



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2027

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2028

David Hrdlicka
Carol Kirkwood
Michael Slusarz

2026

Kathy Bullard
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *O day of radiant gladness* (vv 1-2, 4) Hymnal 40

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* BCP pg. 356

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

First Reading Genesis 25:19–34

Psalm 119:105-112 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading Romans 8:1–11

◆HYMN *Blessed Jesus at thy word* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 440

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

◆HYMN *Blessed Jesus at thy word* (vv. 3) Hymnal 440

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are One. Give us the patience, strength, hope, and will to come together as one people under Christ. We pray, responding, **Lord, make us one.**

For Your Holy Church, divided by disagreement and schism, may be brought together in the Name of Jesus, in the spirit of renewal. We pray, **Lord, make us one.**

For leaders in every nation, city or region – and for the people – that all may be willing to listen intently, hope deeply, and compromise anywhere possible, speaking the language of Your love to one another. **We pray, Lord, make us one.**

For warring nations, especially for the current conflict in the Middle East which includes the United States; for the people of Ukraine and Russia, S. Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo; may all see in the other a fellow child of God. **We pray, Lord, make us one.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Carolyn, Austin Bohlman, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Kevin and his daughter Zara, Wylder, Pauline, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Bob C., Emilia, John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanella, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **Lord, make us one.**

For all who have died, especially The Very Reverend Ashton Brooks, Joyce Jensen, and for all who have asked for our prayers, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **Lord, make us one.**

Celebrant: Most holy God, we thank you for giving us the gift of Scripture, the arc of Your salvation throughout history. Make us mindful of Your call for us to be one, even as You and Christ are one, and give us the strength, patience, and will to listen to and love each other. We ask all, in the Name of Jesus.—**Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus*

BCP pg. 362

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 632, 593

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 366

Announcements

◆HYMN

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Hymnal 53

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
Altar Guild	Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	Mimi Hostetter
Lectors	Jay Hostetter
Ushers	Michael DeNegris & Tim Mulligan
Welcomer	Marge Litteral
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	Carol Whelan
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery	Dona Waugh
Vestry Keyholder	Dave Tompkins

Today's altar flowers are given To the Glory of God and
in memory of Garrett & May Nevius.

~ Slusarz



Music for the 9:30 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.



Seeking parish office coverage I will be out of the office (and state) on July 12 and the week of July 20th. It would be helpful to Fr. George if some volunteers could cover the phones and answer the door for at least a few office hours on Thursday the 12th and then the following week, Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 2pm those days. If you have any availability between 9 am and 2pm those days, please let me know (860-677-1584 or St.james.church@sbcglobal.net) and I'll put together a schedule of volunteers. You are welcome to bring a favorite book or handiwork. Any coverage, even an hour, would be appreciated. -Pam Sheehy

Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 9:30 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.

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 11:45 am** via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.



Summer Worship Schedule: We hold a single Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. 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 Thank you to those who have signed up to offer hospitality after the one service (9:30 am) on Sunday morning! 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. Coffee will be available indoors, for those who need their “jolt.” 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. (July 26th to Sept 6th) so please sign up on the Coffee Hour/Lemonade poster located on the parish hall ramp bulletin board.



Our thanks to Rachel Abrams for sharing her music with us this morning.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, July 19th are:

Genesis 28:10–19a; Psalm 139:1–11, 22–23; Romans 8:12–25;
Matthew 11:24–30, 36–43.



Women's Ministry July 14, 2026, 10am, Coffee at Daily Grind Ladies come join together at the Daily Grind in Unionville. Great easy foods and wonderful coffee with your church friends.

July 20, 2026, 7pm, Marge's Card Making and Coloring Join in for an evening led by Marge Litteral, making and coloring cards for our flower deliveries. Bring a drink and a bite to share, and especially bring your FUN!

August 4, 2026, 10am, Coffee at Daily Grind See your women friends from church and hang out to drink coffee, get a bite to eat while enjoying good conversation to start your day.

August 13, 2026, 7pm, Book Club with Tracey This month's book is, **God's Joyful Surprise**, by Sue Monk Kidd. Per Tracey: Sue Monk Kidd explores the thrilling possibilities of God's everlasting love. The story makes an important statement about devotion to God rather than activity. Strands of humor and warmth are woven throughout making it a joy to read from beginning to end.

August 17, 2026, 7pm, Watercolor Fun with Betsy A fun evening of playing with watercolor and seeing what you can do with it, led by our very talented artist, Betsy Bailey. All supplies will be there, if you have brushes, watercolor, papers you want to bring, feel free to do so. Besides your wonderful self also bring a friend, a bite to share and drinks if you are inclined. RSVP by 8/14 to 1delshire@gmail.com, Linda Mason.



4th Annual Back-to-School Drive!

The tradition continues! The youth of St. James are kicking off our 4th Annual Back-to-School Drive, providing complete sets of school supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, and water bottles to 20 local Farmington students who would not otherwise have the means to start the school year with the necessary supplies.

Our school district partners are incredibly grateful for your years of support, noting that these gifts give families a massive boost and get the kids genuinely excited for the first day of school.

Want to help us reach our goal?

1. Donate Supplies: Click the link to see what items are needed and sign up: [Back-to-School Drive](#)
2. Give Financially: If you prefer to let us do the shopping, monetary donations are also wonderfully welcome! You can donate gift cards or drop a check made out to St. James (Memo: Back-to-School Drive) in the collection basket.
3. Drop-off: Please place all physical donations in the church narthex bins by Sunday, August 16th.

After the deadline, our youth group will meet to assemble the backpacks and add personal notes of encouragement. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and for helping every child thrive!

From,

The Youth of St. James

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–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Summer Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 am.

