



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2028
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Hail the day that sees him rise* Hymnal 214

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 278

◆Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert

First Reading Acts 1:6–14

Psalms 68:1–10, 33–36 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

◆HYMN *A hymn of glory, let us sing* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 218

◆The Holy Gospel John 17:1–11

◆HYMN *A hymn of glory, let us sing* (v. 3) Hymnal 218

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord, even as You ascend, we give thanks to You for the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. May our prayers, lives, and hopes ascend to you, even as we pray for you to ground us in this world that you have made. We pray, responding, **Rise in us, Lord Jesus.**

For the Church, that She may lift Her voice above the noise of the world while always ministering in and to the world with the grace of Jesus. We pray, **Rise in us, Lord Jesus.**

For leaders in the world - especially those people in positions of power – that Your Spirit may rise up in the them that they may cease ongoing conflicts, render aid to the lowliest and neediest of their country or region, and bring a sense of calm and compassion to bear. We pray, **Rise in us, Lord Jesus.**

For those caught in the midst of armed conflict, especially in the Middle East, South Sudan, Mali, Nigeria, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or Haiti; for those who are in harm's way because of abuse or neglect in their family or work, we pray, **Rise in us, Lord Jesus.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Mike D., Jerry M., Wylder, Nina, Pauline, Susan Livingston, Maxine Christensen, Phil, Bill, Lisa Vallee, Cruz, Danielle Harris, Jer H., 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 who have asked for our prayers, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Rise in us, Lord Jesus.**

For all who have died, any who mourn, and for all those we pray for now, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Rise in us, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, even as You ascend, the Holy Spirit comes, remains with us, and offers to us the power and strength of Your transcendent light, hope, grace, and mercy. Give us renewed purpose to listen to those with whom we disagree, compassion for those who suffer, and a spirit of hope for a world that can seem hopeless. We pray, in Name of the One who died, rose again, and is seated at the right hand of God. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

- ◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3) Hymnal 380
 - *The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer C BCP pg. 369
 - **Sanctus* Hymnal (front section) S 125
 - *The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364
 - *The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364
- Gluten-free hosts are available.*

Communion Hymns: 481, 219, 222

- ◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 365

Announcements

- ◆HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus!* (vv. 1–4) Hymnal 460

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.

Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolyte		Sefakor Tompkins
Altar Guild		Mimi Hostetter & Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Harris
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Dona Waugh
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Richard Baba
	10:15 a.m.	Michael DeNegris & Tim Milligan
Welcomer		Stephen Karwowski
Coffee Hour Hosts		Barb Preneta & Kathy Bullard
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Abby Crawford
Vestry Keyholder		Michael Slusarz
Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Tom & Marion Kirkwood.		
~ Carol Kirkwood		



We welcome all who are guests with us this week – we are so glad you are here! Please fill out one of the small cards in the pew rack and hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better.

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.

Sunday Bible Study: we've begun a Bible study on 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 12:30 pm via Zoom with Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.

Ascension and Thy Kingdom Come, (TKC) is a faith-based movement that began in the United Kingdom and has spread, over the last few years, all over the world. TKC is a cycle of prayer that begins on the day of our Lord's Ascension (May 14th this year) and ends on Pentecost (May 24th). The tradition is that our Lord Jesus Christ, after appearing to and teaching His disciples, after His Resurrection from the dead, was assumed – ascended – into heaven, promising His followers that they would receive the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. *Thy Kingdom Come* invites us, from the day of Ascension until Pentecost (10 days, including the feast days themselves), to pray for five people in our lives who either don't know Jesus Christ's grace and love or have not embraced faith in Christ. This year we offer a Novena, a series of readings and reflections along with space for you to note what is coming up for you and the people for whom you're praying. **Copies are available in the narthex or contact the parish office if you'd like a pdf version emailed to you.**



Pentecost Picnic, NEXT SUNDAY, May 24th! Join us for a celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. **Following the 10:15 am service**, we'll hold a picnic with burgers, hotdogs, and sides. A sign-up is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board so that you indicate what dish you will bring to share. Tradition has it that **we wear something red**, in honor of the coming of the Holy Spirit! Come join us!

Our thanks to the following who led worship at Amberwoods last Sunday as part of our continuing Convalescent Home Ministry: Joyce Bettencourt, Linda Reynolds, and Susan Rubin.

The lectionary readings for Pentecost Sunday, May 24th are:
Numbers 11:24–30; Psalm 104:25–35, 37; Acts 2:1–21; John 20:19–23.

Graduate Recognition: We invite folks to share with us the names of their graduates for this spring of 2026, children and grandchildren, where they are graduating from, and what their next step may be, if they know it (from high school to college, college to work, travel, etc.). **We need names and info by Wednesday, May 20th**, so we can recognize folks. Please email or call the church office (st.james.church@sbcglobal.net, 860-677-1564)!



Faith & Fries! On Tuesday, May 26th from 7–8:30 pm, you are invited to join us for *Faith & Fries* at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 Main Street in Unionville. Come for dinner, have a drink or snack, whatever is comfortable for you. We invite all to come as they are able and please, feel free to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker! We will discuss a bit about what it means to live into the wonder and mystery of life in a sometimes-weary world, specifically through a poem by the iconic martyr of the contemporary church, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Please join us, lots of fun and community conversation to be had. Call the church with questions.



Women's Ministry

Tuesday, June 2nd, 10 am, Coffee at Daily Grind. Ladies, come join together with your friends at the Daily Grind in Unionville. Great food and wonderful coffee with your church friends.

Thursday, June 4th, 7 pm, Book Club with Tracey. this month's book is *Reading Twice* by Mitch Albom. Per the New York Times review: "In *Twice*, America's favorite storyteller, Mitch Albom, is at the top of his powers. A love story that is enchanting, probing, and clairvoyant in matters of the heart, *Twice* will make you think, weep, and overflow with love from beginning to end." For more info, please see or email Tracey Roberts.

Do you have questions about how refugees and asylees are supported in the U.S. right now? If so, please join Julie Zink, of the Greater Hartford Refugee Resettlement Coalition, on **Sunday, June 7th at 9 am** (between services), in the parish hall, and learn about the current state of play for refugees and asylees in the U.S. and



the work of the Coalition to support them. St. James is blessed to have Julie, who is a congregant at our neighbor, First Church of Christ, share her broad knowledge and experience with us. She also will answer questions and provide information about how anyone interested in supporting the Coalition can help. Let us remember that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees in Egypt.



A Workday at Camp Washington – Growing Hope & Forging Peace, Saturday, May 30th, 9 am to 4 pm. Join Bishop Jim Curry & Swords to Plowshares for a day of hands-on work at the Camp Washington Forge. Learn about blacksmithing, and how YOU can make a difference one gardening tool at a time. Beginners are welcome! Returners are encouraged! The day includes a picnic Lunch. There is no cost to attend, REGISTRATION is required; please [use this LINK](#).

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–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.
Sunday worship services are held at 8 am (Rite 1) and 10:15 am (Rite 2).

