



St. James Parish

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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

Procession (*in silence*)

The Word of God

- ◆ A Penitential Order II BCP pg. 351
- ◆ Trisagion Hymnal (front section) S 101
- ◆ HYMN *How firm a foundation* Hymnal 686
- ◆ Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert
- First Reading Genesis 12:1–4a
- Psalm 121 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert
- Second Reading Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
- ◆ HYMN *The great Creator of the worlds* (vv. 1–3) Hymnal 489
- ◆ The Holy Gospel John 3:1–17
- ◆ HYMN *The great Creator of the worlds* (vv. 4–6) Hymnal 489
- The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts
- The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358
- ◆ The Prayers of the People – Form III BCP pg. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. For the special needs and concerns of Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, Jer H., Bob C., Michael R., 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 we wish to remember, silently or aloud ... [*pause here*].

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we name now, silently or aloud ... [*pause here*].

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Hush! Somebody's callin' my name* arr. Moses Hogan

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 130

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

**Agnus Dei* Hymnal (front section) S 164

Communion Hymns: 313, 635, 337

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

◆Lenten Prayer (*in unison*) BCP pg. 832

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Announcements

A Birthday Prayer

Watch over us, O Lord, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise

us up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

◆HYMN *Praise our great and gracious Lord* Hymnal 393

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.



The hand-hewn cross crafted by John Newton will anchor our prayers during this upcoming Lenten season. We have used John's cross in Lent for a number of years and it has been a blessing as we focus our Lenten prayers. We ask that, if you would like to place a prayer concern/need on the Cross, you come up after the service (or anytime you wish to come by the church), take a card (available at the Cross itself), write your prayer request on it, place the card on the Cross with an iron nail provided in the bowl (use the hammer, if you would like) in solidarity with Christ's Passion. Be blessed this Lent!



Serving this week

Crucifer		Rocco Guglielmo
Acolytes		Erik & Ella Ososki
Altar Guild		Mimi Hostetter & Verona Schlosky
Chalichists	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Kim Pereira
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Richard Baba
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Coffee Hour Host		Elizabeth McBride

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.



On a Sunday each month we say a prayer for those having a birthday during that month. Another way for us to celebrate life together! If someone cannot be present because of illness, a family member may say their name, so that we may pray for them.

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.

Lenten Devotionals: In the narthex, please find devotionals for each of the days of Lent, if you have not already picked up a booklet. These devotionals were written by your fellow members of St. James Parish. Each devotion begins with a passage of scripture. We are invited, by these devotions, to explore the many ways Lent can minister to, grow, and engage us with a deeper understanding of who God is to us. Take a devotional and share in this journey with us.

Lenten series on Wednesdays of Lent – Matthew’s Gospel: Healing, parables, & storytelling: Matthew’s Gospel has a deep desire to show us that Jesus healed through exorcising demons, touching and blessing the sick and needy. Jesus’ teaching through parable is a form of healing, too. Jesus ministers to us and grows us as His disciples by deepening our understanding of who He is and how He saves us. **Continuing through the four succeeding Wednesdays (March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th),** all are invited to explore a portion of Jesus’ witness in the Gospel of Matthew. With our intern, Lee Febos, Fr. George leads any curious about Christ’s power to heal and teach, beginning with an overview of Chapter 8 in the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus heals, teaches, and exorcizes demons. **We begin each night with soup and salad at 5:30 pm, and then continue until around 7 pm** with conversation, questions, and perhaps a new perspective on Matthew.



The lectionary readings for next Sunday, March 8th are:
Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42.

Stations of the Cross. Join us on Fridays of Lent at 5:30 pm, for an exploration of the ancient form of prayer and worship known as The Stations of the Cross. The Stations were said in the medieval world when a pilgrim could not journey to Jerusalem to walk the way of Jesus, the Stations of the Cross. We will gather each Friday in Lent to pray a beautiful set of prayers combining “The Stations of the Cross” found in the St. Augustine Prayer Book and a beautiful poem written for our Stations by Dianne Antos. We use, as our focus of prayer, 14+ beautiful stations done in various art mediums by members of our own parish. If you have never experienced this time of beauty, repentance, prayer, and grace – or if you have come in the last two years we have held this time as sacred – join us and be blessed.



