



St. James Parish

WITH ST. MARK'S MINISTRIES

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VESTRY

2025
Stephen Hard
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2026
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2027
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Ed Preneta
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The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025, 10:15 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

◆Hymn *Immortal Invisible, God only wise* Hymnal 423

The Word of God

◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355

◆Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

◆*Gloria* Hymnal (front section) S 280

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

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1 (*responsively, the People in bold*) see insert

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

◆HYMN *O for a thousand tongues* (vv. 1–3) Hymnal 493

◆The Holy Gospel Luke 6:17–26

◆HYMN *O for a thousand tongues* (vv. 4–6) Hymnal 493

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

God, in raising Christ from the dead You remade death in Your image: life!
Because Christ died for us and rose from the dead, death does not have the final word. We, therefore, do not belong to death but to life in Christ Jesus. May our awareness of Christ's resurrection give us the strength to be good fruit planted in the Source of all life that is the Risen Christ. We pray, responding, Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church that she might proclaim the Easter Good News: Christ has died! Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. For Your ministers of the church, especially the clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and all who boldly proclaim Christ as Risen. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, including our own, that they may care for the least of these, work to make all wars cease, and speak the name of God who brings peace to those who hear Him and believe. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with addiction, mental illness, homelessness, grief, pain or anger. We pray, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Mark M., Deb and Dan Skinner, Jayla, Richard Kelly, Armen, Barbara N., Barbara C., Judy and Bill Briggs, Heather, Dena, Mark, Gary, Jane, Liam Shields, Laurent, Teri, Jordan K., Richard James, Babs, Brian, Tom, Andrew, and all others for whom we now pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

For all who have died, especially Tom Mitchell, Don Skinner, Kevin Chamberlin, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud [*pause here*] ... We pray, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Celebrant: God of the living and the dead, we come before You in prayer and thanksgiving. Help us to see in one another the Son who was crucified for us, who is the same One that has Risen to save us. Lord, in life and in death we are tied to Your mercy and grace. Make us one people as we come to worship the One who is at the center of our lives and is the story of our salvation. In His name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP pg. 360

The Peace BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* arr. by Robert Powell

◆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: 560, 440, 544

◆Postcommunion Prayer BCP pg. 366

Announcements

◆HYMN *The Lord my God my shepherd is* Hymnal 663

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
Acolytes		Jacob & Anna Lapointe
Altar Guild		Nina Hayes & Donna Wilkie
Chalicians	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Carol Kirkwood
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Jay Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	Donna Paye
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Janet LaPierre-Green
	10:15 a.m.	Tracey Roberts & Joyce Bettencourt
Welcomer		Kathy Bullard
Coffee Hour Host		Marge Litteral
Care Ministry / Altar Flower delivery		Nancy Thompson

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory
of my mom, Louise Briganti.

~ Michele Briganti



Music for the 10:15 am worship service is streamed with permission under ONELICENSE #A-736322.

PLEASE NOTE – a word about entering into and/or completing worship on

Sundays: Many folks utilize the time before the 10:15 am service begins to prepare themselves for worship (in prayer, in silence). Our hope is that folks coming into the church in the lead-up to worship, as you take your seat and greet people, will be mindful that there are people praying and listening to the music prelude. Please keep conversations to a minimum and, if talking, do so quietly. When the final blessing is given, remember that Blake has prepared a stunning postlude on the organ that follows the service, and many people really like listening to it. So, please, if you are ready to head down to Coffee Hour or desire to have a wonderful conversation with a friend after worship, please do so *outside* the sanctuary, so that those who wish to pray or listen to the postlude can do so. We all have different ways of entering and/or leaving worship, but let's try to create an environment of prayer before and immediately following the service for those who desire it.

The lectionary readings for next Sunday, February 23rd are:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-39.

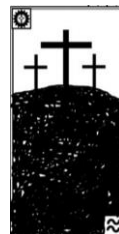
Join us online for worship this morning! Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Facebook Live (you do NOT need a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us on Mondays** for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am, also livestreamed on Facebook at the same link.



Dominican Republic Mission: The Dominican Team will touch base THIS MORNING after the 10:15 am service. Please join us if you can. The deadline for submitting your deposit of \$100 to Fr. George is Monday, February 24th. Contact Fr. George if you have questions.

Sunday Bible Study: Join us for Bible study of the Book of Revelation, the last book in Holy Scripture. Many are wary of Revelation as it contains strange prophecies, highly symbolic language, and a vision of future events that can make us uncomfortable. Take heart: 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.

Stations of the Cross for Lent 2025: next month our Stations of the Cross project from last year will be on display for all to enjoy again. **If you considered finishing (or starting) something for the project and can get it to us by March 3rd, that would be wonderful.** The Stations project meant so much to so many and it will be joyous to have it up again this year with possibly new pieces as well! Submissions should be done in the medium of your choosing and of a size considerate of ability to move the piece in the building. Your emphasis should be true to the Station reflecting the Episcopalian experience, though in a style of your choosing, traditional, contemporary, abstract, etc.- Please-confer with Fr. George or Linda Mason with questions regarding this project.



