

Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

July 13, 2025



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar Rev. Timothy D. Banach, Parochial Vicar Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence

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Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

Noon, 2:30pm (Spanish),

and 7:00pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and 8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,

5:00pm, 7:00pm, and 8:30pm (Spanish)

Low-Gluten Hosts

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:

12:30pm-8:00pm

First Fridays:

9:00am-Noon

7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday

(All-Night Adoration)

Holy Hours

Sundays: 5:00pm

Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Fridays: 11:00am-11:45am

Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm and

6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptisms

Baptisms are done every Sunday. Please contact the Rectory office to begin making arrangements prior to the child's birth. Registration in the parish is required prior to scheduling. Both parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child.

Marriage

Contact the Rectory office for information and to begin marriage preparation with one of our priests. Marriage preparation is a sixmonth program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit our Worship menu for more details, stiamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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Parish Registration

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

The Pope's July Prayer Intention

For Formation in Discernment—Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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On The Way

Saint Augustine: Donatism and the Church

During Augustine's life, the Church in Northern Africa was still reeling from the effects of Emperor Diocletian's persecutions (303-305). In those years, Churches had been destroyed, sacred books confiscated, and Christians forced to burn incense to the pagan idols. Many Christians went to their death in witness to the faith. Others suffered imprisonment. Some found clever ways around the persecutions. Still others simply apostatized in the face of suffering.

Predictably, when the persecutions ceased, a division emerged. Those who had suffered for the faith took a hard line against those who seemed to have found another way around persecution or had outright fallen away. And the lapsed seeking to return didn't find a merciful welcome from those who had suffered.

The defining moment in the controversy was when the bishop Donatus (whence *Donatism*) demanded that the clergy who had handed over the sacred books be re-baptized and re-ordained. Their lapse had somehow nullified their sacraments and removed them from the Church. When others disputed his decision and showed clemency, battles ensued – not only over church buildings but really about the Church herself. All of this was still in the air during Augustine's time as Bishop of Hippo.

Donatism was an excess characteristic of a devout people. The Donatists were another version of the Pharisees – the Holy Ones who feared nothing more than unholiness. Donatism was also a controversy characteristic of Christians struggling to live the faith in a pagan culture. It involved age-old questions. How do Christians live separately? Is any accommodation to the world permissible? How can sinners be reconciled to the Church? Is there any room for them? Saint Paul had struggled with this issue in his letters to the Corinthians.

The Donatists' answer was simple and harsh: the Church had to be kept free from all impurity. They wanted a perfect Church for perfect people. This response betrayed a profound lack of confidence in the holiness of the Church and thus an entirely defensive response to the pagan culture. The fortress mentality blunted their ability to evangelize. It made them hesitant to go out into the world for fear of being tarnished by it.

In the end, the Donatists rejected the mystery that the Church is both holy and yet composed of sinners. It is a mystery as old as the Church herself, as old as Jesus' choice of the Twelve, as old as the parable of the weeds among the wheat (see Mt 13:24-30). Unwilling to acknowledge the mystery, the Donatists just isolated themselves.

All of this should sound familiar, and we should have a certain sympathy for the Donatists. Because we too struggle to live the faith in a pagan culture. We are burdened by the same questions. How do we keep the Church holy without isolating ourselves? How do we go into the world without giving in to it? How should Catholics conduct themselves in the world – at work...in the store...in politics, etc.? How does the Church call her members to holiness without becoming rigorist and intolerant of weakness? How does she show mercy to the lapsed without becoming lax?

Augustine faced these questions with a great confidence that the Church can embrace sinners without herself becoming corrupt. Perhaps because of his own sinful past, he understood the importance of the Church's patience in drawing others to herself. He understood that the Church's holiness is found in her Founder and her Spirit, not in her sinful members.

No, we can't be like the Donatists and purge the Church of all sinners. But the questions remain. And Augustine's response from centuries ago has found a nice summary in words from Vatican II: "The Church, clasping sinners to her bosom, at once holy and always in need of purification, follows constantly the path of penance and renewal" (CCC 827).

