



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2026

Kathy Bullard
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2027

Linda Mason
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2028

David Hrdlicka
Carol Kirkwood
Michael Slusarz

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

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| ◆Hymn | <i>Glory, love and praise</i> | Hymnal 300 |
| ◆Opening Acclamation | | BCP pg. 355 |
| ◆Collect for Purity | | BCP pg. 355 |
| ◆ <i>Gloria</i> | | Hymnal (front section) S 280 |
| ◆Collect of the Day (<i>Contemporary, in unison</i>) | | see insert |
| First Reading | Exodus 32:1–14 | |
| Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 (<i>responsively, the People in bold</i>) | | see insert |
| Second Reading | Philippians 4:1–9, | |
| ◆HYMN Sequence | <i>Rejoice, the Lord is King! (v.1-2)</i> | Hymnal 481 |
| ◆The Holy Gospel | Matthew 22:1–14 | |
| ◆HYMN Sequence | <i>Rejoice, the Lord is King! (v.3-4)</i> | Hymnal 481 |
| The Sermon | The Reverend George Roberts | |
| The Nicene Creed | | BCP pg. 358 |
| ◆The Prayers of the People | | |

Holy God who gives all good gifts, saves us from the wreckage of life and, in Christ, sets our feet upon the right path, may our awareness of Your great love give us that elusive joy that we seek! We pray with loud voices, responding, **Rejoice in Christ! Rejoice!**

For Your One, Holy, Apostolic Church that She may offer the Gospel of love, sacrifice, and belonging found in the one hope of Jesus. We pray, **Rejoice in Christ! Rejoice!**

For leaders around our nation and in the world, that they may learn to outdo one another in showing honor and dignity and then treat those that they represent and serve as though they matter. We pray, **Rejoice in Christ! Rejoice!**

For all who struggle with mental illness, persistent sadness or grief, addiction, anger, or the dark soul of prejudice, that their challenge may be transformed into new life in Jesus. We pray, **Rejoice in Christ! Rejoice!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Peter M., Abe, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, John M., Brian, Jane, Robert

Pizzanello, Heather, Laurent, Tom, Molly Magro, Lori Roy and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [pause here ...]. May their sorrow turn to gladness, we pray, **Rejoice in Christ! Rejoice!**

For all who have died, especially Susan Livingston, and all others we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here ...]. May they know the fullness of Resurrection, we pray, **Rejoice in Christ! Rejoice!**

Celebrant: Lord, the Psalms pray that our sadness may be turned to joy, our sorrow into dancing, our darkness into light. May we be people transformed and transfused by the Light of Jesus Christ and in His name be people of hope, charity, and joy. We pray, in His name. **Amen.**

Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Rise Up Singing Praise

Dale Wood

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S125

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 663, 701, 664

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Announcements & Blessing

◆HYMN

Rejoice, ye pure in heart (v. 1-5)

Hymnal 556

The Dismissal

BCP pg. 365

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	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Verona Schlosky
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Bob Kissel
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Michael Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Donna Paye
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Kim & Dave Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Melanie Ouellette & Maria Costa
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Marge Litteral
Coffee Hour Host		Janice Lee
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Susan Rubin
Vestry Keyholder		Carol Kirkwood

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Ellie C. Paye

~ Donna & Dave Paye



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: 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.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, October 18th are Exodus 33:12–33; Psalm 99; Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22.

A Call for info/articles for November's Epistle Please send any thing you need in the Epistle to Pam Sheehy at St.James.church@sbcglobal by Wednesday Oct 14th .



Annual Convention of ECCT Resolutions. Each year, delegates gather from around the Episcopal Church in CT (ECCT), both clergy and lay, along with our bishops and diocesan staff, for the Annual Convention of ECCT.

The Convention is authorized to pass resolutions, discuss the state of the church, etc. This Sunday, October 11, folks are invited to gather in the parish hall, between the services, and see the resolutions, ask questions, make comments, etc. Our delegates to Convention this year are Mimi Hostetter, Carol Kirkwood and Donna Card. Link to resolutions: <https://www.episcopalct.org/resolutions-submitted-to-convention/>

Thursday Morning Mingle Volunteers needed

The Thursday Morning Mingle is a ministry that provides food directly to the people who need it the most on a weekly basis. Starting at the beginning of November, and ending in April, we serve a free hot breakfast to whoever needs on at South Church in New Britain each Thursday morning. We start cooking at 6:30 AM and are finished by 9:30 AM. Meals vary, we serve pancakes, eggs, breakfast sandwiches, hashbrowns, cereal, oatmeal and, of course coffee, tea and juice.

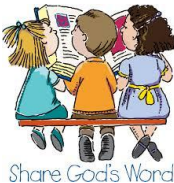


We are looking to have at least 16 volunteers this year, so we can have two teams of 8 alternating weeks. That way the commitment is only 2 times per month.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave Tompkins at dtompk2000@aol.com , or check in with me before or after service.

! In need of some help! *Coffee Hour* needs volunteers! Folks, thank you in advance, as we need more folks to sign up to host coffee hour. If you have never hosted before, there is help, guidance in making coffee, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board on the breezeway by the parish hall or contact Janice Lee, Coffee Hour Coordinator, janice51d@comcast.net Please consider helping.

