



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2027
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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Come, thou fount of every blessing* Hymnal 686

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 Joel 2:23–32

Psalm 65 (*responsively, the People in **bold***) see insert

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

◆HYMN *Lord Jesus, think on me* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 641

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 18:9–14

◆HYMN *Lord Jesus, think on me* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 641

The Sermon Lee Febos, M. Div.

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, St. Paul proclaims that Your mercy gave him the endurance and grace to share the good news of Jesus with the world. May we be filled with joy as we proclaim Your truth, fighting the good fight of the faith, with humility and charity. We pray, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, even as She faces an uncertain future, that You will increase the faith of Your communities around the world, equipping them with leaders – bishops, priests, deacon, and lay people alike – that are ready and willing to share Your love and mercy with the world. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leadership everywhere in the world, especially in Israel, Ukraine/Russia, South Sudan, Mozambique, and in our own country. May leaders around the globe – including our Congress – find the courage to govern and compromise for the common good, fighting the good fight with humility and mercy. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Mary S., Jennifer, Pam P., Emilia, Cindy, Matt G., Tiffany O., Howard K., John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Dominic,

Joe, Karen, Jane B., Cheryl B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Mark, Gary, Laurent, Tom,, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

We pray in thanksgiving for the continuing life of St. James, for our Annual Appeal, and for courage to use Your gifts in service to Your Church, we pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, in Christ You brought death to life, renewal to that which had grown old. Grant us a joyful willingness to serve You in this world, fighting the good fight of faith in Christ with peace, hope, love, humility, enthusiasm, and grace. We pray, in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Let thy merciful ears* Thomas Weelkes

◆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: 680, 428, 462

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

◆A Stewardship Prayer (*in unison*)

Eternal God, we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things. Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes. May we serve you and pray with a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen.

Announcements

Stewardship Sharing

Stephen Karwowski

◆HYMN

Awake, my soul

Hymnal 546

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 & Elizabeth McBride
Chalicists	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Bob Kissel
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Felicia DeDominicis
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer		Marge Litteral
Coffee Hour Host		Carol Lemieux & Vestry
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Joyce Bettencourt

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God &
in loving memory of Herbert Christian Hagele.

~ Nina Hayes



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

Books for the Taking! On the long table in the Parish Hall there are lots of books. These are no longer ones for the church library. Help yourself to one or more! Any left after a few weeks will be discarded. Consider making a donation to the Library Fund.

A Stewardship Reflection for the week of October 26th

What does it mean to long for God? Do we long for God, desire “to see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly,” as the wonderful prayer goes? Our Annual Appeal for Stewardship begins this week with the soaring verse from Psalm 42: “As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.” The Psalm says, in verse 2, “My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God.” The longing that the Psalmist has for God is sometimes unrequited and a feeling of abandonment looms. All of us have experienced, at some point in our lives, a feeling of God’s absence, due to illness, broken relationships, the presence of evil in the world, etc. Then, the Psalmist sees God more clearly in the end as he declares in verse 15: “Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to Him, who is the help of my life, and my God.” Longing for God is, ultimately, answered and our longing brought each of us to St. James sometime along our life journey, either years ago or very recently.

Our theme for this Annual Appeal is “I am a vessel full of power, with a treasure from the Lord.” The treasure in our lives, as gift of God’s immense and loving power, may be that longing God has placed in our hearts or has answered for us, a contentment or blessing for us to enjoy. All of us experience God in our lives in a different way, which is to be expected as we are all so different and, yet, God has placed a longing in each of our hearts, too, the same longing for relationship with Him. St. Augustine, an early Doctor of the Church, once said, “My soul is restless, O Lord, until it finds its rest in thee.” God is the answer to our deep longing for peace, hope, faith, and grace; God gives us these things. May St. James be a place where we can long for God and, in God’s time, be met by God.

Fr. George Roberts

© Feed My Sheep, Sunday 10.26.2025

Being Intentional

We are asking for folks to make the call to worship, the ringing of the *angelus* five minutes before worship, our signal to settle down, become quiet, and allow the people around you to prepare themselves for worship. The musical prelude begins around that time, if not a few minutes later. At the service's conclusion, Blake plays a wonderful postlude which he takes time to prepare. We are asking that folks please take their conversations outside or – even better – down to coffee hour and allow the people who want to listen to the organ to do so without conversations going on around them. We never want to discourage our friendly chatter and greeting each other, the warm building of community and relationship, that happens when we see each other on Sundays. All that is being asked, really, is that we allow for some additional space for quiet, while still leaving room for talking and visiting.

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.

Updated Pictorial Directories: The full directories should be available next Sunday. **If you already have a directory, a supplemental add-on page is available in the parish hall** this morning which will catch you up on photos and addresses!

Our Stewardship theme this year is "I am a vessel full of power, with a Treasure from the Lord." To explore this theme further you will find a vessel at the front of the church ready for us, as a congregation, to fill it full of our power, gifts, talents, hopes and prayers, throughout our stewardship campaign. Each week we will have a different color sand to add as we reflect on a particular aspect of this theme. You are invited either before or after services, or during communion, to add a portion to the vessel. This week the color is Red to reflect on the fact that we each have been crucified with Christ, who lives in us.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for our weekly Bible study via Zoom at 12:30 pm. We've begun a new Bible study on the first and second letters of Paul to Timothy. The second letter is often seen as Paul's final testament and encouragement to his young disciple as Paul awaits execution in Rome. The study guides are available for pick-up in the parish office at \$10 per copy. Zoom gathering info: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!



