



# St. James Parish

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### VESTRY

**2024**  
Kathy Bullard  
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Bob Sudell

**2025**  
Mary Lansing  
Skip Mason  
Kim Pereira

**2026**  
Chris Butler  
Deb Butler  
Jim Wilkie

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Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

## HOLY EUCHARIST RITE 2

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

### The Word of Go

- ◆ A Penitential Order II BCP pg. 351
- ◆ Trisagion Hymnal (front section) S 101
- ◆ HYMN Hymnal 455  
*O love of God*  
(Music: reprinted from The New Catholic Hymnal by permission  
of the publishers Faber Music Ltd, London.)
- ◆ Collect of the Day, *Contemporary – in unison* see insert
- First Reading Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16
- Psalm 22:22–30 see insert
- Second Reading Romans 4:13–25
- ◆ HYMN Hymnal 675  
*Take up your cross (vv. 1–3)*
- ◆ The Holy Gospel Mark 8:31–38
- ◆ HYMN Hymnal 675  
*Take up your cross (vv. 4–5)*
- The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts
- The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358
- ◆ The Prayers of the People – Form IV BCP pg. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for James Broadhead, Joyce Jensen, baby Micah Wagner and his

parents Christian and Lynette, Joan Sussler, David Pines, Chris, Barbara Smith, Bobby Jenner, Brian, Felix, Luisa, baby Wilder, Glenn, Krystal, Tom, Alan, William, Teri, Henry, and all others, silently or aloud. [*pause here*] Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Nicholas and those we name now, silently or aloud ... [*pause here*], that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace BCP pg. 360

### The Holy Communion

Offertory *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* Richard Gieseke

◆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: 337, 328

◆Post-Communion Prayer BCP pg. 366

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

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

◆HYMN

*Take my life and let it be*

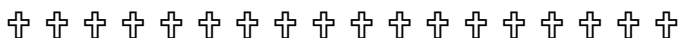
Hymnal 707

The Dismissal

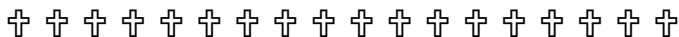
BCP pg. 366

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. In lieu of putting cards to affix to the cross in each pew, the cards will only be available at the Cross itself. 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, write your prayer request/name of person 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		Kody Bittner & Kaitlin Bittner
Altar Guild		Janet LaPierre-Green & Donna Wilkie
Chalichists	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Mitchell
	10:15 a.m.	Kim Pereira
Lectors	8:00 a.m.	Mimi Hostetter
	10:15 a.m.	John Newton
Ushers	8:00 a.m.	Dave & Kim Faubert
	10:15 a.m.	Michele Briganti
Junior Usher		Marisol Pereira
Coffee Hour Host		Janet LaPierre-Green

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 to have a Facebook account) – <https://bit.ly/StJamesLive>. **Join us for worship during the week** on Facebook Live as well: Mondays for Morning Prayer at 9:30 am; Wednesdays for Evening Prayer at 5 pm; Fridays for Compline at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday Bible Study: TODAY at 12:30 pm via Zoom**, we continue our newest Bible Study, this time on the Gospel of John. Join us for a study, using a familiar series resource, *Knowing the Bible*, as we explore the “maverick” Gospel of St. John. Study guides are available (a \$10 donation is asked, if you are able). Zoom gathering info is: Meeting ID: 815 4332 7235; Passcode: 982548. We hope you join us!

**Do you know *The Book of Common Prayer*?** One of the study offerings during this Lenten season is an opportunity to dig deeply into *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), those books with the red covers that sit next to the hymnals in the pew racks. **We meet between the services starting around 9:20 a.m. and ending by 10 TODAY and**



**continuing on Sundays, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.** There will be coffee! TODAY we will focus on the two different communion services; Rite 1 and Rite 2, In the third session the focus will be on the daily “offices,” Morning and Evening Prayer. The final session will be about the

abundance of prayers that are found in the last part of the book. It isn't necessary to attend all the sessions; each can stand alone. Join us as you are able!

**Faith & Fries!** We usually gather on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at Puente American-Latino Pub at 81 South Main Street in Unionville. **We next convene this Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 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!*



**First Sunday Breakfast:** Find delicious food and fellowship at next Sunday's *First Sunday Breakfast* cooked by a great crew of men of the parish, led by John McBride: French toast, 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, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 am–9:45 am for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!



**Friends in Christ and mission**, we plan to meet at the beginning of the *First Sunday Breakfast*, next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the parish hall, about this year's Dominican Republic Mission Trip. I learned a lot on my recent trip and have what I believe will be exciting news for everyone! Please come if you can! We have much planning to do, for those who plan to come on the physical trip and, we pray, support from everyone else!!

***Lent, Discipleship, and the Passion of Jesus:*** Join us on Wednesday nights of Lent, beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 pm for a light supper of soup and salad and some time for community. Please let Fr. George know if you are willing to make/bring soup for one of our sessions. We will continue with a conversation around how Jesus's temptation in the wilderness (Luke and Matthew) and Luke's story of His Passion gives us wisdom, strength, and insight into how we can more closely follow Him in discipleship. **We will gather on February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>.** We hope you will join us.



***Stations of the Cross:*** Some of our very talented parishioners have been busy preparing for an exciting Lenten season ahead. Inspired and led by our rector, we will have an opportunity to experience the Stations in a way never done before in our parish. Each station will be represented by artwork, poetry, and a traditional prayer. The art and writings are the accumulation of prayerful work done over months by our parishioners who have graciously given their time towards this project. **Lenten Fridays at 5:30 pm will be an 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 will be in the parish hall throughout the weeks of Lent for you to enjoy and ponder. We will not hold Compline on Fridays during Lent.

**Devotionals for Lent:** We are again making a prayer/devotional resource available for the parishioners' use for the holy season of Lent. Our devotions come from Episcopal Relief and Development and the Episcopal Church (USA). The devotionals utilize a combination of scripture and reflection as we are invited to contemplate issues of justice, reconciliation (both from personal sin and social change/challenge), and how to strengthen our faith. Please take one for your growth during the season of Lent.

**The 2024 Altar Flower Calendar** is posted in the narthex (church entryway). Please sign-up for a Sunday when you would like to donate and dedicate the flowers for the say's services. Note that there are no altar flowers during the Lenten season.

**The lectionary readings** for next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> are:

Exodus 20:1–17, Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22.

### 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–Friday, 9 am–2 pm.  
Sunday worship services are held at 8 a.m. (Rite 1) and 10:15 am. (Rite 2)