Church School. Most know that we are currently seeking a paid teacher to lead church school. Let us know if you know of anyone. Until that person is hired, we will offer Church School the first Sunday of each month for first grade to fifth. Our next Church School Session will be on Sunday, November 1, as we explore the mystery, fun, and blessing of our tradition of saints. What does it mean to be a saint?!



Youth Group. On Sunday, October 18, at 3pm, we will have our first Youth Group outing at Riverfront Miniature Golf and Ice Cream at 218 River Rd. in Unionville. We will play a round of miniature golf and then the church will treat everyone to ice cream! For Young people 6 grade and up and feel free to bring a friend!



Women's Ministry

October 22, 2026, 7pm, Book Club with Tracey this month's book is, "The Secret Book of Flora Lea," by Patti Callahan Henry. This historical fiction explores a woman's finding out more about her past and who she is through discovered clues. To hear a podcast about the book go to : <https://janehealey.com/podcast-episode/the-secret-book-of-flora-lea-by-patti-callahan-henry/>

October 31, 2026, 9am, Prayer Pot Luck Breakfast with Mimi This Fall we will have our very own Mimi Hostetter, Biblical Scholar, as our guest speaker. Mimi has been a long-time member of St James and has taught Ancient World history, which included the place of women in that world, to both high school and college students over the years. Bring a breakfast food and come enjoy a wonderful breakfast with your Christian sisters.

November 5, 2026, 11am, Trinity Music and Luncheon Trinity University offers a complimentary lunch inside the chapel during Carillon performances. Presented by Trinity College Chapel and the Department of Music. All performances are free and open to the public. On November 5, 2026, meet at the church at 11am with anyone wanting to attend so that we may carpool over to Trinity College in Hartford for the lunch and performance. 12:10 p.m. Recital by Mary-Katherine Fletcher, Needham, Mass. 12:45 p.m. Organ recital. No RSVP necessary.

November 13-14, 2026, Camp Washington Women's Retreat Mark it on your calendar! Plan to come for a renewal of your spirit and fun with your women friends. For information, please reach out to Kathy Bullard with questions @ 860-673-6444 . We are hoping for a large turnout.

December 2026, Theater Opportunity Thank you to Dianne Antos for suggesting a group activity for Playhouse on Park in West Hartford, CT to go see All is Calm, the Christmas Truce of 1914. Ticket prices are \$38.50 - 58.50. The show runs from Dec 2 - Dec 27. The date has not yet been chosen - STAY TUNED! The plot: The Western Front, Christmas, 1914. Out of the violence arose a silence, then a song. Amid the combat, a German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. A remarkable true story told in the words and songs of the men who lived it.



The Safety Committee will be having a meeting on Monday, October 26 at 6:30pm. This committee was formed to address safety concerns that include emergency medical issues (such as first aid, CPR, and AED use), emergency response issues (fire evacuation, sheltering in place), childcare safety, and responses to external threats. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this committee is encouraged to attend. If you have questions or concerns, call Kathy Bullard 860-673-6444.



Newcomer's Potluck Dinner, Sunday October 18, 2026 5:30

We hope this gathering will give us an opportunity to extend a warm and personal welcome to our newcomers, introduce them to our parish and get to know them better.

Please save the date so you can join us and help make our newcomers feel truly at home! There is a signup on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Bullard on 860-673-6444

CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed October 19 2026 7-9pm

The American Heart Association's Family and Friends CPR Course and The American College of Surgeons Stop the Bleed Course.



- Learn hands only CPR and relief of choking in adults,
- CPR and relief of choking in infants
- How to operate our defibrillator.
- Learn how to recognize a serious bleed and learn how to stop it practicing on a simulated limb.

Practice on adult and infant manikins so you feel confident

Sponsored at no charge by the Town of Farmington Fire Department, you will receive a manual and key chain barrier device and be guided by parishioners and certified instructors, Bob and Bonnie Sudell. Sign up in the hallway to the parish hall.



All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), Saturday, October 31. At 5pm, on Halloween, by the Memorial Garden (weather permitting, or inside), we will have a short service for All Hallow's, and some refreshments available afterward along with our table outside, by the street, for Trick or Treaters! Cool apple cider will be available, too. If you have kids and cannot come by for the 5pm fun, please come by for candy and goodies!



Thanksgiving at St. James Parish. Thursday, November 26

Holy Eucharist of Thanksgiving will take place in our sanctuary. at 10 am on Thanksgiving morning. All are welcome! Eucharist means “thanksgiving” and, before the turkey is carved, family and friends arrive, or football begins, join us in thanks for God’s great sacrifice, goodness, and love.



Social time and Thanksgiving dinner: The Roberts' family and St. James invites folks to join us for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, at 4pm for social time. Dinner will be around 4:30-5pm. A sign-up sheet will go up in the parish hall in early November for anyone who plans to come. The Roberts family will provide the turkey, (sign up is essential!), and will ask everyone who comes to bring some Thanksgiving fare to share. If you know a friend or neighbor who is alone, please bring them along – and anyone who might enjoy coming and anyone who simply wants to share in the fun is warmly welcome.

Rides will be available for those who don't drive. More details to come!

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 narthex 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 AND 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).

