



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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2025
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2026
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2027
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

Procession (*in silence*)

The Word of God

- ◆ The Decalogue BCP pg. 350
- ◆ HYMN *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Hymnal 690
- ◆ Opening Sentences BCP pg. 355
- ◆ Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355
- ◆ Trisagion Hymnal (front section) S 101
- ◆ Collect of the Day (*Contemporary, in unison*) see insert
- First Reading Joshua 5:9–12
- Psalm 32 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert
- Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16–21
- ◆ HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 470
- ◆ The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32
- ◆ HYMN *There's a wideness in God's mercy* (v. 3) Hymnal 470
- The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts
- The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358
- ◆ The Prayers of the People – Form VI BCP pg. 387

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. [*Silence*]

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Ian and Laura, our Bishop(s); and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, especially Patricia Anderson, Meghan K., Mark M., Jayla, Richard Kelly, Armen, Barbara N., Heather, Judy and Bill Briggs, Mark, Gary, Jane, Liam Shields, Laurent, Teri, Jordan K., Richard James, Brian, Tom, and all others we wish to remember, silently or aloud ... [*Silence*]

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [*Silence*]

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. [*Silence*]

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

BCP pg. 393

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts*

Henry Purcell

◆DOXOLOGY (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

*The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

BCP pg. 361

*Sanctus

Hymnal (front section) S 130

*The Lord's Prayer BCP pg. 364
*The Breaking of the Bread BCP pg. 364
Gluten-free hosts are available.

**Agnus Dei* Hymnal (front section) S 164

Communion Hymns: 141, 393, 686

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

◆Lenten Prayer (*in unison*) BCP pg. 832

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Announcements

◆HYMN *O what their joy and their glory must be* (vv. 1, 3–5) Hymnal 623

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.



The hand-hewn cross crafted by John Newton will anchor our prayers during this upcoming Lenten season. We have used John's cross in Lent for a number of years and it has been a blessing as we focus our Lenten prayers. We ask that, if you would like to place a prayer concern/need on the Cross, you come up after the service (or anytime you wish to come by the church), take a card (available at the Cross itself), write your prayer request on it, place the card on the Cross with an iron nail provided in the bowl (use the hammer, if you would like) in solidarity with Christ's Passion. Be blessed this Lent!



Serving this week

Crucifer		Chloe Roberts
Acolytes		Jacob & Anna Lapointe
Altar Guild		Barbara Hess & Joyce Bettencourt
Chalichists	8:00 a.m.	Jerry Hess
	10:15 a.m.	Gina Pines
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Michael Slusarz
	10:15 a.m.	Kim Pereira
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Joyce Bettencourt
Junior Usher		Gideon Pereira
Welcomer		Anna Whilby
Coffee Hour Host		Jim & Jane Vallee



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.

Stations of the Cross: We have brought back the Stations of the Cross artwork display in the parish hall. Each station is represented by artwork, poetry, and a traditional prayer. The art and writings are the accumulation of months of prayerful work by our parishioners who graciously gave their time for this project. **Lenten Fridays at 5:30 pm you have the opportunity to see their visions and interpretation of the Stations while reflecting on the Lenten season in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.** If you can't join us on Friday evenings, the Stations are in the parish hall throughout Lent for you to enjoy and ponder.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study of the Book of Revelation, the last book in Holy Scripture. Revelation has some of the most hopeful and beautiful passages in all of Holy Writ and isn't always what we expected. Join us Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. If you would like a study guide, contact Fr. George.

Women's Ministry

Those interested in a Women's Ministry can gather next **TODAY**, at 5 pm at Linda Mason's house at 198 Talcott Notch Road in Farmington. We will meet over pizza and beverages to discuss our mission, goals and leadership. We urge all women who come to St James to join us for a fun evening of support, brainstorming, and casual womanly togetherness. Casual clothes, please and carpooling is recommended, if able. Please RSVP to Linda at ldelshire@gmail.com or 860-515-4338.

