



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2026
Kathy Bullard
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2027
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2028
David Hrdlicka
Carol Kirkwood
Michael Slusarz

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *I love thy kingdom, Lord* Hymnal 524

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 21:8–21

Psalms 86:1–10, 16–17 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading Romans 6:1b–11

◆HYMN *Christ for the world we sing* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 537

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:24–39

◆HYMN *Christ for the world we sing* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 537

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord God, in Christ You hold us in forgiveness, even in the tension of our separation from You and each other because of those things we have done and left undone. Help us to hold fast to the faith of Christ as the way, the truth, and the life, even when the world chases after idols of its own making. We pray, responding, Lord, have mercy.

For the Church that She may be bold in proclaiming Your truth and, at the same time, share the grace of Your love for all. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For leaders who act with disregard for the sacredness of each person, may their hearts be turned and their minds changed. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer from unbelief and doubt, for any who see themselves as less than Your beloved child, and for all who are lost in anger, abuse, violence, or addiction. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Bruce, John Newton, Kevin and his daughter Zara, Nina, Joyce Jensen, Mike D., Jerry M., Wylder, Pauline, Susan Livingston, Preston, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Bob C.,

Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, especially Henry Skonieczny, and any others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks for fathers and all those men who mentor anyone, particularly those whose lives are lived to Your glory, then shared with their children, students, or mentees. We pray, **Thanks be to God!**

Celebrant: Lord God, only by Your power and grace do we have the strength to take up our cross and to carry it into the world with hope, resilience, and purpose. Grant us Your holiness, we pray, and help us to stand up in Your name, proclaiming Your love and blessing in a world where grace and hope are not on offer. We pray, in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer C

BCP pg. 369

**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: 661, 675, 654

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 366

Announcements

◆HYMN

Praise to the living God

Hymnal 372

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	Barbara Hess
Chalicians	Andrea Harris
Lectors	Donna Paye
Ushers	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Welcomer	Anna Whilby
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	Marge Litteral & Linda Larkin
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery	Joyce Bettencourt
Vestry Keyholder	Kathy Bullard

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Robert Henry
~ The Henry family



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

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 noon via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

Faith & Fries is canceled for this month, Tuesday, June 23rd. We will return on Tuesday, July 28th, at 7 pm at Puente Restaurant in Unionville. Stay tuned for more specific details!



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 returns TODAY! 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, so please sign up on the Coffee Hour/Lemonade poster located on the parish hall ramp bulletin board.



Retirement Celebration for Sue Deming: After many years of faithful service to St James, our Parish Administrator, Sue Deming, will soon be retiring! We are deeply grateful for the dedication she has shown as she helped to support the mission and the daily life of our wonderful church. **Sue's retirement party is this Saturday, June 27th at 5 pm.** We hope you will join us as we wish Sue many blessings and happiness in her retirement.

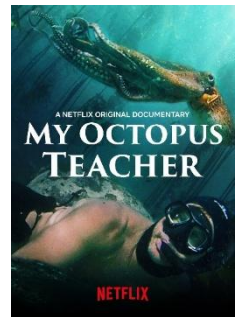
The lectionary readings for Sunday, June 28th are:

Genesis 22:1–14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 10:40–42.



Farmington Food Pantry month! The need continues to be enormous at food pantries across the country. St James Parish continues to support The Farmington Food Pantry which serves those with food insecurity right here in our own community. In January and June of each year, St James takes the responsibility to “step up” our collection of nonperishable food items for the pantry. Summer brings increased use, as children are out of school, and need all their meals at home. The grey collection bin marked “Farmington Food Pantry” is in the church narthex. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Simply make out your check to *St James Parish* and include “Food Pantry” on the note line. Thank you so much for your continuing generous support of the Farmington Food Pantry!!

Movie night on July 10th: On Friday, July 10th at 6:30 pm. please join us for our first movie night in a while with a stunning documentary called *My Octopus Teacher*. No, not the greatest name for a film, which was my first response to the title. too. But a friend recommended it to me and so I watched it on recent flight (alluded to in a recent *Feed My Sheep* article). I was blown away by the sheer beauty of the film, set off the coast of the Western Cape in South Africa. The film chronicles a documentary filmmaker (Craig Foster) who is struggling in all of his human relationships – including with his wife and adolescent son – and has even lost his zest for filmmaking. He begins to free-dive off the coast where he has a family home and encounters an octopus, animals who are notoriously shy. Over the course of week and months, the two creatures – human and invertebrate – begin to form a bond that begins, amazingly, to transform Craig’s life. The film taps into this sense of grace that I hope we can focus on in the coming year. The film is not a religious one, but there are currents of grace flowing freely and powerfully all through it. The film is a spare 1 hour, 25 minutes. Join us for the movie at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Bring dinner for yourself if you’d like and we will have drinks, popcorn, and dessert available. The film is appropriate for all ages; please feel free to bring a friend or neighbor.



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.

