



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2026
Kathy Bullard
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2027
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2028
David Hrdlicka
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Michael Slusarz

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

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| ◆Hymn | <i>Come, thou fount of every blessing</i> | Hymnal 686 |
| ◆Opening Acclamation | | BCP pg. 355 |
| ◆Collect for Purity | | BCP pg. 355 |
| ◆Gloria | | Hymnal (front section) S 280 |
| ◆Collect of the Day (<i>Contemporary, in unison</i>) | | see insert |
| First Reading | Exodus 17:1–7 | |
| Psalms 78:1–4, 12–16 (<i>responsively, the People in bold</i>) | | see insert |
| Second Reading | Philippians 2:1–13 | |
| ◆HYMN Sequence | <i>Shepherd of souls (vv.1-2)</i> | Hymnal 343 |
| ◆The Holy Gospel | Matthew 21:23–32 | |
| ◆HYMN Sequence | <i>Shepherd of souls (v. 3-4)</i> | Hymnal 343 |
| The Sermon | | The Reverend George C Roberts |
| The Nicene Creed | | BCP pg. 358 |
| ◆The Prayers of the People | | |

Almighty God, in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You made a way for us through the wilderness of sin, despair, addiction, pain, isolation, and unbelief. Give us the power and courage to walk the way of Jesus, the way He has already made for us. We pray, responding, **Make a way, Lord Jesus!**

For the Church that She may stay true to the reality of the Gospel and be a lamp that shines the light of Jesus, the Holy One, upon the path we are to travel in this life. We pray, **Make a way, Lord Jesus!**

For leadership in a world with too much violence and chaos, leaders that can be instruments of Your divine healing, so that Christ may shine through them to those around them. We pray, **Make a way, Lord Jesus!**

For all who are struggling with a lack of humility, anger or defensiveness, violence or hunger, pain or despair, that they may find the true Light that shines in the darkness. We pray, **Make a way, Lord Jesus!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Peter M., Abe, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, Emilia, Bob C.,

John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom and for all others we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here ...*]. We pray, **Make a way, Lord Jesus!**

For all who have died, and for all who mourn, especially those we now name, silently or aloud [*pause here ...*]. We pray, **Make a way, Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant: Holy God, who made a way out of Egypt, a path through the Jordan as the people came into the land of promise and You made a new way through our personal and societal wildernesses - by the blood and body of Jesus Christ – into a spiritual land of abundant life. Help us to walk the way of sacrifice, blessing, and hope, in the Name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Bless the Lord, My Soul

Cantata 196 by J S Back

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

**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 339, 439, 435

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Announcements

◆HYMN

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

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.	Barbara Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Michael Denegris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Elizabeth McBride
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Donna & Jim Wilkie
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Marge Litteral
Coffee Hour Host		Dave Woodford & Carol Lemieux
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Neil & Pat Clark
Vestry Keyholder		Dave Tompkins

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of my sister, Denise
~ by Michele Briganti



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, September 27th are Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 78, Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew 21:23–32.





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. Get together with another church member and co-host, to share the labor a bit. Coffee hour need not be elaborate, simply cookies are fine, pastries, etc., whatever you are up to. 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 out. Coffee hour has 2 signed up from October 4th to December 27th; which leaves us with many open spaces.

Welcomer needed for October 11th, November 1st and **all** slots are open from November 15th to December 27. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board on the breezeway by the parish hall. We need your help.

Church School. We are currently working through new plans for our upcoming Church School year. A major part of those plans is to hire a new church leader/teacher for our children as we give the dedicated, hardworking folks who have led/taught church school for many years space to step away a bit. As we search, Church School will be downsized a bit for now. We will offer a church school session on the first Sunday of each month only, coinciding with the First Sunday breakfast, beginning at 10 am, as usual.



Our first session will be at 10am on Sunday, October 4, focusing on St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is on the 4th!

On Sunday, November 1, we will commemorate All Saints, which falls on that day. Sunday, December 6, St. Nicholas Day, we will spend time with St. Nicholas!

So, lots of fun. Church School this year will be for 1st grade through 5th. The schedule is tentative and if we hire someone before year's end, we will resume weekly church school offerings. Please be patient with us as we work through this time and Fr. George is always open to your suggestions.



Youth Group. On the second Sunday of each month, beginning October 11, we are going to offer some time for our Youth Group to hang out together and we will start by doing something social and fun!! Youth Group will be for 6th grade and up!

For our first gathering together, October 11th at 5:30pm, our 6th grade and up folks are invited to join us for a round of miniature golf at Riverfront Miniature Golf and Ice Cream, 218 River Rd., Unionville, just across the River, and then ice cream, a treat from St. James Parish. Please contact Fr. George at rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net if you plan to come and it is okay to bring a friend.



POSTPONED October 3, 2026, 7pm, St James Got Talent Night This event is postponed until the new year. Be on the look out for info in 202

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/>

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. Stay tuned for more information and please reach out to Kathy Bullard with questions. **We are** hoping for a large turnout.



Discipleship for Episcopalians. On Sunday, October 4, following the 10:15 am service, there will be a brief conversation, led by Fr. George, available for anyone interested in Discipleship for Episcopalians, which will involve a series of conversations about how we become better equipped, formed, and courageous disciples of Jesus in the world. We will meet in the library after the service. No obligation is made or implied by you simply showing up and listening for a few minutes. Join us on the 4th!



First Sunday Breakfast Returns! On Sunday, October 4, between the services, we will offer a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and bacon with lots of coffee and juice available will be provided by the Men's Group. A wonderful time for fellowship and community! Join us!!

The Blessing of Animals. Join us on October 4th at 4 pm with your furry friends as we commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of our animals. We will begin our time together with a short liturgy, a little singing, followed by a blessing for each of your pets by Fr. George. Join us on the patio area in the Memorial Garden (in the parish hall in the event of rain)



Movie Night! Join us on Saturday, October 10, at 6 pm, for a documentary called *The Story of Everything*. "The Story of Everything is a cinematic exploration of the cosmos that reveals the hidden hand behind our universe.

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From the precise laws that govern the stars to the intricate patterns found in every living cell, the film traces evidence of intentional design throughout nature. Whether examining distant star-forming clouds or the spiral structure of DNA, we discover a consistent signature woven into the fabric of existence” (from the film’s website).

Please join us, bring your dinner (grinder, salad, whatever) and we will add drinks, dessert, and popcorn. The film is 97 minutes, leaving us some time for conversation after it is over.



Newcomer’s Potluck Dinner Sunday October 18, 2026

We are delighted to invite all the members of our Parish to a Special Newcomer’s Dinner. This will be an evening dedicated to welcoming and getting to know those people who are new to our Parish community. 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.

Regular parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share. Newcomers, as our special guests, do not need to bring anything. Please save the date so you can join us and help make our newcomers feel truly at home! There will be a signup sheet going up shortly, so be on the lookout later in September.

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Bullard on 860 -673-6444



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!



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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).