- Fr. Scalia

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Mass Intentions for the Fifteenth Week of Ordinary

Saturday, July 12

Mass for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Madeleine McNaway

Sunday, July 13

The Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Geraldine Haley-Cox 9:00am +Antonio Ong

10:30am Pro Populo Noon +Carmine Carosella 2:30pm +Gloria Maria Arcos 7:00pm +Elaine Foley

Monday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

6:30am +Christopher Heitman +Carmine Carosella 8:15am Noon +Peter Shifter

Tuesday, July 15 St. Bonaventure

6:30am +David Huestis

8:15am +William Ludlow Ritchie, Jr.

Noon +Martin Battcock

Wednesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

6:30am +Peter Xavier Collins

8:15am +Thomas Coipuram, Sr., and Zacharia T.

Coipuram

Br. Joseph Teresa of the Eucharist, OCD Noon

Thursday, July 17

Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Mary Ann Caruso 6:30am +Inta Rita Funk 8:15am +Gary Curtin Noon

Friday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis

+Greg Mazanec 6:30am +Donna Inez Swanson 8:15am +Lorna May Infante Noon

Saturday, July 19

Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

8:30am +JoAnn Carwile Zygmant

Mass for the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Fred Ubinger

Sunday, July 20

The Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

7:30am Christine Stoker

9:00am +Elizabeth and Robert Schoenberger

10:30am Pro Populo Noon +Carmine Carosella 2:30pm +Joseph Guerette 7:00pm +Eric and Carol Tuttle

Today's Readings

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

"Moses said to the people: 'If only you would heed the..."

Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 **Psalm** or Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

"Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live." or

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20 "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,"

Luke 10:25-37

"There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test..."

Readings for the Week

Visit bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Regina DePalma Rachel Noonan Juan Alarcon Joyce Babiak Thomas Duncan Esther Olivos James Banks Roberta Dunn Carter Parry Colman Rowan Beatriz Basso Katherine Garren BJ Salinas Cory Bautista Anthony L. Gerena Betty Brunton Silvia Guevara Kathleen Seroskie Patricia Cavasina Scott Herman Robvn Stewart Jane C. Checkan Laura Lareau Candace Taylor Chloe Clagg Mary Anna Lucas Kathy Thomas Yolanda Machiado Lauren Vinci Grace Coipuram Brendan Collins Jose G. Martinez Liv Wash John Cormany Mildred Melmer Anne Marie Willis Julie Neil Mona Demien

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Richard Charles Lavelle Bill Rogers

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF Lt. j.g. William Conroy, USN Cmdr. Thomas Dixon, USN FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

Cpl. James Murray, USMC 2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC 2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC 2nd Lt. Finn Roou, USA 1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

Saint <u>James Prayer Chain</u>

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the Saint James Prayer Chain page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.



- Sign up to be a praying member at http://eepurl.com/gURddD.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org.

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Parish News

Creation Care Ministry's 4th Annual Science Night

Mark Your Calendars! The Creation Care Ministry invites parents and their kids to a night of hands-on exploration and experimentation in our *Giving Garden*. This popular summer evening is always a crowd pleaser because it is full of kid-friendly hands-on educational activities AND the desserts are delicious! The event begins on **Wednesday**, **July 23rd**, **6:00pm-8:00pm** at the Parish Garden. Snacks and drinks to share are welcome. There is open space if older kids want to hang out. We will have kid-friendly bug spray.

Please email <u>maggie.lechleitner@atkn.com</u> if you are interested in volunteering—no formal training in science is required.





Celebrate Our Patron Saint With Us

THE FEAST OF SAINT JAMES

7:00PM MASS

FOLLOWED BY AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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Parish News (Continued)

National Family Planning Awareness Week

The Church celebrates Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week from July 20-26, 2025. This year's theme is **Pursue a lasting love... MARRIAGE**, **Create hope for the future!** The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Natural Family Planning is the general title for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy. The methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. Since the methods of NFP respect the lovegiving (unitive) and life-giving (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, they support God's design for married love!

Do you want to learn more about NFP, are you rusty at it, or a pro wanting to encourage other couples?

Please join the Saint James' NFP group, *Way of Life*. They invite all interested in NFP for good conversation and fellowship on **Wednesday**, **July 30th**, **at 7:00pm** at Godfrey's, 421 W. Broad Street, in the upstairs front room.



