



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

[www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org)

703-532-8815

## August 2, 2026



### 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

#### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor  
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Timothy D. Banach, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence  
Rev. Daniel Reuwer, In Residence  
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence  
Deacon Marvin Muhat

#### Rectory Office Hours

Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)  
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:** See Parish website

**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:

10:00am-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 six-month program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit our Worship menu for more details,  
[stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/](http://stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

## **Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff**

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

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*Sacramental records, baptisms, registrations, address changes, and room reservations*

### **Sonia Grebogi, Receptionist**

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**Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Superior of Saint James Convent**

## **Parish Registration**

To register with the parish or to update your contact information, call the Rectory office or email them at [receptionist@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:receptionist@stjamescatholic.org).

## **The Pope's August Prayer Intention**

**For evangelization in the city**—Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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## **On The Way**

*Saint Francis: the Stigmata*

In 1223, Francis set aside the burden of leadership and entrusted headship of his order to another brother. But he still experienced the burden of his own renown. Visitors, both devout and merely curious, were frequent. He tired of the distractions and desired to give himself more exclusively to prayer. Besides, his health was failing, and he knew that his end wasn't far.

Some years before, a benefactor had given him land on the mountain La Verna. He had made a hermitage on that site. In the summer of 1224 Francis retired there for "Saint Michael's Lent," in preparation for the Archangel's feast on September 29th. While there he dedicated himself to meditating on our Lord's Passion. Every day he went over again in his reading and prayers the events of our salvation.

One day, Francis had a vision of a seraph, a six-winged angel, affixed to a cross. Although the image frightened him (as seraphim tend to do), it also brought him some degree of consolation during a time of spiritual desolation. Soon after this apparition, Francis's body began to manifest strange marks. Although Francis tried to conceal them, his brothers noticed. His hands and his feet bore nail marks and there was a wound in his side. The passion and wounds that he had been contemplating for so long were now manifest in his very body. It was the stigmata. Now Francis was one with Christ not only spiritually but physically, even to sharing His wounds.

Saint Francis is the first person in the Church's history known to have the stigmata. There is some speculation that Saint Paul may have had the stigmata based on what he writes to the Galatians: "I bear on my body the marks of Jesus" (Gal 6:17). But it's not clear whether he meant that literally or figuratively. At any rate, the stigmata of Francis were verified by those who saw and touched the wounds.

It's essential to understand the context of Francis's receiving the stigmata. Although extraordinary and miraculous, they are also of a piece with the rest of his life. They are not only the most fascinating aspect of his life. They are also something of a summary or culmination of it.

First, the stigmata recall Francis's devotion to the suffering. His conversion began with the overcoming of his revulsion at lepers and then led to his embracing and serving them. Now in his own body he experienced the suffering and disfigurement that he once fled and eventually embraced. In a sense, the union was now complete. He had become like the lepers he had served so many years ago.

Second, the stigmata are expression of his devotion to the Body of Christ. Francis had always had a particular love for the suffering Christ. On La Verna he had meditated on it daily with particular devotion and intensity.

The stigmata remind us of the reality of our Lord's Body and thus keep us from a merely metaphorical understanding of the phrase *Body of Christ*. The Church and the Eucharist are not the Body of Christ analogously. They are particular ways in which His Body – born, crucified, raised, and glorified – is made present. Christ continues both His ministry and His passion throughout the world and throughout history in the Church, His Body. It's fitting that Francis, who had such a deep devotion to the Church, should, like the Church, live out our Lord's passion.

The wounds would remain in Francis's body for another year, until his death. Although a source of physical suffering, they also brought him consolation and peace. They were, in a sense, an answer to his prayers and greatest desire, to be conformed to Christ on the Cross.

– Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 1**

*Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Danny Bessette

**Sunday, August 2**

*The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Special Intention

9:00am +James A. Brogan

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +For the Souls in Purgatory

2:30pm Fr. Thomas Tuan Nguyen

7:00pm +Ines de Flores

**Monday, August 3**

*Monday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

6:30am +Terrell Blodgett

8:15am +Edward Lee Shephard

Noon +Julieta and Getulio, Sr. Fuester

**Tuesday, August 4**

*St. John Vianney*

6:30am +Patricia Colevas

8:15am +John A. Moriarity

Noon +Joan Mallen

**Wednesday, August 5**

*The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

6:30am +Florence Reisner

8:15am +Mary Frances Johnson-Miller

Noon +William McNamara

**Thursday, August 6**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

6:30am Regina Thibeau

8:15am Jane Harvey

Noon Sister Janice Urbanec

**Friday, August 7**

*St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan*

6:30am +Bishop Gabriel Montalvo

8:15am +Julie Cassidy

Noon +All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, August 8**

*St. Dominic*

8:30am +Mary Winslow

*Mass for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm +Diane Paar

**Sunday, August 9**

*The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Mary and Rives Tilman

9:00am +Mary Winslow

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara Flanagan-Koenig

2:30pm +Nicanor Rojas

7:00pm Albert Joseph Egana

## Today's Readings

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:1-3**

"Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water!"

**Psalm**

**Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18**

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:35, 37-39**

"Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of..."

**Gospel**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

"When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist,"

## Readings for the Week

Visit [bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://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

Juan Alarcon

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Charles A. Burke

Jim Buscher

Christopher Butzgy

Patricia Cavasina

Jessica Toye Clark

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Matthew Coffin

Grace Coipuram

Raul Crespo

Matthew Davis

Mona Demian

Charles Duggar

Thomas Duncan

Roberta Dunn

Dora Dee Estes

Liana Farrell

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Patricia McFarland

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Gloria Mora

Francis Neumann, Jr.

Rachel Noonan

Kathy Oddenino

Esther Olivos

Jerry Parker

Carter Parry

Charley Roberts

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

### The deceased of our parish family

Linda Woolfenden Ricca

**Please pray for the members of our parish serving in the military both home and abroad.**



## Saint James Prayer Chain

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](http://www.stjamescatholic.org).

- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to [PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org).



## Parish News



**First Friday  
Food Distribution  
August 7th**  
We support ~200 families

### List of donations needed

Reusable shopping bags also needed  
Donate only items listed please  
\*\*\*Items in black are a critical need

#### **Rice (1-2 lb bags)\*\*\***

**Canned Hearty Soups**  
**Canned Tomato Sauce**  
**Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Cereal (boxes)**  
**Peanut Butter**

THANK  
YOU

#### **Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)\*\*\***

**Canned Chicken & Tuna\*\*\***  
**Pasta (plain, boxes)\*\*\***  
**Canned Ravioli**  
**Canned Spaghetti**  
**Canned Green Vegetables**  
**Jelly**

All donations may be placed in the baskets in church vestibules. We can accept only non-perishable items.

Please Note: No produce or fresh items (includes bread), no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items

(All items must be in original packaging. No items packaged at home.)

Visit [bit.ly/AugustFD](https://bit.ly/AugustFD) or Scan QR code to volunteer. Adults and teens can sign up.



### Apply Now—Assistant Director of Facilities

Saint James seeks an Assistant Director of Facilities. The position requires skills in various trades and a proven track record showing strong customer service orientation and the ability to help manage staff and contractors. This position is full-time with a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance coverage as well as 403b and pension plan.



**SAINT JAMES PARISH  
IS HIRING**

**Assistant Facilities Director**

**Full-time Position**

Hours are generally Monday through Friday but the position requires on-call availability. Some early morning, late night, and weekend hours are required. The pay range is \$25 to \$30/hour, depending on skills and experience. A diocesan background check will be required.

Send an email expressing interest with a resume to Rich Blickendorfer at [rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org).

### The Church Springs Eternal: How Christ Has Guided the Church Through Over Two Millenium

Join our summer seminarian, Tyler Boreani, as he guides us through Church History from Apostolic Times to the Modern Age over the course of three sessions. We'll dive into the evangelical reach of the apostles, the persecution of the Early Church, the Scholastic Period (Middle Ages), the Crusades, the Protestant Revolution, and much more. There also will be Q&A and discussion.

The final talk will be on **Wednesday, August 5th, 7:00pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall\*.

\*Note the room change for this talk.

