

Welcome to **SAINT MARK'S**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 11C)

JULY 19, 2025 at 5:00 P.M

JULY 20, 2025 at 9:30 A.M

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Music from Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

Please silence your cell phone

Welcome to Saint Mark's Church. We are reminded today that the term "liturgy" has two meanings: time spent in Christ's presence, open to his word and Spirit, and time spent in service and ministry to others. If our lives in Christ do not express both of these activities, then we are failing to celebrate the liturgy (the work of the people of God) which is the mark of being a Christian. Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke gives priority to the time spent in Christ's presence. This is not to say that our work of ministry is unimportant or only secondary, but that it can only be done adequately and without anxiety if it is based on and finds its strength in our communion with our Lord. The first reading today finds God coming to Abraham and Sarah to renew God's promise to them of a child. Throughout the scriptures, God comes to people and, in fellowship with them, fulfills the covenant promise of love and salvation. As we continue to read the epistle to the Colossians, Paul tells us that the mystery that lies behind reality has been revealed in Christ. It is the life that we share in Christ by virtue of his dying and rising. In baptism, we enter that life, and it becomes our life. It is in that sharing of Christ's life that we are empowered to minister and to pray as members of Christ's Body.

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Prelude

God's People Gather Together



Celebrant + **B**lessed be the one, holy, and living God. *People* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading — *Genesis* 18:1-10a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass onsince you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 Domine, quis habitabit?

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
- ³ There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * *he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.*
- ⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, * *but he honors those who fear the LORD.*
- ⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
- ⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- ⁷ Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle - *Colossians* 1:15-28

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Colossae.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Martha Labored in the Kitchen

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

1. Martha labored in the kitchen; there was much yet to be done!
There was cooking, cleaning, baking — too much work for anyone.
For the Lord had come to visit; Jesus sat there as her guest.
So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.

- 2. Mary sat and humbly listened to their guest her Friend and Lord. She just thought of Jesus' teaching not the need for bread and board. So when Martha came complaining, seeking Mary's help that day. Jesus turned to her explaining, "Mary chose the better way."
- 3. God, we see in her distraction Martha lost sight of her goal; In her grumbling and complaining, She forgot food for the soul. For there's always something pressing something urgent we must do, Yet for us there's also blessing in the time we spend with you.
- 4. Were there days when Mary labored, helping others, serving well? Were there times when Martha savored stories Jesus loved to tell? May we worship, pray and study; may we serve you well today! All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus' way.

Biblical Reference: Luke 10:38-42 Tune: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813 ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

The Gospel — *Luke* 10:38-42

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People + Glory to you, Lord Christ.



As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do

all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

Officiant and People together

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. + We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant:

From the complexity of our lives, let us raise our voices in prayer for all God's people saying, Holy God, *hear our prayer*.

LEM: For the Church, and especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our bishops, and for Chris & Anne our priests. We pray that we may offer hospitality and understanding to all who come seeking hope or God's presence. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

Let us pray for our Diocese, the Search Committee, and for all candidates who seek to be our next Bishop:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift and source of all wisdom and understanding, look graciously upon your church and so guide the minds and hearts of those who will choose our next bishop. We pray that those who offer themselves as candidates in this process, you will grant them wisdom and discernment, a spirit of revelation and knowledge of your will, that they will care for all your people and equip us for our ministries through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For this parish family, that we may always welcome others and also learn to listen and be nourished by the Word of God. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For those recovering from floodwaters, severe storms and wildfires, that God will heal their broken hearts and grant them hope and courage in the days to come. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For peace throughout the world, that God will open new paths to understanding so that all may live in peace and safety. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For all who live and work in places of danger and violence, that God will turn hearts, open new paths for dialogue and protect innocent people from attacks and harm. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For all who serve others, especially those who wait on customers, serve the poor and needy, care for the sick and are the first to respond to emergencies and danger, that their service may reveal a glimpse of the face of God. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For those who are ill, worried, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Armenia, Haiti and those on our Prayer List. (*The people may add petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that they may be strengthened and comforted by God's grace. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For all the departed, especially Elizabeth Corker, who has gone to her Eternal Rest. (*The people may add petitions either silently or aloud*) We pray that they may be welcomed in Christ, the hope of glory. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For all the blessings we have received. We give thanks this week for Bryn Wolgemuth who is celebrating her birthday and for Ronald & Jennifer Marwood and Tom and Liz Horan who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Bryn as she begins another year. Grant that she will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon Ron & Jennifer and Tom & Liz that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Sundy Schermeyer in loving memory of her mother, Gail Andon-Jackson and by Elizabeth Wolgemuth in celebration of Bryn Wolgemuth's birthday and by Pamela Sheiffer in loving memory of her parents, Dr. Maurice Wince & Hylda Wince and her aunt Hope Grunder Seese.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and all the saints let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

All: Wise and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day and help us to welcome Jesus, that we who are distracted by many tasks may choose the better part and dwell secure in his presence, who is fullness and peace for evermore. Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8



The Offertory

(At 5:00 p.m.)

