



# St. James Parish

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### VESTRY

**2023**  
Kim Faubert  
Maina Rice  
Anna Whilby

**2024**  
Kathy Bullard  
Bonnie Sudell  
Bob Sudell

**2025**  
Mary Lansing  
Skip Mason  
Kim Pereira

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn                      *All creatures of our God and king* (vv. 1, 5-7)                      Hymnal 400

### The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation                      BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity                      BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria*                      BCP pg. 356

First Reading                      Exodus 12:1–14

Psalm 149                      see insert

Second Reading                      Romans 13:8–14

◆HYMN                      *Awake, my soul* (vv. 1–2)                      Hymnal 11

◆The Holy Gospel                      Matthew 18:15–20

◆HYMN                      *Awake, my soul* (vv. 3–4)                      Hymnal 11

The Sermon                      Fr. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed                      BCP pg. 358

### ◆The Prayers of the People

Gracious and Almighty God we come to You as a we begin another program year: a time of potential renewal, discipleship, celebration, and hope. Open our hearts now as we invite You into our lives and prayers, praying that You will answer our prayers as is best for us, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For Your Church on earth that She may invite Your children in, with creativity, strength, hope, and genuine love. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations and leaders of the world that they may sow love, not hate, make peace, not war, work to eradicate poverty, rather than enrich themselves, and in all things work toward the fulfilling of Your purposes. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick of heart and troubled of mind throughout humanity; for those struggling with addiction and for their families; for all who desire a place to sleep and something to eat but find restlessness and hunger instead; for families where abuse, mental illness or parental absence create an atmosphere of challenge, we pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Adam, Phil Roy, Chris, Brian, Nicholas, baby Barrett and his mother Sara, 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 for all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] .... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially for anyone that we now name, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the birth of Jason Dennis “JD” Hirth on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Kim and Jason Hirth, and pray for his health and for the new parents. In praise, we pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* God of heaven and earth, we come to You with our doubts and challenges, our joys, and our hope. Sustain this Christian community and feed us with the Sacraments, open our hearts to be vessels that fulfill Your purposes, and bring us the grace and comfort of Your Holy Spirit. We ask all and do all in the Name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

- ◆Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360
- ◆The Peace BCP pg. 360

## 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.*

*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 Hymns: 606, 602

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP pg. 365

◆A Prayer of St. John of Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN

*Singing songs of expectations*

Hymnal 527

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.

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**Pizza Party!** TODAY, immediately following the 10:15 service, folks are invited down to the parish hall for pizza and our usual goodies, a time of fun and community. Ms. B (Joyce Bettencourt) has something special planned for our children to kick off the new year, so **please join us!!**



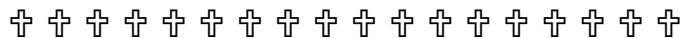
On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate 150 years in the continuing life of the **St. James Parish community** with a *single* worship service at 10:15 am (no 8 am service that morning). Connecticut's Bishop Diocesan Jeff Mello leads our Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A commissioned piece of music for voice and organ, created by local composer Ellen Voth, debuts during the service. Following our 10:15 worship, everyone is invited to the parish hall for a special coffee hour/brunch with the Bishop and other visiting folks from the Town of Farmington and State Legislature, and some old friends. **Join us in celebrating 150 years of fishing for people at St. James.**



## *Serving this week*

Crucifer	10:15 a.m.	Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild		Barbara Hess & Donna Wilkie
Chalichists	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	David McFadden
	10:15 a.m.	John Newton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	David McFadden
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti
Coffee Hour Hosts		Bob & Bonnie Sudell
Care Ministry/Altar flower delivery		Abby Crawford

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God &  
in thanksgiving for our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
~ Gina & Michael Pines



**Join us online for worship this morning!** Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>.

**Service/music opportunity.** Once a month, Fr. George holds a short worship service at the Touchpoints community in Farmington. Most of the people who come to this service have memory-related issues and really love to hear music and, sometimes, to sing. If you play the guitar or can play a keyboard, and might be willing to assist with this service, please reach out to Fr. George. The day and time are flexible at this point.

**Our Sunday Bible Study** has just begun 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. **This Sunday the group will meet at 12:30 pm;** all gatherings are via Zoom: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548.



**Can you help out with Church School?** We begin Church School on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and need teachers as we move into the fall and through the program year. We are using SignupGenius, so you only need click the link below.

