



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2026

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2027

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2028

David Hrdlicka
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Michael Slusarz

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16 2026, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I glory* Hymnal 441 (vv.1–3,5)

◆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 45:1–15

Psalm 133 (*responsively, the People in **bold***) see insert

Second Reading Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

◆HYMN *Sequence, I the Lord of sea and sky (v. 1-2)* WLP 812

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 15:21–28

◆HYMN *Sequence, I the Lord of sea and sky (v. 3)* WLP 812

The Sermon

The Reverend George C Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, in Your mercy You bring grace into the mess, chaos, pain, and injustice of the world. Give us the strength to cry out to You as we move through the challenges of life knowing that You are with us. We pray, responding Lord, have mercy.

For the Church that She may proclaim, teach, and live the reality of Your salvation for all who call on the name of Jesus. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For leaders of the world that they may live out the reality of Your compassion, fostering forgiveness where it is needed, promoting unity in Your name. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who are addicted, angry, poor, homeless, or alone, share Your blessing and an awareness of Your presence. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Austin Bohlman, Bruce, Nina, John Newton, Kevin and his daughter Zara, Wylder, Pauline, Phil, Susan Livingston, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Bob C., Emilia, John M., Brian, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanella, Jayla, Heather, Laurent, Tom, and all

others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] .. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, especially Bob Patin, Alice Willard, and all others for whom we pray now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Dear Holy and loving God, we know that You can bring Your grace into even the worst moments of our lives. Guide us, in joy and in trial, that we may come to walk more closely with You in Christ on this earthly journey. We pray, in the strong name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

**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: 379, 686, 562

◆Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Announcements

◆HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 473

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	Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	Gina Pines
Lectors	Michael Slusarz
Ushers	Tracey Roberts & Rich Baba
Welcomer	Marge Litteral
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	Janice Lee & Sue Holland
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery	Dona Waugh
Vestry Keyholder	Bonnie Sudell

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of
William Riemer, Robert & Helen Riemer and Wayne & Dolores Crookham
~Mark and Janice Riemer.



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.



Back-to-School Backpack Stuffing & Ice Cream Social

Dear children of St. James: Mark Your Calendars for
Wednesday, August 19th 6:30 PM at the Church.

It's that time of year again to stuff the bookbags! Donations of school supplies have been rolling in - we have bookbags, lunchboxes, notebooks, folders, pencils, crayons...you name it! Now we need your help to sort the items and fill the bookbags full of supplies, so that 20 local Farmington students will have everything they need to start the school year with confidence. Join us for this fun event, where we will also create notes of encouragement to include in the bookbags while enjoying ice cream sundaes! **RSVP by August 16th** to Maggie at maggie.ososki@gmail.com or 860-517-9158 (So we'll have plenty of ice cream for everyone!)

Coffee hour sign up. We have a few openings for our Summer Lemonade on the Lawn. (Aug.23rd & Aug 30th). Please see the sign-up sheet in the church hall
Thanks for your help!

Thanks to everyone who submitted a hymn request for this Sunday and the next. All the main hymns and some of the Communion hymns were drawn from those requests! Enjoy and thanks to Blake and Rachel, as always, for their gift of music!"

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, August 23th are
Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124, Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20.



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.

Walking with Grief: Support for the Journey of Loss

This eight-week series will guide a small community of participants through spiritual exploration as they navigate the path of loss and the grieving process. This in-person series will be held on consecutive Wednesdays 9/16 - 11/4 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM at The Spiritual Life Center at 76 Sherman St in the West End of Hartford. Click [HERE](#) for more details or visit <https://www.spiritlifectr.org/Walking-With-Grief>



October 3, 2026, 7pm, St James Got Talent Night Dust off your funny bones and show them off to your friends at this chuckle, chuckle, ha ha event!! Think of what YOU could do, drag your friends in, and lets PERFORM!! This event is for ALL members—men, women, children—to be involved with. If you got the Talent—We got the spot for you!! Sign up on bulletin board on ramp to Parish Hall. Only YOU can make this night fun! Sponsored by the *Women's Ministry*.

Lemonade on the Lawn 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 all the Sundays in August available, so please sign up on the Coffee Hour/Lemonade poster located on the parish hall ramp bulletin board.



Women's Ministry

August 17, 2026, 7pm, Watercolor Fun with Betsy A fun evening of playing with watercolor and seeing what you can do with it, led by our very talented artist, Betsy Bailey. All supplies will be there, if you have brushes, watercolor, and paper you want to bring, feel free to do so. Besides your wonderful self also bring a friend, a bite to share and drinks if you are inclined. RSVP by 8/14 to 1delshire@gmail.com, Linda Mason.

September 12, 2026, Church Fair mark it on your calendar and plan to come for FUN!!! September 22, 2026, 10am, Coffee at Daily Grind Fall into autumn on it's very first day by having a cup of coffee with your BESTIES from church! No better way to celebrate the new season!

September 26, 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 13, 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 turn out.



SAVE THE DATE!

St James' Fall Craft Fair

Sat., Sept. 12th, 9 am to 3 pm

We need your donations of the following
(PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR PARISH HALL) :



Home-made Baked Goods for the Bake Sale Table. Cookies, breads, cakes, pies, fudge, snacks, etc. Contact Dona Waugh to let her know what you are baking. donawaugh@sbcglobal.net or at 860.674.9733

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Stop & Shop Gift Cards would be greatly appreciated to help with food and food prep costs. (Any cards not used will be raffled.)  
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Speaking of the Teacup Raffle:

Don't forget Gift Cards from local restaurants and other merchants.

We can accept your donations up to September 6th.

Contact Linda Mason at 1delshire@gmail.com or at 860.515.4338.

(Or drop them off to our new admin, Pam!)

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COME JOIN US! Take a look at all of the arts & crafts available (Christmas Gifts?)

Stay for lunch and enjoy our Live Jazz Entertainment!

(Lunch and music from 11a to 2p)

As always, all proceeds will benefit St. James Outreach ministries. (So, if you plan on attending, bring lots and lots of proceeds to our event.)

For additional information on how to register to become one of our vendors, contact Dee Vincenzo (Vendor Coordinator) at [cakesbydee001@gmail.com](mailto:cakesbydee001@gmail.com) or text at 860.406.0119

For additional information regarding donations, volunteers, etc., please Contact Dave Schueler (Event Coordinator) at 571.594.9336 or [dwschueler@gmail.com](mailto:dwschueler@gmail.com)

THANKS EVERYONE!

### 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.