**Join Us for Summer Seminars on the...**

**"Church History from Apostolic  
Times to the Modern Age"**

**With Seminarian Tyler Boreani**



## **Seniors Young at Heart Ice Cream Social**

**Main Menu: Sloppy joes and ice cream with toppings for dessert**

**Each guest is asked to bring coleslaw, vegetables, salads, or cookies/brownies for six people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.**

### **ACTIVITY: GAME NIGHT**

**RSVP by Monday, August 16th, to Kathleen at [kmcphilomy2@gmail.com](mailto:kmcphilomy2@gmail.com) or Susan at [jacksonsusan765@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonsusan765@gmail.com)**

**Thursday, August 20th  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Msgr. Heller Hall**

## Parish News (Continued)

### Saint James Catholic Church First Friday All-Night Adoration

Come spend time consoling Him for the world's coldness and indifference.



**7:30PM FRIDAY,  
AUGUST 7  
TO  
8:15AM SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 8**

**Adorers Needed!  
Sign-up at  
<https://bit.ly/FriAdoration>**



### Adult Faith Formation Classes

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program is available for adults who are not Catholic and wish to receive more education in the Faith, especially in preparation for the reception of the sacraments.

The program is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith with the intention of entering the Catholic Church.

The full OCIA program for the 2026-2027 year begins on Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the IHM Conference Room at the school and continues weekly through April. We ask that people who intend to enter the Church attend the classes regularly, live in a manner consistent with the faith, and discern prayerfully their calling. If one cannot attend the regular classes on a consistent basis, please call the parish for other arrangements.

To register or speak with Father Pavlick about the OCIA program, contact him at 703-532-8815 or [frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org).

### Volunteer Notice: Virtus Training for Adults Working with Children

Are you considering volunteering at the parish or school? According to the Diocesan Policy on the Protection of Children/Young People and the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and/or Child Abuse, **any adult volunteer 18 years or older who either works with minors or has substantial contact with children must complete a diocesan background check and a 4-hour Virtus class.**

Get started with your application today at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/>. You must complete the application before the diocese will email you training options that are held within 45 days. All information requested must be provided. Do not leave any blank spaces.

Classes fill up quickly this time of year, so if you will be volunteering in a position that involves working with children, start the background check now. Direct any questions to the following points-of-contact:

- **Parish**—Kara Rider, [krider@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:krider@stjamescatholic.org)
- **School**—Kathleen Stirling, [kstirling@saintjamescatholic.org](mailto:kstirling@saintjamescatholic.org)

### REMINDER: Parish Library Summer Reading Challenge

For those participating in the First Annual Saint James Parish Library Summer Reading Challenge, **remember the challenge ends in two weeks on Sunday, August 16th.**

Borrow books from the Saint James Parish Library collection, read them, and record each title on your reading log. The reading log is available on the parish website, [stjamescatholic.org/faith/parish-library/](http://stjamescatholic.org/faith/parish-library/), or at the library open this Sunday, August 2nd, and August 16th from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Participants who meet the reading goal for the three age groups and submit their completed log will be entered into a prize drawing.

Email your log to [stjamescatholiclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:stjamescatholiclibrary@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Rectory Office or Parish Library.



# Respect Life Group

## Life Corner

**KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE.** The Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment will establish abortion as a fundamental right in the state constitution. The amendment is vague and thus dangerous as it opens itself to loopholes only to be settled by the courts in the future. Don't be misled by the question that will be on the ballot as it does not reflect the actual content of the proposed amendment.



**Wording in the amendment:** That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

**What are the dangers?** The “fundamental right to reproductive freedom” is a broad and vague term. Will teens and children have a right to abortion, gender transition, or sexual experimentation without parental consent? The question on the ballot does not state any limits because there are NO limits stated in the amendment itself.



## Guest Speaker: Olivia Gans Turner on Understanding Virginia's Proposed Constitutional Amendments on Abortion & Marriage

The Saint James Respect Life Group invites you to hear Olivia Gans Turner speak on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage. These amendments will appear on the ballot this coming fall, September 18–November 3.