First Sunday Breakfast: Find delicious food and fellowship at the *First Sunday Breakfasts* cooked by a great crew of men of the parish, led by John McBride: pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee as good as Mom made. Gluten-free pancakes or muffins will also be available. Join us on Sunday morning, April 6th, from 9 am–9:45 am for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!



Thank you to all who have sent cards or messages of sympathy to me following the death of my brother earlier this month. **Special thanks** to Carol LePage, Nina Hayes, Dianne Antos, Mimi Hostetter, and Marge Litteral who covered phones and visitor reception in the parish office last week while I was away for my brother's service. ~ Sue Deming, Parish Admin.

Jesus though the eyes of Mark: We are sharing a series again this Lenten season, **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the parish hall.** Each Wednesday of Lent (Holy Week excepted), we begin at 5:30 with fellowship and a light supper of soup and salad (maybe some bread ☺) that folks take turns providing, as we have done for a number of years. A program begins at 6pm and conclude by 7:15 pm (so that choir folk, if they choose, can participate). The series continues on April 2nd and 9th. This year, we explore the entirety of Mark's Gospel in what is hoped to be a refreshing approach. Over the course of the program, folks are encouraged to read the Gospel of Mark (16 chapters, in total, so an average of 4 chapters per week). We are looking at Jesus through the lens of the other characters in Mark, people like Peter, Matthew, and James, but also various lepers, demon-possessed persons who are healed by Jesus, the Syro-Phoenician woman, and so much more. How is our view of Jesus changed, stimulated, enhanced, etc. by our reading and conversations together? Join us for one night or the whole series. No sign up is required to join the discussions.



The lectionary readings for next Sunday, April 6th are:

Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b–14; John 12:1–8.

Readers for Holy Week needed! Holy Week is the dramatic lead up to the pinnacle of the Church year: Easter. Holy Week helps ensure that we don't take a short cut from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and thereby miss the opportunity to share in Christ's



Passion. The story of our salvation is held between Palm Sunday and Easter. There will, accordingly, be a full complement of services during Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday, April 13th. We have traditionally asked folks to

read various parts during the several services of Holy Week. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/StJHolyWeek25> to read at a service. We ask that you sign up for **one** service at this time so that we may offer the openings to as many folks as wish to take part. Fr. George will send you the section/reading you will be responsible for based on what you sign up to read (Narrator vs. Character). Please consider doing a reading.

Centering Prayer workshop: On Saturday, April 12th, from 9–11:30ish, Celeste Calabotta will return to continue our work on Centering Prayer. Celeste is a Certified Spiritual Director, Peer Supervisor in Spiritual Direction, and a longtime retreat and spiritual leader. Celeste was here in February and now will continue the work we started then, going deeper in the work of Centering Prayer. Please join us, whether you were present at our first session or not. Much still to learn and do!!

A spiritual director and Lay Carmelite, Celeste Calabotta has been in retreat ministry at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT since 2011 and began studying contemplative prayer over 19 years ago. In addition to presenting numerous programs on spirituality and contemplative prayer, she has facilitated *Lectio Divina* prayer groups for Our Lady of Calvary, here at St. James, the Spiritual Life Center, and St. Thomas The Apostle parish in West Hartford, CT. She currently facilitates a weekly online *Lectio Divina* prayer group for Our Lady of Calvary.



Newcomers, welcome! On Sunday, April 27th, from 5–7 pm in the parish hall, we are hosting a Newcomer's Gathering to celebrate the folks who have become part of our community of St. James in the last couple of years. This will be a fun evening with dinner provided by members of St. James who are **not** newcomers (a sign-up sheet is on the parish hall ramp bulletin board for this purpose). Members – who are not newcomers – are asked to bring an entrée, dessert, side, or salad to share with everyone. We want members who have been here for a long time or a short time to join us in welcoming our “newcomers.”



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).