Parish Photo Directory coming! Any members wishing to be in a St James Parish 2025 Photo Directory, please email Linda Mason (1delshire@gmail.com) a photo and your demographics [mailing address, phone number (optional), and email (optional) you would share in the directory. Photos should be one per family. For those who don't have a photo, we can make arrangements to take a picture; please let us know. If you don't want to email the information, please send it to St James with a note: *Photo Directory*. Please have photos and info to Linda by March 24th. Thank you! We hope we will have



a great response as a new Directory will be a tremendous help for us all to get to know each other better. Once the book is completed this Spring, copies will be available to parish members.

Women's Ministry

Last fall we had a marvelous Women's Retreat at Camp Washington, and many reported a wonderful experience and expressed an interest in more specific opportunities for women to gather in fellowship. We would like to build on our beginning last fall and see if there is a desire to develop a more consistent women's ministry group at St. James. Ministries, to be successful, need leadership, folks who are willing to plan and support any growing endeavor. Please reach out to Fr. George if you are interested in seeing a women's group start at St. James and may be willing to use some of your time and talents to help grow such a ministry.

2025 Fall Fair: It seems odd to speak about a Fall Fair before Spring

has even arrived, but we already have vendors asking about our plans.

We are suggesting Saturday, September 13th, but that date is not yet

being advertised. **On Sunday, March 9th, after the 10:15 service, we will**

have a meeting to discuss specific plans for the Fair. What we really need is someone willing to take over the administrative challenges of managing the different components of the Fair. We have folks who will step up to lead specific areas of the Fair but need someone to make sure everything is getting done. Anyone willing to run the Raffle sale or willing to create advertising, etc., please come to the meeting or reach out directly to Fr. George. We have had wonderful leadership for the Fair over the years; now some of those folks would like (and have earned the right) to step away. Our prayer is that new leadership will step up. The Fair itself brings many folks to our campus who otherwise would not see us; it has been a blessing all! Please come to the meeting and learn more!!



Faith & Fries: We usually come together on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 South Main Street in Unionville. We will next gather on **Tuesday, February 25th, 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! “Render unto Ceasar what is Ceasar’s; and render to God what belongs to God.” Jesus was asked, by those trying to trap Him, whether it was right to pay taxes to their overlords, the Romans. The quote is Jesus’s reply. I felt, in this time of political, cultural, and religious uncertainty we might talk a bit about that. What do we give of ourselves to political systems, societal expectations and how does that sometimes come into conflict – or does it? – with God’s call on our lives? Call the church with questions or more information.



The Epiphany Project is available for viewing in the Parish Hall for only a couple more weeks. The project focuses on the Gospels with the fulfillment of Christ's divinity being revealed to all. We thank the following artists for their time and commitment to this project; without their contribution of endless hours of research, skill, talent, and labor to produce their pieces for us to view, this project wouldn't have come to fruition: Dianne Antos, Betsy Bailey, Neil Clark, Dr Janice Lee, Linda Mason, Elizabeth McBride, Tracey Roberts, Grier Torrence, Dee Vincenzo, and Debbie Wagner. Art is meant to inspire, provoke, question, provide an emotional outlet and an array of other things. Please enjoy the show at your leisure and let us know your thoughts.

We will have two Ash Wednesday services on March 5th, one at noon and one at 7 pm, both with Holy Eucharist. The 7 o'clock service will be livestreamed. If you are not able to attend, but would like to have ashes, you need only stop by the church from 9 am–11 am or 2 pm–4 pm. If you wish to have ashes and cannot make it to church, call Fr. George to schedule a very short visit for the imposition of ashes.

Housing need: We have a male parish member who is struggling with housing insecurity. If you have an extra room in your home that you might be willing to rent, even short-term, please contact Fr. George.

Outreach Corner

Church by the Pond: this Saturday, February 22nd, 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 (an outreach of our Cathedral): "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 still needed for a few items and should be brought to the parish before this Saturday.**

We also need 10–12 people in the church kitchen to make the sandwiches and pack the bags that Saturday morning at 11 am, and 8–10 people to serve the lunches 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.

2025 Chili Cookoff! On Tuesday, March 4th, we'll hold our *Chili Cookoff* to say farewell to the season before Lent. Beginning at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, we'll offer a variety of chilis for the enjoyment of our parishioners and guests. If you would like to make chili OR bring cornbread to complement the chili, OR if you're willing to bring sour cream, cheddar cheese, Fritos chips, or a dessert OR you just want to come eat and enjoy all this great food, please signup online at <https://bit.ly/StJamesChili25> or contact the office at 860-677-1564. Our special "judges" will make the rounds of the chili offerings and pick a winner in a variety of categories, all in good fun. Around 6:30 pm, we'll hold a brief



service called *Farewell to Alleluias*, which is great for all, but especially our children, to usher in the season of Lent. **Also, we will burn last year's palms to create ashes for Ash Wednesday, so please bring your leftover palms, if you indeed saved them.** The event is free, but we hope to raise money for our Dominican Republic Mission, so a freewill offering is appreciated!

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).