**Monday, August 31st  
7:00pm–8:30pm  
Monsignor Heller Hall**



Olivia Gans Turner is president of the Virginia Society for Human Life, the nation's first state pro-life organization, founded in 1967 and affiliated with National Right to Life. A nationally recognized pro-life speaker, she has addressed audiences in all 50 states and more than 17 countries.

Following her own abortion experience in 1981, Olivia co-founded Women Exploited by Abortion, the nation's first post-abortion support organization, and later directed American Victims of Abortion. She also hosted EWTN's *When They Say, You Say*, based on the popular National Right to Life workshop.

The **Catholics Vote No** campaign encourages Virginians to learn about the proposed constitutional amendments and pledge to vote No. Visit [catholicsvoteno.com](http://catholicsvoteno.com) or [arlingtondiocese.org/vote](http://arlingtondiocese.org/vote) or scan the QR code to the left to pledge NO.

## Reminders

**Every Saturday morning at 6:45am** come and pray the Rosary for the protection and sanctity of human life, led by our parish priests in front of 900 S. Washington Street in Falls Church.

**Parish Life News**—Please email Rich Hunter, [stjameslife@gmail.com](mailto:stjameslife@gmail.com), to be added to the Respect Life email group for parish updates on pro-life activities.

# Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

## Mission Cooperative Plan Second Collection August 8-9

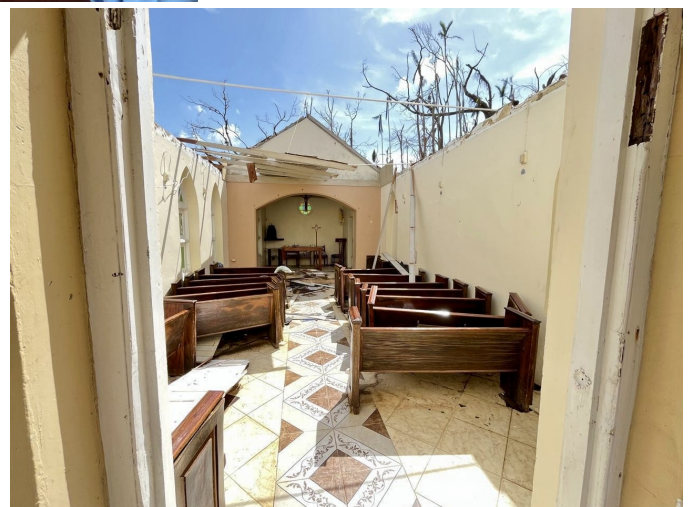
Each year, our diocese's Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) assigns a Catholic mission to each parish. In the past, we have hosted missionaries from Banica, Vietnam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, who have been graciously welcomed and supported by our generous parishioners.

This year, our Mission is the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, which consists of 20 parishes and 3 missions. A large part of their diocese, including Black River, was decimated by Hurricane Melissa in late October 2025. This Category 5 Hurricane caused severe damage and flooding to the island. People lost their homes and businesses and were left without food, water, electricity, and medicine/medical care—the basic essentials of life.

Father Gary Wiesmann will speak at all the masses on August 8-9 about the Mandeville Mission—its purpose, its people, and its programs—and how our brothers and sisters in Christ are coping in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. Evangelization is a primary goal of the Diocese of Mandeville. Approximately 50% of the people are illiterate and catechesis is time consuming and personal. An important part of evangelization is building schools and providing an education to young children. Here is a direct quote from Father Gary:

“In order to help youth in our primary/secondary schools to know Our Lord in our Catholic tradition and to break the cycle of poverty into which they were born, the MCP has established as many schools as finances allow. Our Catholic religion is taught along with the skills and courses our youth so desperately need to survive as adults. We also provide breakfast/lunch for children who come to school with no food and purchase textbooks, supplies and uniforms for children whose family can't afford them.”

To donate, visit <https://bit.ly/MCPJamaica> or scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support of this mission which is trying to recover from the damage caused by Hurricane Melissa.



**The church roof was blown away but the tabernacle did not get damaged!**

## Youth Ministry

### 2026-2027 Altar Servers

Boys in grades 4 through 11 are welcome to become altar servers. If you are interested in serving at the altar and joining in this sacred brotherhood, visit the *Liturgical Ministries* page under the *WORSHIP* menu on our website, [bit.ly/2627AltarServers](http://bit.ly/2627AltarServers), or scan the QR code to complete the online interest form.