If you have questions, email Danielle Aguilar, <u>daniellekaguilar@gmail.com</u>, or Laura Kirchgraber, LFKirch@gmail.com. All are welcome to join!

Creation Care Committee's Open Garden

Join us in the Parish Garden behind the Parish House following the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses this Sunday, July 13th.

It will be a fun time to catch up on summer adventures, trade garden success tips (and woes!), and wander through our blooming wildflowers and maturing vegetables and herbs.

We hope you stop by to see our parish garden!





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Little Acts of Kindness

Our parish Social Outreach Committee has been partnering with ShelterHouse (https://www.shelterhouse.org/) for years to help the homeless and/or victims of domestic violence.

Recently, they asked if we would be able to help them get everyday essential items including hygiene items, formula, diapers, and detergent.



If you are able to assist the ShelterHouse with their needs, visit their Amazon Wish list, https://bit.ly/SOCShelterHouse, or scan the QR code. All the items will go directly to the ShelterHouse.

For more information, please contact Susan Jackson at jacksonsusan 765@gmail.com.



Sacrament of Healing

Parishioners can request this sacrament of healing for themselves or a loved one by calling the Rectory at 703-532-8815 and speaking to the priest on duty.

For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the church outside Rectory office hours, call our office and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line.

The sacrament is not limited to those near death and may be received more than once by a person who is ill or suffering.



To learn more, read the article "<u>Understanding the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick</u>" by Fr. Don Miller, OFM.

You can also download the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) handout "<u>Anointing of the Sick: Joined to Christ</u>, <u>Witnesses to Hope and Healing</u>".

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

The Ann C. Cook Education Fund for Students with Disabilities

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a new school fund named in memory of Ann Cook, a beloved parishioner and school alumni who lived an extraordinary life marked by *adventure*, *kindness*, and *generosity* until her death on December 4, 2023.

The purpose of this fund is to expand our school's inclusion program to better serve our students with intellectual disabilities, such as Down Syndrome.

A secondary purpose is to inspire our students to imitate Ann's virtues of fortitude, generosity and joy in the face of challenges and adversity.

You can learn more about Ann and the fund named in her memory on the next three pages of this bulletin.



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The Ann Cook Education Fund for Students with Disabilities



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NN WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 1, 1952, to Jack and Edie Cook. She attended Saint James Catholic School with her six brothers (Pat, Mike, Chris, Timothy, Dennis and Andy) and multitude of Cook cousins. The Cook families were an integral part of the Saint James community, with the 4th generation of Cook's attending St. James School today!

In August of 1977, Ann had a diving accident that left her paralyzed and a quadriplegic. This was a life-altering event which Ann faced with great courage, dignity and strength. After intense rehabilitation, Ann began her new life which included learning how to drive again, living independently with the help of friends and family, and beginning a 25-year career with the Defense Mapping Agency, which included many awards and honors.

Ann was known for her kindness, deep faith and great love for her family and friends. She always had a contagious smile on her face, which instantly brought joy to others. She loved her 17 nieces and nephews, often delighting them with rides in her wheelchair. Ann was a diehard Nats fan, even working as a customer ambassador to escort guests to their seats. She faced the challenges of life with great optimism and fortitude. Ann nobly embraced her Cross and because of this, she radiated love to others. Until the very end of her life, Ann knew how to love.

We hope this new fund in memory of
Ann Cook will inspire you to give so that
more students may be served through
our expanded inclusion program.
Thank you!



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OUR CURRENT PROGRAM

- Educates two students with Down Syndrome (Preschool and Middle School).
- Inclusion in regular classes with peers, plus one-on-one instruction.
- Peer Mentoring program (modeled after Bishop O'Connell High School).
- Participation in school activities (e.g., Living Stations, plays, and service projects).