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.

(At 9:30 a.m.)



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. + Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. + Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint Mark the Patron of our parish and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



<u>Communion Norms</u>--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. Instead, you may keep your wafer visible in your hands and Fr. Chris or the Lay Eucharistic Minister will intinct for you and place the wafer on your on your tongue. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. <u>Gluten free wafers</u> are available. Please notify Fr. Chris at the Communion Rail.

The people stand as they are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

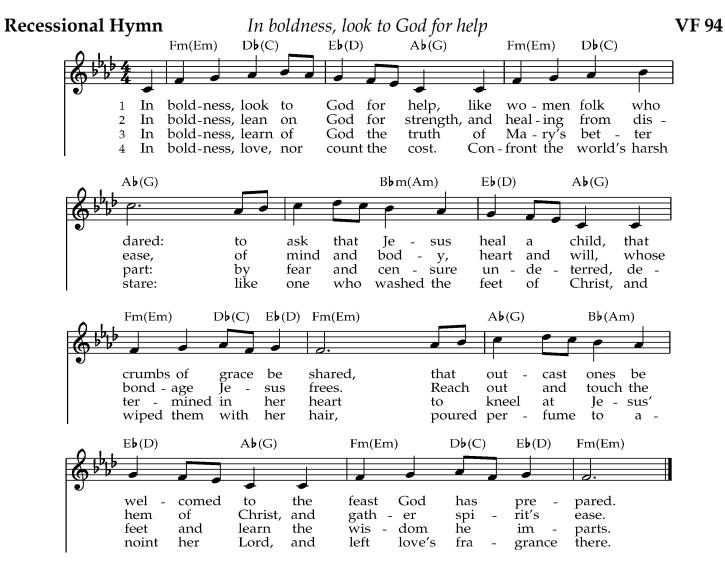
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, **+** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Announcements



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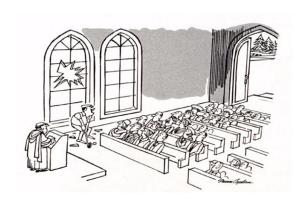
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The Dismissal

LEM Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, 07/21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, 07/23 7:30 p.m. Alanon Meeting - Atwater Room

7:30 p.m. Alateen Meeting – Parish Hall

Thursday, 07/24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Atwater Room

11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Healing Service – Fr. Chris' Office

12:30 p.m. The Threshold Sings – Atwater Room

7:30 p.m. Flute & Clarinet Academy Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Friday, 07/25 10:00 a.m. Yoga in the Parish Hall

Saturday, **07/26** 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Columbarium

Sunday, 07/27 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Church - Coffee Hour in the Atwater Room

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m. Participants

LEM/Lector John Kern
Usher Steve Turner
Altar Guild Laura Bott

Catharine Nobiletti

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Participants

LEM Madeline Glover
Lector William Glover
Ushers Sandy Wyman
William Glover

Laura Batt

Altar Guild Laura Bott

Catharine Nobiletti

Coffee Hour Kurt & Edie Hofmann

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Allison Skinner 07/09 Hannah Reid 07/03 Eleanor Williamson 07/09 Lois Simson 07/14 **Paul Canty** 07/14 The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie 07/14 Bryn Wolgemuth 07/22 Helen Horton 07/27 Virginia Connolly 07/30 Paige Wolgemuth 07/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Edwin & Kathe Williamson 07/12
Richard & Deborah Caccavano 07/13
Ronald & Jennifer Marwood 07/22
Tom and Liz Horan 07/23
Frank & Lee Wadelton 07/28

Services		In Person		On-Line
07/12	5:00 p.m.		13	
07/13	9:30 a.m		39	43
		TOTAL	52	43

07/11 – Private Holy Eucharist 3 07/12 - Men's Breakfast 20

Please Pray for Your Parish Every Day at 12:00 Noon. And, remember the People of the Middle East, Armenia, Ukraine, Haiti, Syria, and the United States of America too!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUMMER CHURCH SCHEDULE</u> - Our Summer Church Schedule has begun. There is a 5:00 p.m. service on Saturday in the Columbarium and on Sunday in the church at 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour on Sunday will take place in the Atwater Room during the summer schedule.

