



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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

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| ◆Hymn | <i>Sing praise to God who reigns above</i> | Hymnal 408 |
| ◆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 33:12–23 | |
| Psalms 99 (<i>responsively, the People in bold</i>) | | see insert |
| Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 | |
| ◆HYMN Sequence | <i>God of grace and God of glory (v.1-2)</i> | Hymnal 595 |
| ◆The Holy Gospel | Matthew 22:15–22 | |
| ◆HYMN Sequence | <i>God of grace and God of glory (v.3-4)</i> | Hymnal 595 |
| The Sermon | The Reverend George Roberts | |
| The Nicene Creed | | BCP pg. 358 |
| ◆The Prayers of the People | | |

Lord God, You challenge us to be people who are firmly engaged in the world but living – at the same time - in solidarity with Your will for our lives. We pray, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For Your Church on earth, that She may support Your people in honoring Christ first in our lives and granting guidance, too, to be bold in channeling Jesus into the world we live in. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders of nations, regions, and tribes that they may not be tyrants who govern in ways that allow the few to enrich themselves at the expense of the poor and disenfranchised. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who know only the ways of the world, and not the ways of Jesus, O God that they may know what belongs to the world and what belongs to You. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Gerry, Peter M., Abe, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Wylder, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Danielle Harris, John M., Robert Pizzanello, Heather, Laurent, Tom, Molly Magro, Lori Roy and for all others we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here ...]. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Celebrant: Gracious God, Holy, everlasting Lord, give us the strength to resist those things that draw us away from Your love and presence, and help us know those things in the world that are good and those that are evil. We pray, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

O for a Closer Walk

C. V. Stanford

◆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: 689, 544, 591

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Announcements

Commissioning of Pastoral Care Givers and Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: God the Creator and ruler of all things, Your reign grows like a mustard seed into abundant life: Bless those who bring Your Presence to those who are sick, homebound, or lonely that they may be, to those they are sent, a sign of Your eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our salvation. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed God, you call forth light from darkness: Send the power of Your Spirit upon Your servants as they carry Your Gospel to those to whom they are sent. Fill them with Your light, that they may shine with Your radiance, drawing all to the brightness of Your love and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and true Light. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Bless these people, who have been identified as Pastoral Ministers and Companions for a Pastoral Care Ministry at St. James Parish, Farmington. They have studied, questioned, explored, prayed, and maintained faith to prepare themselves for the ministry of a pastoral care giver. Grant them strength, potential, faith, patience, and

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a heart for walking with those who are sick, struggling, or isolated. We pray, **Lord, commissioning them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Celebrant: For those commissioned to be Eucharistic Visitors, we ask them to step forward. These ministers have been trained and have prayed, as they are prepared to be commissioned as Eucharistic Visitors in Christ's Holy Church, to take Holy Communion to those who cannot be physically with us, as a sign of Christ's mercy and that they are a part of this extended community.

Congregation **The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ. The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.**

Celebrant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten:

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Celebrant Let us pray. [Silence] O God, your Son Jesus Christ was made known to His disciples in the reading of the Scriptures and the breaking of the Bread: Go with all those who visit your people in His Name; in the name of the one who lives and reigns for ever and ever - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and of this congregation, I commission you all as a Eucharistic Visitors in this Parish, St. James, Farmington. **Amen.**

Blessing

◆HYMN *Father Eternal, Ruler of creation* (v. 1-3, 5) Hymnal 573

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.	Donna Wilke
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Harris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Debra Kamambay
	10:15 a.m.	Donna Paye
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Roland Therrien
	10:15 a.m.	Verona & Dave Schlosky
Welcomer	10:15 a.m.	Linda Mason
Coffee Hour Host		Janice Lee & Carol Lemieux
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Linda Mason
Vestry Keyholder		Michael Slusarz

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of our parents, Monty & Alice
Bagdigian and Joesph & Mary Slusarz
~ Michael and Armen Slusarz



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

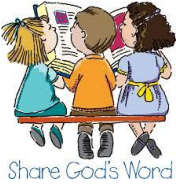
Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on** Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.

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 25th are
Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46.



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?!



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.

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.

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.

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 service, 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).