There will be training sessions which will explain the basics of this wonderful mission in divine worship. All servers, new or returning, should attend one of these sessions. **New servers are encouraged to attend the September training.** Attendance at one of the sessions is needed to begin or to continue serving as an altar server here.

- Tuesday, September 15, 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Tuesday, January 12, 4:30pm-5:30pm (TBD)
- Tuesday, January 12th, 7:00pm-8:00pm (TBD)

Email Colleen Sullivan, [ym@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:ym@stjamescatholic.org), with any questions. If parents have questions about their sons serving, email Father Pavlick at [frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org) or 703-532-8815.



**FAITH Y FÚTBOL**  
SUMMER 2026

SOCCER Middle School PIZZA

**OUR FINAL SUMMER EVENT  
AUGUST 30TH  
4:00-6:00PM@ ROCKET FIELD**

Join Father Tim for games, food, & faith discussion every last Sunday of the month this summer

  
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY



  
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

**FELLOWSHIP, FAITH & FOOD**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY, PRAYER, AND A SHARED MEAL

**WED. AUG 12**  
NEXT MEETING

2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
7:00-9:00PM  
PARISH HOUSE  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## Youth Ministry (Continued)

### Battle of the Servers

Our altar servers enjoyed a fun day at St. Leo's Parish at the annual Diocese of Arlington's Battle of the Servers in July. Bishop Burbidge joined all the altar servers from our diocese, along with other priests and seminarians, for the annual picnic and competition. There was a cookout, sports, games, and prizes. Father Tim, our seminarian Tyler Boreani, and parent volunteers were there to support our servers.



## Reach More

**1% of your day**  
**14 minutes and 24 seconds**

**Read, Reflect, Respond, & Rest**

**Prepare** Begin with the sign of the cross.

**Read** Read a Scripture selection slowly and attentively.

**Reflect** Think about the meaning of whatever caught your attention.

**Respond** Talk to God about the passage or anything else on your heart.

**Rest** Spend a few minutes in restful silence with him.

Learn more about our EC Reach More™ program that helps people grow in confidence to share their faith in natural, relational ways.

**EC**  
AN EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC  
Partner Parish



Scan QR code  
or email Amy Bigart,  
[abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org)

We are busy preparing for a new school year. Sister Beth, IHM, our new principal has settled into her new office and our school is receiving some updates, thanks to Sig and our amazing maintenance team. New faucets in the girls' bathrooms, better lighting in the front office hallway, and other summer repairs. Behind the scenes, the staff is busy preparing for the first day of school. We will be ready to welcome our students back in just a few short weeks. Until then, keep reading and enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!

Say hello if you see us at Mass. If you are out of town, you can find Masses in your area by going to [Masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org).



## Saint James School Summer Reminders

### SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS

- Monday-Thursday 9:00am-Noon
- Closed Fridays

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- 703-533-1182
- [office@saintjamesschool.org](mailto:office@saintjamesschool.org)

Visit [www.saintjamesschool.org](https://www.saintjamesschool.org) for

- 2026-27 School supply list
- Summer work for rising K-8 students

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**AUG 8** UNIFORM EXCHANGE  
8:00AM-9:30AM

**AUG 20** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
11:10AM DISMISSAL

**AUG 21** SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL  
11:10AM DISMISSAL

**AUG 24** EXTENDED DAY BEGINS  
PRESCHOOL BEGINS

**SEP 1** STUDENT PICTURES

**2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR  
WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!**

# Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Begins September 22nd

## Registration for Religious Education Classes

We are accepting registrations for new students for the 2026-2027 religious education program.

Tuesday classes are held at 4:45pm-6:00pm (afternoons) and 7:00pm-8:15pm (evenings). Please call 703-533-1182 x104 to make an appointment.