There is a slot for each Sunday, so it is possible to signup for a single Sunday, for a few weeks over the year, or for a bigger block of Sundays. Any time that you can give to our youngest members, our future and our present, is a blessing. We literally cannot do this without the support of our parish which must go beyond cheering for our kids, but ministering to them, in faith, too. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0949AEAF23A3F94-20232023> If you have any questions with how to use SignupGenius, please reach out to Maggie Ososki [maggie.ososki@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.ososki@gmail.com) or Sue Deming at [st.james.church@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.james.church@sbcglobal.net) . When you open SignUpGenius, you'll find the curriculum link so that you can take a look. If you have curriculum or programmatic questions, please reach out to Fr. George [rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net) or to Joyce Bettencourt [jivbet@comcast.net](mailto:jivbet@comcast.net) . Church School begins at 10 am each Sunday (unless otherwise noted).

**Acolyte Training! Next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:15 service,** we will hold a brief training for acolytes! The training will end by noonish. We will do a little training for each team of acolytes when they serve for the first few times, as well. We will make sure everyone is comfortable as they learn the early basics of serving around the altar and processing with candles. If your child wishes to acolyte, but cannot make this time, please let Fr. George know and we can find another time that works for your family.



**Youth Event next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm,** all parents and youth aged 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up – along with anyone in the parish who wishes to support our young people - are invited to join us for a time of pizza (!) and conversation around how we can best serve our older children in their formation as followers of Jesus in service, fun, worship, and discipleship! If you have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader that you think might be ready to join this group, they will be welcome, too. If you have questions, please contact Fr. George. Please RSVP to Fr. George by Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at [rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rector.st.james@sbcglobal.net)



if you are able to come. No commitment is required; we are just hoping to catch up and decide how best to serve our growing-in-faith young people.

**The lectionary readings** for next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> are:

Exodus 14:19–31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35.

**With the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Weekend fast approaching, we need your assistance.** There is much to do! Whether it's helping crafters unload their items Friday night, lending a hand in the food booth, setting up for our musicians, baking, working at the bake sale or commemoratives table, or putting things back in place afterwards, we



all have a part to play! On Sunday morning we have an informal brunch planned to follow the single 10:15 am worship service. Bishop Diocesan Jeff Mello will celebrate with us that morning. We need help setting up /organizing the food as it comes in, overseeing the serving, and then with cleanup as well.

Please take a moment, consider what you can do to help, and then sign up online to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/StJames150> ! There are paper versions of these signups and more on the parish hall ramp bulletin board or in the narthex, too. If you already have an assignment (working the bake sale, cooking with Ev , helping Dianne with children's activities, etc.), please do not sign up again! **Please contact Bonnie Sudell or Linda Mason if you have questions about the Weekend. THANK YOU!**

- Volunteer to participate during the weekend.
- Bake something for the Bake Sale. The building will be open Thursday. September 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am–2 pm, & Friday. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 4–7 pm for delivery of baked goods.
- Provide some brunch goodies for Sunday's post-worship gathering.
- Donate selected pantry items to help defray our food cost. Stop & Shop gift cards of \$5–\$10 would also be appreciated to help defray costs of perishables. S&S cards should be handed directly to Donna Paye or left with the parish office rather than placed in the narthex donation box. For food items, please donate *only* specified items.

**Holy Eucharist** – Since March of 2020 we have tried a lot of different ways of *being community*, particularly as it pertains to how we receive Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>, when we move back to our two service offerings on Sunday mornings (8 am Rite I and 10:15 am Rite II), we will come to the altar rail and stand or kneel, as each person chooses, to receive Communion. We will also go back to offering the Common Cup, meaning you will now be permitted, if you choose, to drink the Communion wine directly from the cup. Parishioners may also, as has been the case for most of our history, choose instead to “intinct” (dip) your wafer into the wine. If you are uncomfortable intincting in a chalice from which another person may have drunk, we will have a separate cup that you may drink from; you need only ask the priest or the chalice. If you have any questions about this practice, please speak to Fr. George.





**Help us spread the word!** In anticipation of our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration weekend September 30<sup>th</sup>–October 1<sup>st</sup>, we have prepared 50 lawn signs specific to our 150<sup>th</sup> 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! **And, if you plan to post the sign in Farmington/Unionville, please let the parish office know at [st.james.church@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.james.church@sbcglobal.net) as we need to include your address and/or the location of the sign on a town-required permit.**

**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.