The Ann Cook Education Fund for Students with Disabilities

OUR FUTURE GOAL

- To increase the number of students with disabilities.
- To hire a F/T Special Education Teacher to provide support via modified curriculum, peer mentor program and specialized teacher training.
- To provide a pathway for our students with disabilities to later attend a Catholic High School with an inclusion program (e.g., Bishop O'Connell).
- To allow our parish families to send *all* their children to Catholic school!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Expanding our Inclusion Program requires hiring qualified staff, which is an annual financial commitment for our parish school.
- The Cook family has generously provided the initial seed money for this new Fund but more financial resources are needed.
- Our initial goal is to raise \$150,000 through one-time and renewable monthly gifts.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Catholic Education, particularly for our students with intellectual and physical disabilities.



To donate online, please scan the OR code.

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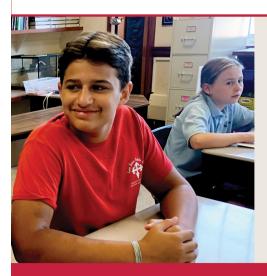
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TO DONATE by **CHECK**, make check out to Saint James Catholic Church with "Ann Cook Fund" in the memo line and mail to:

Saint James Catholic Church

Attn: Kathleen Anderson, Director of Development 905 Park Avenue Falls Church, VA 22046

TO DONATE via a QCD or DAF, contact Kathleen Anderson at kanderson@stjamescatholic.org



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Feast of Corpus Christi and Eucharistic Procession

Saint James celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi with our choir after the noon Mass on June 22nd with a Eucharistic Procession led by Father John Paul Heisler that followed Park Avenue to Oak Street through Lot B to Broad Street in front of the school and then to Spring Street, finishing inside the church.

The procession had two Benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament. The event ended with a farewell reception for Father John Paul in Monsignor Heller Hall. Despite the heat, it was great to see the turnout of our parishioners to share the joy of the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.













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Back by Popular Demand... A Fall Prevention Presentation

Thursday, September 18th, 5:00pm-7:30pm Monsignor Heller Hall (Door 13)

The Saving Claire Falls Prevention Project starts with a groundbreaking documentary. The film explores the complex nature of aging, resistance to change, and all the relatable patterns that increase fall risk. The film explores Claire's attitudes and actions, the spiral after her fall, and the dramatic events that follow.

Dr. Sara Pappa from Marymount Center for Optimal Aging will lead a lively interactive discussion and Q&A with local experts on fall prevention!

The Seniors Young at Heart are presenting this meeting which is **open to all Saint James parishioners who may be a senior or have a senior parent/loved one** who could benefit from this presentation. **Due to space limitations, attendees are required to RSVP by Monday, September 15th, for the dinner and/or presentation.**

- 5:00pm-5:45pm Pizza dinner and drinks will be provided
 - Each guest is asked to bring a dessert or salad for six to complement the dinner.
- 5:45pm-7:30pm Presentation and panel discussion

RSVP REQUIRED by September 15th to Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com.

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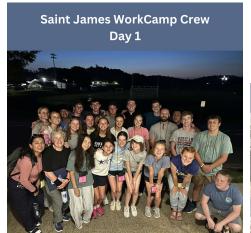


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WorkCamp 2025

Our WorkCamp crew spent June 21-27 in Shenandoah County, VA, participating in a week of service and devotion. WorkCamp is administered by the Office of Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries and combined prayer, great speakers, games, daily Mass, confession, evening formation, and tons of fun, making it an integrated experience of true Christian community and one of the most transformational opportunities of the year! This year teens helped to repair and build decks, roofs, wheelchair ramps, and other needed work throughout the greater Mount Jackson/New Market area.

Thank you to our parish Clergy, all the adult volunteers both at WorkCamp and back at our parish, and our parish youth who gave of their time and talents to make WorkCamp 2025 a success. Also, we thank Saint James parishioners for their financial support through our various fundraisers this past year.



Our final picture with Fr. John Paul. Thank you Father for all of your support and spiritual guidance for our









Our teens enjoyed the fellowship of their fellow parishioners.





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Parish Calendar		
Monday, July 14	Vacation Bible School This Week	
7:00pm-9:30pm	College Coffee Night	Parish House
Tuesday, July 15		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, July 16		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Thursday, July 17		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, July 18		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House
Saturday, July 19		
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, July 20		
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans Evening Prayer	Parish House

Youth Ministry





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