In addition to your child's birth certificate, you will need to provide the following:

- Baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at Saint James
- Tuition via check or cash
  - ⇒ \$150 for one child
  - ⇒ \$200 for two or more children
- Letter from the school or parish program if your child was in another Catholic school or religious education program

## Catechists Needed

We are currently looking for dedicated faith-filled people to teach in our Parish Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm).

We also need assistants in both the afternoon and evening sessions. Or, if you would like to volunteer in other ways, let us know.

If you would like to share your faith with our young people as a way of actively participating in the Church's mission of evangelization, contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 x103 or [dre@saintjameschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameschool.org).

## Sacramental Preparation for Children with Special Needs

The Disability Inclusion Committee, in conjunction with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), is offering classes for all Saint James parishioners who have children with special needs (ages 5-18 years old) who have not yet received the sacraments.

We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers who would like to be partnered with a child during the class to assist with activities. **Classes will be held on Sundays starting September 20th from 10:15am-11:00am.** Sessions will run from mid-September through early December and again in mid-January through May.

If you are interested in volunteering or registering a child, contact Tina Schellman at [ntschellman@gmail.com](mailto:ntschellman@gmail.com) or Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of PREP, at [dre@saintjameschool.org](mailto:dre@saintjameschool.org).

## Registration Forms (English and Spanish)

Required forms and the PREP calendars are posted on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu as well as on the home page, just click the **Religious Education (PREP) Registration** button.

**In order for your child(ren) to begin PREP classes on Tuesday, September 22nd, your registration form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, August 28th.**

## PREP Summer Hours Until Classes Begin

- Monday-Friday 9:30am-Noon or by appointment

Contact Information:

- 703-533-1182 x104
- [religioused@saintjameschool.org](mailto:religioused@saintjameschool.org)

## Late Registration Notice

The children of those families who register after August 28th will be contacted by the Religious Education Office as to when they will begin and where their classroom will be.

## Requirement For All Adult Volunteers in PREP

Any adult volunteer 18 years or older that either works with minors or has substantial contact with children must complete a diocesan background check and a 4-hour Virtus class. See page 5 in this bulletin for more details.

## September 13 Blood Drive

### INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its next blood drive on **Sunday, September 13th, from 8:30am-2:30pm** at the Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Your charitable act helps INOVA to replenish its "critically low" blood supply which is shared with all local hospitals for their patients in need. The patients in need, their doctors, and medical staff are truly grateful for your "Gift of Life." **We hope donors (new and returning) join us in September.**

Schedule an appointment one of three ways:

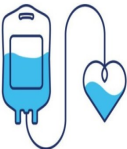
- Call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6216
- Email Terrence Finneran with your preferred time at [terrence.finneran@usa.net](mailto:terrence.finneran@usa.net)
- Visit <https://tinyurl.com/koc0913> or scan the QR code

Your single donation is a gift of life that could save the lives of up to three people. The Saint James participation always helps to make these blood drives successful! God bless you for what you do for others, as you do it for Him. Call Len Sese, Knight and Saint James parishioner, at 301-793-8184 if you have any questions.

Inova Blood Donor Services

## Blood Drive

### Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 2473



**Sunday, September 13, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA**  
Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Main Hall.

**Donors will receive a donor appreciation gift. \***

**Your single blood donation could save or improve the lives of two or more persons in need.**



**Book your appointment today!**  
Visit <https://tinyurl.com/KOC0913>  
**OR**  
Contact: Len Sese  
Email: [lbsese@msn.com](mailto:lbsese@msn.com)  
Phone: (703) 536-9656

**Photo ID required. Allow 1 hour for your donation.**  
**\*While supplies last. Quantities are limited. Must complete screening process to receive giveaway.**

## Comunidad Hispana

### Bautismos

Para bautizar a su hijo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 preferiblemente antes de la llegada del bebe. La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia y ambos deben asistir a la clase prebautismal, preferiblemente también antes de la llegada de su bebe. Para más información sobre los bautizos y clase de preparación para dichos bautizos, comuníquese con Víctor Méndez al 571-239-5772.

### Enfermos de la Comunidad

Cada domingo podemos llevar la Sagrada Comunión a los feligreses que viven en los límites de la parroquia y que están enfermos, confinados en sus hogares o que están en hogares de ancianos. Si es necesario, un sacerdote puede visitarlo para ofrecerles la Reconciliación y la Unción de enfermos. Para más información, comuníquese con Patricia Flores al 703-371-5695.