New Wednesday Service: we now hold a Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing in the Chapel (behind the choir seating) at 11:30 am. Immediately following the service, anyone who would like is invited to stay for lunch (bring your own lunch – grinder, something to warm up, etc.) and time for conversation in the parish hall. If you have time for service only (will last about 25–30 minutes), please come. If you have time for lunch only (roughly noon–12:45ish), please do that. All are welcome, bring a neighbor, come every week, join us once in a while as you are able. You may park in the rear parking lot behind the church, come in the door, up the back stairs. Park in the little driveway in front of the church, off Mountain Road, if handling stairs to the chapel is a challenge for you.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, November 2nd are:

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 119:137–144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12; Luke 19:1–10.

Faith & Fries! We usually come together on the 4th Tuesday of each month at **Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 South Main Street in Unionville. We will next gather THIS TUESDAY, October 28th, from 7–8:30 pm.** Come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you. This month we will explore Mary Oliver's poem *Making the House Ready for the Lord*, and spring from poetry into a deeper conversation of what is truly important and how we invite God into our lives in a variety of ways. No worries, you needn't be a lover of poetry to benefit from our time together. 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.



Halloween fun! THIS FRIDAY, October 31st, St. James will host a table outside in front of the church, as we did last year, where we will offer some goodies and apple cider. If you would like to have a table, dress up in costume, maybe have treats that would be great!



We will not have anything for sale, only giving away things. If you are interested, reach out to Fr. George.

And while you're in the neighborhood, at 6pm, the students in the Miss Porter's School Orchestra will be playing spooky music at First Church at 75 Main Street. It will be a very brief concert - maybe 20 minutes - and fun! Most of the students will be in costume. First Church is running a food drive for the Farmington Food Pantry at the same time, and there will be candy outside, of course!

LAST CALL to support our St. Mark's Ministries: St. Mark's Ministries supports and operates a Food Pantry in New Britain. The population that they serve faces many challenges and the numbers are increasing dramatically. The Pantry purchases food through Foodshare but they cannot purchase personal items and there is a great call for them. A box marked *St. Mark's Ministries* is in the Narthex for your donations. If you prefer to support this cause by check, it can be sent to the Church office with *St. Mark's Ministries* noted. Thank you for your generosity! The items needed are:

Feminine products
Toothpaste

Bath soap
Mouthwash

Shampoo
Deodorant

Toothbrushes
Toilet paper

Come join the *Thursday morning Mingle*: Beginning early November, and continuing until April, St. Mark's Community Ministries of St. James will host a *Thursday Morning Mingle* at South Church, New Britain. We plan to feed up to 150 or more people each Thursday morning with a hot and hearty breakfast, at no charge to them. It is our opportunity to support those in need in New Britain and to spread the good word as we mingle with those we serve. We need volunteers to make this happen – ideally, 2 teams of at least 6 volunteers, with each team serving every other week. This also allows for coverage for absences. If you would like to participate in this mission, or would like more information about it, please contact Dave Tompkins at dtompk2000@aol.com or 860-836-5788.

Coping with Loss during the Holidays – Celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends should be happy occasions. For some of us who have lost family members recently or even years ago, it is challenging. If you would like to discuss the challenges of celebrating the holidays in a supportive atmosphere, please join us **this Saturday, November 1st in the library at St. James from 9:30–11 a.m.** Donna Paye and Nancy Thompson, coordinators. Please contact Donna Paye at djp2947@att.net or 860--673-0097 as soon as possible, if you would like to join us.

All Saints & All Souls: On All Saints Day (this Saturday), November 1st, at 11:30 am, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Melissa Inrig Memorial Chapel in commemoration of All Saints Day. The following day, Sunday, November 2nd (the Feast of All Souls), we will commemorate All Saints and All Souls Days, using collects from both feasts, and the Prayers of the People will focus on those who have gone to the larger life. **We invite you to offer the names of people in your life who have died for the prayers on this special day to the church office by Wednesday, October 29th.**



Movie Night! THIS SATURDAY, November 1st, we will watch *The Two Popes*, a fictional account, based on true events, which explores conversations between Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio (who would become Pope Francis), played by the splendid Jonathan Pryce, and Pope Benedict XVI, played by Anthony Hopkins. The two men, with the church embroiled in scandal, discuss the tradition of the Church, new paths forward, their own weakness, and the power of God. Wonderful performances by two of the English-speaking world's finest actors. **Beginning at 6 pm**, bring your dinner and let's eat together, watch the movie, enjoy popcorn and drinks, and discuss a bit afterward.

First Sunday Breakfast: Join us next Sunday, November 2nd (after the 8 am service).

All are invited to breakfast for French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, lots of coffee (with juice and tea available) and much good conversation. A gluten-free option will be available, too. So, join us, bring your family and neighbors, and share in the great food from our Men's Group! We're still looking for men who might want to be involved in helping with these First Sunday Breakfasts.



Sharing the Feast: Thanksgiving Meal Project. St James Parish is once again working with the Town of Farmington to supply 10 families in need with food for their Thanksgiving meals. A signup with the list of Thanksgiving foods needed is posted in the narthex. **Please sign up for one or more items, noting the volume and quantity requested.** Non-perishable foods may be left in the box labeled *Thanksgiving Meals*. All items must be delivered to St James by Sunday, November 23rd. Food for the Thanksgiving meals will be delivered to Farmington Community Services who will then distribute the meals to the families. Any questions? Please contact Kim or Dave Faubert with questions. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Lenten Devotions: We're embarking on a new journey through Lent. A devotional booklet for the 40 days of Lent is taking shape. Each day's reflection will be written by a member or friend of our church. So, now it's time to join in – **writers are needed!** Guidance is available, if requested. Speak to Dianne Antos to receive a scripture reading to use and instructions on formatting your written page. **The deadline to submit your devotional piece is December 6th.** Let's share this unique way to share our faith journey.



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 Wifi 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).

