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2024
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2025
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs* Hymnal 238

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation for Baptism BCP pg. 299

◆Collect for St. James Day (*in unison*)

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone that may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalm 139:1–11, 22–23 see insert

Second Reading Romans 8:12–25

◆HYMN *Father, we thank thee* (v. 1) Hymnal 302

◆The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

◆HYMN *Father, we thank thee* (v. 2) Hymnal 302

The Sermon Fr. George Roberts

The Service of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP pg. 301

The Baptismal Covenant BCP pg. 304

Prayers for the Candidate 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, the world is groaning in the pains of new birth, where a wonderful joy waits for those who believe. Help our unbelief and stir in us fervent and faithful hearts, that we may come to know You more fully in this place called St. James. Equip us more forcefully and faithfully to move out into the world, in the spirit of St. James the Apostle. We pray, responding, Lord, hear the prayers of Your servants.

For Your Holy Church that She may follow the example of St. James, seeking righteousness, speaking the truth of Christ crucified and risen, and being Your light of justice and hope in the world. We pray, **Lord, hear the prayers of Your servants.**

For leaders far and wide, that they may, like St. James Your Apostle, follow the path which leads to justice, blessing, mercy, and a better life for the people that they serve. Bless those that are not leaders that they may discern the heart of Jesus and, like St. James, follow only those who speak Your holy word and truth. We pray, **Lord, hear the prayers of Your servants.**

For all who struggle with issues of chronic poor health, addiction, the challenges of aging, hopelessness, a loss of faith, poverty, hunger, or violence. We pray, **Lord, hear the prayers for Your servants.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially the Inrig family, Luisa, Teresa, baby Wilder, Glenn, Dick, Steve, Veronica Solomon, Mary Smith, Krystal, Dante, Tom, Kevin, Ginny Holian, Alan, William, Teri, Michael, Henry, Marlene, and Kim, and all others for whom we now pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] We pray, **Lord, hear the prayers of Your servants.**

For all who have died, especially Melissa Jane Inrig, and all others we remember now, silently, or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear the prayers of Your servants.**

Celebrant: Lord, surely You are in this place! We thank you for the blessings you have given to St. James Parish over the last 150 years. Make us faithful, growing, and curious disciples in the vineyard You have planted here, counting and celebrating our blessings, in the spirit of St. James and in the Name of Jesus. We ask all in His Name. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>Brother James' Air</i>	J. Bain, arr. by B. Dean
◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)		Hymnal 380
*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A		BCP pg. 361
* <i>Sanctus</i>		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: 276

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP pg. 366

◆The Blessing

BCP pg. 366

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN

Hearken to the anthem

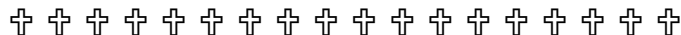
Hymnal 241

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

Altar Guild

Barbara Hess & Joyce Bettencourt

Chalicer

Chandler Howard

Lector

Janet LaPierre-Green

Usher

Jim & Donna Wilkie

Lemonade on the Lawn Host

Marge Litteral

Care Ministry/Altar flower delivery

Linda Mason

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of
our upcoming 50th wedding anniversary.

~ Mark & Janice Riemer

Baptized this morning is Natalie June Healy, daughter of Paul and Laura (Carrihill) Healy.



TODAY WE CELEBRATE St. James Day!! Please join us and celebrate our patron saint, James the Greater, as we hold a **potluck brunch in the parish hall**. People are encouraged to bring “brunchy food” to share (pastries, egg casseroles, muffins, etc.) that morning. Let’s come together, share some good food, and enjoy!! Coffee and juice will be available.

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>.

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>.



Sunday Bible Study: Beginning next Sunday, July 30th, our Bible Study will turn 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 11:30 a.m. and all gatherings are via Zoom – *Meeting ID:* 815 4332 7235; *Passcode:* 982548.

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, July 30th are:

Genesis 29:15–28; Psalm 105:1–11, 45b; Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

2023 Ability Walk & Roll

15th Annual Walk & Roll Ability Awareness Day at Walnut Hill Park
Wednesday, July 26th

Event begins at 5 pm; Concert begins at 7 pm. Music provided by Timmy Maia Experience

St. Mark's Episcopal is serving Ice Cream Sundaes & collecting Prayer Requests again this year.

If you have questions, please contact St. Mark's parish office at parishoffice@stmarksnewbritain.org



Church by the Pond: Saturday, August 5th, St. James will provide lunch in Bushnell Park for homeless men, women, and children. This program provides a healthy meal on a day when no soup kitchens are open. The afternoon begins with a Eucharistic service in the beautiful outdoors, followed by distribution of bagged lunches. From Church by the Pond: "We are all God's children and greet each other as brothers and sisters in Christ." We put together 50 bagged lunches, which means 100 meat and cheese sandwiches. Donations are needed for:

Bread	Sliced ham, turkey, or roast beef
Sliced cheese	Packets of mayo & mustard
Fresh fruit (soft, easy to chew fruits like bananas and grapes; no apples, please!)	
Individual bags of chips	Bottled water
Napkins, lunch bags, sandwich baggies	
Home-baked dessert goodies (brownies, cookies)	

We need 10–12 people to make the sandwiches and pack the bags that Saturday morning, and 8–10 people to serve the lunch in Bushnell Park at 2 pm. Older children are welcome to accompany parents for either or both – what a great way to minister together as a family! If you can't be present that day, you can drop off a contribution of food earlier in the week. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or contact Sue in the parish office to indicate your donation choice.

St. James Backpack Drive!

We know that we have asked a lot from you in the past few months ... contributions to the Friendship Service Center, Gifts of Love and most recently, our Dominican Republic mission trip. Once again we are asking for your help and trusting in your generosity.

At our last church school ZOOM meeting we discussed several ways that our youth could show discipleship and continue to serve our parish and our local community.



One of the suggestions that we are moving forward with is a backpack drive for needy children in Farmington. The Farmington school system has identified 25 students from grades 1–12 who are in need of the basic supplies necessary for them to begin the school year. A Signup Genius has been created where all members of our church community can register to provide necessary items for each of the grade levels. The link for that is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0949AEAF23A3F94-backpack>

You may also use the signup sheet in the narthex (church entrance lobby), if that is more convenient for you. Your info will be transferred to the online Signup for you.

There is a bin in the narthex (church lobby) for the purchased items. Please place your purchased items in the bin BY NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30th.

If you'd rather make a monetary contribution, please make your check payable to *St. James Parish* and indicate "Backpack Drive" in the memo section. We will use those monies to purchase needed items in your name.

Our youth will come to the church the evening of August 2nd to fill the backpacks. They will also create a card or write an encouraging note to be included with each backpack.

Thank you for all that you do for St. James!

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.