YOGA CONTINUES with another 6-week series during July/August. (Fridays, 10 am) and the dates: July 25th, August 1st, 8th, and 15th,

<u>BOCCE BALL</u> -Bocce Ball meets on Monday at 6:15 p.m. Even if you are not playing, come support your team. For more information please contact Larry Andria at 516-903-6514.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> - If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar please contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at <u>Laura.bott17@gmail.com</u>. In August there are two vases available on the 31st. and one of the 10th. Each vase is \$40. Please remember to contact Laura if you sign up in the book.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2, 12:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Ladies Luncheon August 9, 2:00 p.m. Westhampton Beach Flute & Clarinet Academy Recital

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested:

Dick Anderson (Req. by Edie Hofmann). Kurt Andon (Req. by Sundy Schermeyer), Ridgie Barnett (Parishioner), Amanda Cacoperdo (Req. by Tim Feil), Deana Chiusano (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Julia Cloppse (Reg. by Jenn Kast), Abby Connett (Reg. by Nancy Connett), Victoria DiRocco (Fr. Chris & Carol's daughter), **Owen Foster** (Diane & John Stewart's grandson), **Nancy Fraser** (Req. by Ki Nobiletti), Fred Rees Garcia (son of Victoria Garcia), Jason Gordon (Req. by Kate Gabrielsen), Roberta Good (Diane Stewart's Sister), Max Gorman (Reg. by Kate Gabrielsen), Elaine Hanes (Reg. by Kate Gabrielsen), Barbara Ireton (Reg. by Carol Smith), Debra Wolgemuth Jarashow, (Reg. by Elizabeth Wolgemuth), Gretchen & Jim Jubinski (Fr. Chris' Parents), Karen (Reg. by Catharine Nobiletti), Cole LoRusso (Marj Kulesa's Nephew), Bob Love (Req. by Fr. Chris), John & Anita Martinelli (Req. by Jinny Gilmore), Laura O'Daly **McCann** (Kate Gabrielsen's daughter), **Colette Maseroni**, (Kate Gabrielsen's niece), **Earl Meyers** (Reg. by Jinny Gilmore), Jock McLean (Parishioner), Sean McLean (Reg. by Jock McLean), Carol Marin, (Reg. by Jinny Gilmore), Austin Mooney, (Laura Bott's brother), Irene Monahan, (reg. by Laura Bott), Paul Oele (Parishioner), Jesse O'Neil (Reg. by Jenn Kast), Cassie Panzarino (Reg. by Jinny Gilmore), Michele Parks (Req. by Marjorie Kulesa), Penelope Rees (sister of Victoria Garcia), Kenneth Reeves (husband of Louise Reeves), Martin Sarocky, (Reg. by Jenn Kast), Sarah Witters (Reg. by Victoria Garcia.), George Degener (Reg. by Fr. Chris)

<u>If there are any names that can be removed, kindly contact Kate in the church office 631-288-2111.</u>

<u>We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:</u> Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, Rob Scribner, James Mercready and Midshipman 4th Class Luke Williamson.



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July 20, 2025 – Pentecost 6 (C) The Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr

On July 25, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. James, apostle and martyr.

This James is often styled "St. James the Greater," to distinguish him from the other Apostle of the same name and from James, "the brother of our Lord." Along with his brother John, James was called by Jesus at the Sea of Galilee as they mended nets with their father, Zebedee, and his hired hands. St. James is named regularly during major events in the Gospels, witnessing the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9), the raising of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5, Matthew 9; Luke 8), and Jesus' agony in the garden (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

For all this honor, though, James also receives correction from Jesus on more than one occasion. He and his brother are given the nickname "Sons of Thunder," or *Boanerges*, for their zealous and temperamental dispositions. For example, when Samaritan villagers refused to welcome Jesus, the brothers eagerly asked whether he would have them call down fire from heaven to destroy the town. The Lord rebukes them and instead moves on to another village (Luke 9). The Gospels record the brothers (or perhaps their mother) asking

the Lord to place them at his right and left hands in his kingdom, which also results in admonishment (Matthew 20), and James is among the apostles who fall asleep in the garden while Jesus prays (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

Still, James' dedication to Jesus is without question, as he is understood to be the first of the twelve to die for him. As the Acts of the Apostles records, "About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword" (Acts 12:1–2).

Holy Women, Holy Men explains the veneration of and devotion to St. James following his death: "According to an old tradition, the body of James was taken to Compostela, Spain, which has been a shrine for pilgrims for centuries" (p. 484). His name was translated from the Hebrew Ya'akov to the Spanish Iago; thus, "Saint James" becomes "Santo Iago," or "Santiago." Santiago de Compostela was an extraordinarily popular destination for pilgrimages, leading to the development of the Camino de Santiago, a route across the countryside, marked by the fisherman's symbol of a scallop shell.



St. James the Greater, Altarpiece of Mount San Martino; Carlo Crivelli, c. 1480.

Collect for the Feast of St. James

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 they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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Sundays 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist in the church (10 a.m. Livestreamed)
The first Sunday of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Summer Weekend Church Services (Starting May 24, 2025)

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. "Mass on the Grass" and Sundays 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in the church (9:30 a.m. Livestreamed)

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Thursday Midweek Service

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office

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