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2023
Kim Faubert
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2024
Kathy Bullard
Bonnie Sudell
Bob Sudell

2025
Mary Lansing
Skip Mason
Kim Pereira

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Christ is the world's true Light* Hymnal 542

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation for Baptism BCP pg. 299

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

First Reading Genesis 45:1–15

Psalm 133 see insert

Second Reading Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

◆HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 470

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 15:21–28

◆HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (v. 3) Hymnal 470

The Sermon Deacon Doug Engwall

The Service of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates BCP pg. 301

The Baptismal Covenant BCP pg. 304

Prayers for the Candidates BCP pg. 305

Thanksgiving over the Water BCP pg. 306

The Baptism BCP pg. 307

The Peace BCP pg. 308

◆The Prayers of the People

Lord Jesus Christ, you remind us that all people are your children, all are equally loved and cherished by you. Bring us, through the blessing of our Baptism, to the realization that you call us to be one, even as you and the Father are one. WE pray, responding, Lord Jesus, make us one!

For Your Holy Church, that She may be a place of unity, hope, strength, and grace. Grant that Christian community, and its leaders, may model what the love of Christ is intended to be. We pray, **Lord Jesus, make us one!**

For governments and leaders throughout the world that they may learn the path of Christian unity and live into the reality of Baptism, and respect the dignity of all people. We pray, **Lord Jesus, make us one!**

For all who struggle with anger and resentment, division and hatred, mental illness, homelessness, addiction, chronic illness, and for all who are – or feel – alone. We pray, **Lord Jesus, make us one!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Christopher, baby Barrett, Marjorie, Steven, Felix, Dr. Rusty Camp, Luisa, Teresa, baby Wilder, Glenn, Steve, Veronica Solomon, Krystal, Dante, Tom, Kevin, Ginny Holian, Alan, William, Teri, Michael, Henry, Marlene, and Kim, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... And for the people of Maui, those who have died, those who have lost homes and loved ones; for all who struggle with natural disaster, we pray, **Lord Jesus, make us one!**

For all who have died, especially Gordon Willard, Michal Jozwik, Richard Link, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord Jesus, make us one!**

For Jaxsen and Alex, who are Baptized his day, for their families, and for this community, that we may live into the promises of Baptism. We pray, **Lord Jesus, make us one!**

Celebrant: Creator God and Father of all, we give you thanks for all that You have made and for all of Your many blessings. Help us to find strength, through Your grace and mercy, in the face of division, disaster, and all the adversities we may face in this life. By the power of Christ give us the will to help one another, love one another, and make us – through Your Cross and Resurrection - one. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

◆Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory

I Will Sing New Songs
Rachel Abrams, *soloist*

A. Dvorák

◆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.

During Holy Communion, those at home, who cannot physically receive Communion, are encouraged to say the following prayer of spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and

thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You, O God, sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, Almighty One, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die, ever in Your love. Amen.

Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951

*Communion Hymn: 299

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP pg. 366

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

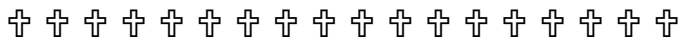
Hymnal 530

The Dismissal

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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
Altar Guild	Barbara Hess & Donna Wilkie
Chalicer	Carol Kirkwood
Lector	Dona Waugh
Usher	Jim & Donna Wilkie
Lemonade on the Lawn Hosts	Donna Wilkie
Care Ministry/Altar flower delivery	Nancy Thompson

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Jim Thompson.

~ His family



Baptized this morning are Jaxsen Alan Carlo, son of James Alan Carlo, Jr. and Amanda (Stowe) Carlo, and Alex Robert Mislivets, son of Thomas William and Renee (Fillion) Mislivets.

Faith & Fries! We usually gather on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 South Main Street in Unionville. **We next come together this Tuesday, August 22nd, from 7–8:30 pm.** You can 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 to the conversation! Call the church with questions or more information on *Faith & Fries!*



Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.



Help us spread the word: In anticipation of our 150th Celebration weekend September 30th–October 1st, we have prepared 50 lawn signs specific to our 150th for folks to display on their lawns or general area. Our hope is to spread the word beyond Farmington to the surrounding towns where we have members. If you would be willing to display a sign, they will be available in the narthex, complete with the necessary H–stake to anchor it in the ground!

Sunday Bible Study: our Study turns to the Book of Daniel. Many of us remember from childhood the story of Daniel being cast into the “den of lions” and surviving. Yet Daniel is a book that has much to speak to us in our own day. Full of visions and the interpreting of dreams, Daniel also shows what it means to be faithful to God, even when the world seems to align against you. Set against the backdrop of the exile in Babylon, the Book of Daniel is a story of courage and faith, empire, and God’s power. Join us, using Todd Wilson’s study guide, as we explore the mysteries of the Old Testament Book of Daniel. Please note that during the summer, **the Bible Study group meets at NOON today** after our 9:30 service and all gatherings are via Zoom – *Meeting ID:* 815 4332 7235; *Passcode:* 982548.