### Matrimonios

Para aquellos interesados en matrimonio, comuníquese con Frances Wilson al 703-626-7771 para recibir información y comenzar la preparación matrimonial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Dicha preparación es un programa de seis meses y no se fijará una fecha para la boda hasta que un sacerdote haya tenido una reunión con la pareja.

### Confesiones

- Miércoles y jueves 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Viernes 11:00am-11:45am
- Sábados 3:30pm-4:30pm y 6:30pm-7:30pm

### Adoración

- Primeros viernes: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Primeros viernes (Adoración Nocturna): 7:30pm a 8:30am de sábado
- miércoles y jueves: 12:30pm-8:00pm

### Página web parroquial en español

Haga clic en el código QR para visitar la página de la comunidad hispana, [stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/](http://stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/), y obtener más información, incluyendo próximos eventos, sacramentos, misas, servicios religiosos, confesiones y contactos ministeriales.

El boletín hispano quincenal también está disponible en la sección "Español" del sitio web de la parroquia.



## Parish Calendar

|                             |                                                     |                     |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Monday, August 3</b>     |                                                     |                     |
| 7:00pm-9:00pm               | Presidio #2 Legion of Mary                          | IHM Conference Room |
| <b>Tuesday, August 4</b>    |                                                     |                     |
| 7:00am-8:00am               | Saint James Fraternity                              | Parish House        |
| 7:00pm-8:30pm               | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting                         | Msgr. Heller Hall   |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm               | Charismatic Prayer Group                            | IHM Conference Room |
| 7:30pm-9:00pm               | Legion of Mary                                      | Parish House        |
| <b>Wednesday, August 5</b>  |                                                     |                     |
| 12:30pm-8:00pm              | Adoration                                           | Church              |
| 7:00pm-8:00pm               | Confessions                                         | Church              |
| 7:00pm-9:00pm               | Final Session of Church History Series (see page 4) | Msgr. Heller Hall   |
| <b>Thursday, August 6</b>   |                                                     |                     |
| 12:30pm-8:00pm              | Adoration                                           | Church              |
| 7:00pm-8:00pm               | Confessions                                         | Church              |
| <b>Friday, August 7</b>     |                                                     |                     |
| 10:00am-11:45am             | First Friday Exposition and Benediction             | Church              |
| 11:00am-11:45am             | Confessions                                         | Church              |
| 5:30pm-6:30pm               | Food Distribution                                   | Msgr. Heller Hall   |
| 7:30pm-11:59pm              | First Friday All-Night Adoration                    | Church              |
| <b>Saturday, August 8</b>   |                                                     |                     |
|                             | <b>Mission Appeal Weekend (see page 7)</b>          |                     |
| 12:00am-8:15am              | First Friday All-Night Adoration                    | Church              |
| 7:15am-8:15am               | Men's Prayer Group                                  | Parish House        |
| 3:30pm-4:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm | Confessions                                         | Church              |
| 6:00pm-9:00pm               | Hispanic Prayer Group                               | Msgr. Heller Hall   |
| <b>Sunday, August 9</b>     |                                                     |                     |
| 11:30am-1:30pm              | Young Professionals Coffee                          | Parish House        |
| 4:00pm-5:30pm               | Hispanic Legion of Mary                             | Parish House        |
| 5:00pm-6:00pm               | Holy Hour                                           | Church              |

### Mass & Rosary with Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge celebrated our **8:30am Mass** in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on **Saturday, July 18th**. Following Mass, the Bishop led the recitation of the Holy Rosary for the protection and sanctity of human life at a local abortion clinic with over 100 Arlington Diocesan parishioners. It was a beautiful witness in defense of all human life, from conception to natural death, especially as Virginia heads to the polls this November to vote on amendments that threaten the sanctity of life and marriage. **See page 6 on the Catholics Vote No campaign** which encourages Virginians to learn about the proposed constitutional amendments and pledge to vote No.



Photos courtesy of the Office of Marriage, Family, & Respect Life