Lenten Bible Study: today we continue our Lenten Bible study, using the text *Lent: A Season of Repentance and Renewal* by Esau McCaulley as our guide through our Sundays of study (March 1st, 8th, and ending the 22nd). Please see Fr. George or call the office for your copy. The cost of the book is \$15, if you are able. We meet via Zoom at 12:30 pm with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.



Men's Breakfast: THIS SATURDAY, March 6th at 7:30 am, all men of the parish are invited to join us for a time of conversation and good food at the Crazy Pancake, 17 Whiting Street, in Plainville. Come as you are. Everyone is responsible for his own breakfast but let Fr. George know if that is a challenge, as there is assistance available. Join in fellowship with Fr. George and a great breakfast!

Pastoral Care Ministry: The Pastoral Care group will meet this Saturday, March 7th from 9–11 am. Coffee and pastries will be provided. The group discussion will be led by parish members Carol Merrill and Dr. Carolyn McGaughey. Carol is a commissioned Stephen Minister and Carolyn is a commissioned Stephen Leader and Minister. Information about the ministry and the experiences of the ministry will be shared. Discussion will also focus on the “Art of Listening”; what it is and why it is important. In addition, the group will explore “presence”, and essential element of pastoral care. Join the group as they continue to explore providing pastoral care to our St James family.

Women's Ministry

NEXT SUNDAY, March 8th at 5:30 pm, Potluck Lenten Dinner with Compline. Join your women friends for an evening of dinner, conversation and a compline service led by our very own Clergy Intern, Lee Febos.

Conversations around social concerns & the body of Christ. On **Monday, March 9th**, at **6:30 pm**, St. James will host our first conversation to give folks a chance to discuss issues facing our community, region, country, or world. The conversations will spring, we pray, from the things that are concerning folks and they will always be, ultimately, viewed through the lens of Christ's call on our lives. This is a rescheduled date because of the February 22nd/23rd storm.

Dominican Mission fundraiser! We are running our envelope fundraiser again for April's mission to the Dominican Republic. On the parish hall kiosk are envelopes labeled \$1 to \$100. Please take one (or two), place the designated amount in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate or bring it (or mail it) to the parish office. Last year we raised \$5,000 (! ! !), which we can only do if every envelope is taken. Will you help us? If you have questions about our mission to the Dominican Republic, please see Fr. George.



Town Hall on Capital Projects. On **Sunday, March 15th**, immediately following the **10:15 am service**, we will host an informational Town Hall, as part of coffee hour, on Capital/Major Projects for our building and grounds. Our Capital Committee, a subcommittee of our Vestry, has been working since the fall on identifying and vetting major projects toward repairing and/or improving our building and grounds, including making the building more accessible for people with mobility issues. We will share what work has already been done in the last year and share work that has been done to gather information on other projects that might be done. The Capital Committee very much wants to hear from you; the March 15th gathering is not only to share information, but to gather it from our parish. What questions do you have? What concerns might you want to share? What projects might you desire to champion that your Capital Committee or Vestry have not yet identified. Please, please come and share the time with us as we move forward building up our future together.



Fellowship Committee forming: St James is very blessed to have so much new growth and involvement in church activities! We are starting a Fellowship Committee to provide TEAMS of folks who will work together to plan and coordinate our bigger events. These events may be church dinners, concerts, picnics, or special guests. Additionally, it will make sure there is training and coordination of our Sunday coffee hours. Please consider being a part of this committee. **The first meeting will be after the 10:15 service on Sunday, March 8th in the library.** If you have any questions, please call Kathy Bullard at 860-673-6444.



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 *St.Jofc2010*
- + 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).