Bringing Acolytes back to our worship: Our acolyte program was suspended in March of 2020 due to COVID, and we have not yet restarted it. Traditionally in our parish, acolytes are young people who process into worship wearing special vestments (or robes) at the beginning of the service, carrying a candle (it's part of a brass staff), and they process again when the Gospel is read by the priest or deacon. The children can, after the Gospel, go down to church school



as well, so they won't miss all of church school on Sundays that they serve. Your child would need to be available some Sundays, of course, and if they had a conflict, it would be up to you to find someone to sub or switch from the rotation list of acolytes. It is a truly wonderful way for our young people to be involved in worship. My hope is to restart the program by October 1st, when Bishop Mello will be with us, as we have our special 150th Anniversary worship service. Fr. George will provide training for everyone as we restart the acolyte program. Training can be set up at a time that works for your family's schedule. I invite you to talk with your child(ren) and if they have questions, maybe they can ask me (with your help 😊)? This is something any child or youth, grade 3 and up, can do. I know that some children don't like being "up front" but, as in my ministry, we do all of this to honor and glorify God. It makes our service beautiful and gives our children a special way of serving and belonging. Please let me know if you have an interest for your child.

~ Fr. George

Tree work done: I know that coming to church and seeing the hemlocks at the top of the property gone and the maple behind the church cut down was a shock for many in recent weeks. Our apologies that we did not provide more advance notice for folks to process what was happening and maybe ask questions before the trees were felled. Two certified arborists advised me, which I shared with Vestry, to take the maple down as soon as possible, that it was at risk of falling on the building, if the split-trunked tree weakened by internal rot, were to split completely and/or fall in a storm. The hemlocks, as many mature hemlocks in New England, were diseased and would need to be removed. Miss Porter's School, who planned to cut down the 4 hemlocks on their property behind the church, offered to remove the 4 on our side at no cost to us. I completely appreciate the sadness, anger, or shock that the loss of our trees, especially the maple, may cause people to feel. I feel it, too. Along with your vestry and buildings and grounds committee, I always aspire to do what is best for the parish, with safety and health remaining primary.

~ Fr. George



Nursery supervisor needed! After years of faithful, kind, and generous service supervising our nursery, loving, and caring for our littlest ones, Laura Vacca is stepping away from this ministry in the fall. Laura is also a member of St. James, so she is not leaving us, merely looking for new ways to be involved. So, we are seeking a new person to supervise our nursery and to look after our little ones there. If you are interested (it is possible to attend the 8 am service and stay to serve in the nursery, if anyone who attends at 8 is interested) or, perhaps, know someone who may be, please let Fr. George know. We pay \$25 an hour and it is usually 1.5–2 hours on a Sunday with the possibility of helping on special occasions as well, like the Annual Meeting. If you have any interest or know someone who may, please let Fr. George know. We hope to hear from you soon!

Education for Ministry group now registering for 2023–24: EFM (*Education for Ministry*) is a program for lay people that covers Old and New Testaments, church history and theology in a small setting. Discussions focus on weekly assignments and the personal faith and life experiences of group members as we share what we have learned and reflect on how God has been known to his people through history and in our own lives. Every baptized person is called to ministry. For thousands of people, completing the EFM program has given them the confidence to claim and express their ministry at their workplace or school, in their community, in volunteer work, at home with family and friends, and at their local church. Wherever they are, whomever they're with, at whatever place in life they're at right now. Could this be for you? **A new group is forming in September for the 2023-24 academic year. The group meets on Monday nights at St. James's Church in West Hartford Center.** For more information, please contact Ron Ward at 860 463 8057 or rtwtmr@comcast.net



Summer Worship Schedule: We will 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 during the summer. Weekday services continue: Morning Prayer on Monday at 9:30 a.m., Evening Prayer on Wednesday at 5 p.m., and Compline on Friday at 7:30 p.m. (Fridays Compline is Facebook livestreamed only). on Facebook Live on St. James Parish's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, August 27th are:
Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20

GIFTS OF LOVE provides a backpack of food for clients' families for the weekend, when school lunches are not available, including throughout the summer. Outreach is continuing to supply them with peanut butter & jelly year-round. Peanut butter & jelly must be in *plastic* jars as they won't send glass jars home in children's backpacks. Please, bring in PB & J, leaving the jars in the labeled basket at the top of the parish hall stairs to the church. If you can pick up small containers of fruit or applesauce, those would be great additions to the backpacks!

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.

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

The Parish Office is open Monday–Thursday, 9 am–2 pm.
Our Summer Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 am.