Epiphany. What does the world reveal to you? What does God, conversely or in concert with the world, reveal to you? 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.

## *Women's Ministry*

**TOMORROW, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am, *Coffee at the Daily Grind*.** Come join your St James Women friends for coffee and discussion.

**TOMORROW, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. *Communal Quilt Project*, in the parish hall.** If you have an ability to draw, sew, color, paint, embroider or cross stitch come and hear about a great project our women will do together that will become a wonderful gift for a very special person! It is something we hope all of our women will have a hand in – one way or another. The responsibility will be for each person who is willing to do ONE 14"x14" square by April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will work together, or separately at your leisure, and make each square beautiful – guaranteed!



**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm, *SUFFS the musical*.** We have a great group of 25 going to this Tony award Broadway winning musical celebrating women of the American suffragist movement. Meet Linda Mason in the Mortensen Hall entrance lobby (Bushnell in Hartford) well before showtime to pick-up your tickets!

**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, *Prudence Crandall Valentine Care Project*** - our fellow parishioner Christina DeFranco has asked for our help filling 100 beautiful bags for women at Prudence Crandall for Valentines. She has done this project for 7 years, this year we can help in the project. We will meet in the Parish Hall and work to fill the bags and make them lovely. There will be a chance to donate items in early February - stay tuned for future news.

## Outreach Corner

**Food Pantry Collection Month:** The Pantry has requested that we focus our donations on paper products, feminine hygiene and adult incontinence products, cooking oil, and canned meats (Spam, chicken, tuna, etc.). Please, bring your donations to the narthex to the box labeled *Farmington Food Pantry*. Food and monetary contributions may, of course, be made any time of the year! If you wish to make a monetary contribution, write the check out to St. James Parish with *Farmington Food Pantry* in the note section. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Church by the Pond on February 7<sup>th</sup>:** St. James will partner with Christ Church Cathedral's "Church Street Eats" program to host Church by the Pond in Bushnell Park in Hartford. Fr. George Roberts will offer a service, and then we will provide bagged lunches to the approximately 50-60 people who gather there. There is a poster in the narthex to sign up for the items needed for the bagged lunches. Additionally, we ask for volunteers to make the lunches at the church in the morning as well as people to go to the event in Bushnell Park to help and distribute the lunches. If you have any questions, call Kathy Bullard @ 860-673-6444.



**Feast of the Presentation of our Lord: Candlemas.** On Monday, February 2, at 10 am, instead of Morning Prayer, we will commemorate Candlemas in the Chapel. The service will include Holy Eucharist, along with the blessing of candles and the traditional blessing of throats (typically tied to February 3<sup>rd</sup> but often moved in the Anglican tradition to February 2<sup>nd</sup>). For more on the blessing of throats see <https://trinitycovington.org/news/blessing-of-the-throats-feb-4> but ignore the dates that they are using. Bring candles from home so that they might receive a blessing, too. Note: Light incense will be used at Holy Communion or the beginning of the service.

**Save the date:** On Shrove Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> (the day before Ash Wednesday), we will hold our Annual Chili Cookoff! The Cookoff is always a lot of fun of really good chili, fellowship, and this year we will also be raising money for our Dominican Mission project. More to come!!

**Hearing assist support upgrade:** We have an upgrade to our sanctuary audio system which should clear up volume issues some have experienced on the livestream and in the worship space itself. Please let us know if those issues are unresolved for you at home. There is a discreetly placed Wi-Fi station that should help folks with hearing impairments. We have four devices which can be found on the table in the narthex (ask ushers for help, if needed). The process is simple and below; if you have an iPhone or Android, you can use your phone:

- + Get one of our hearing aid devices
- + Log into to *St. James Par* (our Wi-Fi network) with password *StJofc2010*
- + Go to the App Store and download Wavecast audio receiver (Williams).
- + Once you have the app, open it, and click on Search by channel or name
- + Adjust the volume on the hearing aid device (each device comes with simple instructions).

#### 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).

