



# 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

**2028**  
David Hrdlicka  
Carol Kirkwood  
Michael Slusarz

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026, 10:15 a.m.



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 all others for whom we pray now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died and for all who mourn, and any we name now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, in Christ You show us the way to You and in Him extend the fullness of Your mercy, blessing, and saving love. Help us to find the strength in Christ to be the witnesses, the proclaimers of His path to hope and love, and bring us into the totality of Your presence. We pray, in the strong name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

### The Holy Communion

Offertory *Sing to the Lord* arr. by Alice Parker

◆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: WLP 812, 711, 455

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

### 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 *All Creatures of our God and King* Hymnal 400

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		Sefakor Tompkins
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	John Newton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	David & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti & Olivia Paré
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Coffee Hour Host		Elizabeth McBride
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Nancy Thompson
Vestry Keyholder		David Hrdlicka

Today's altar flowers are given in thanksgiving  
for our 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

~ David & Marie Harlley



**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.



**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.

**Sunday Bible Study:** we've begun 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 (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 12:30 pm via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

**Ascension and *Thy Kingdom Come***, (TKC) is a faith-based movement that began in the United Kingdom and has spread, over the last few years, all over the world. TKC is a cycle of prayer that begins on the day of our Lord's Ascension (May 14<sup>th</sup> this year) and ends on Pentecost (May 24<sup>th</sup>). The tradition is that our Lord Jesus Christ, after appearing to and teaching His disciples, after His Resurrection from the dead, was assumed – ascended – into heaven, promising His followers that they would receive the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. *Thy Kingdom Come* invites us, from the day of Ascension until Pentecost (10 days, including the feast days themselves), to pray for five people in our lives who either don't know Jesus Christ's grace and love or have not embraced faith in Christ. This year we will offer a Novena, a series of readings and reflections along with a space for you to note what is coming up for you and the people for whom you're praying.



There will be no Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am, to make space for the special worship on the day of Ascension. We will begin our engagement with TKC at Holy Eucharist in the Melissa Jane Inrig Memorial Chapel at 11 am on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Ascension Day, where light incense will be used. Each day folks are invited to pray for yourselves - and for your five designees for prayer – and there will be something shared on our Facebook page each day. The Lord's Prayer is strongly featured in the prayers we offer during the time between Ascension and Pentecost, as well.



**Ascension Choral Evensong:** On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., two days after the Feast of the Ascension, we will offer a Service of Choral Evensong. Evensong takes the place of Evening Prayer or vespers in our Daily Office and offers prayers and wonderful music in the Anglican tradition. There is no Eucharist at this service, only bidding prayers and lots of sacred music. Please join us for Evensong and then stay for a festive reception in the Parish Hall, immediately following the service.

**Mulching Party**—Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. It is that time of year to do a little weeding and a lot of mulching. Anyone who wants to bring a shovel, rake, wheelbarrow, work gloves, and a little grit, come join Skip and Linda Mason for a little down-home fun at the church! We will make a lovely day of it and get the job done – meaning mulching and all of that. No RSVP, just show up and bring your joy and GRIT. Rain or shine.



**A funeral service for longtime St. Mark's and then St. James Parish member, Barbara Campbell will be held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am here at St. James, followed by a reception in the parish hall.**



**Pentecost Picnic, SUNDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>!** Join us on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> for the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. **Following the 10:15 am service**, we'll hold a picnic with hamburgers, hotdogs, and sides. A sign-up is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board so that you indicate what side dish or dessert you will bring to share. Tradition has it that **we wear something red**, in honor of the coming of the Holy Spirit! Come join us!

The lectionary readings for Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> are:

Acts 17:22–31; Psalm 66:7–18; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21.

**Graduate Recognition:** We invite folks to share with us the names of their graduates for this spring of 2026, children and grandchildren, where they are graduating from, and what their next step may be, if they know it (from high school to college, college to work, travel, etc.). We need these by Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, so we can recognize folks. Please email or call the church office ([st.james.church@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.james.church@sbcglobal.net), 860-677-1564)!



**EfM Open House at St. James's Episcopal, West Hartford  
TOMORROW, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Education. Community.**

Reflection. Discovery. It's some of what happens in Education for Ministry (EfM). Come to our Open House and see what the program is all about from the people. in the group. Scripture study, review of church history, spiritual reflection, an enriching community life, discovering how we can serve. As one of our alums said, "EfM changed my life and deepened my faith in ways I never imagined." Two programs are offered, "Classic" the four-year study of Old & New Testaments, Church History, Theology and Ethics and "Wide Angle" a one-year survey of a range of texts. Group worship, study and reflection, listening to others, exploring new perspectives, participating in an enriching journey. Take the first step and join us on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Ron Ward, EfM Mentor at [rtwtmr@comcast.net](mailto:rtwtmr@comcast.net) or 860 463 8057. Check out our video <https://stjameswh.org/discipleship/education/efm>

### 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).

