

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

March 12, 2023



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given <u>you living water.</u>" - Jn 4:10 www.stjamescatholic.org

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Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, and 7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

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

Saturdays: 8:30am

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

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, 4:00pm, and 7:30pm

Weekday Mass changes in red until Church renovations end. Noon Mass moved to Monsignor Heller Hall.

Adoration

Weekday Adoration suspended during renovation.

First Saturdays All Night Adoration: 7:30pm to 8:30am on First Saturdays

Holy Hours Sundays: 5:00pm Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

Confessions Wednesdays and 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 the Worship menu on our website for more details, <u>stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/</u>.

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To register with the parish, update your contact information, or request Fr. Scalia's email communications, email the office at receptionist@stjamescatholic.org.

March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For victims of abuse — We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Follow Us on Social Media

Social media is a quick, effective way for the parish to communicate reminders and time-sensitive notices.

- Facebook-@StJamesCatholicChurch
- Instagram-@stjamescatholic
- Twitter-@St James CC

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On The Way

A Catechesis on Confession: Why Confess?

The fact that Jesus Christ himself gave us the Sacrament of Penance should be enough for us to know its essential role in the Christian life. But that doesn't eliminate the question *Why*? As many people ask, *Why do we have to confess our sins to a priest*? *Why can't we just confess individually and directly to God*? These are good questions that deserve answers.

The answer to that last question – *Why can't we confess to God directly?* – is that we can. In fact, it *should* be the daily practice of every Catholic to make an examination of conscience, acknowledge one's sins before God, and ask forgiveness. This is not the same as sacramental confession. But the Sacrament doesn't make much sense (or do much good) outside of it. Again, the Sacrament of Penance only makes sense within the broader context of a life of penance.

Still, the question about sacramental confession remains. *Why* did our Lord give us this Sacrament? The answer touches on the nature of man, sin, and the Church.

First, human nature. As the Divine Physician, Jesus knows perfectly what our fallen human nature needs. Confession is suited to it. First, it answers our need for *accountability*. We know that human reason can easily become rationalization. We can downplay certain sins, making them appear less grave than they actually are. In Confession an internal auditor examines our work and makes sure we haven't low-balled our sins.

The opposite is also true. We can often exaggerate ("catastrophize") our situation and see our guilt as greater than it is. Again, the confessor's role is to help us see things clearly, so that we don't assume more guilt that we should. Such accountability brings about the formation of conscience, so that we think in deeper union with Christ and his Church.

Further, the Sacrament of Confession answers our need to *know* that we are forgiven. The certainty that we desire isn't something that we can produce on our own. The Church teaches that *peace* is one of the effects of a good confession precisely because when we make a good confession we hear those words, "The Lord has freed you from your sins..." That statement is not wishful thinking or even a sincere hope. It's the guarantee of the Church to the penitent.

Second, the social nature of sin. Sin is intensely personal. We are not guilty for one another's sins. But that doesn't mean sin doesn't have a social dimension. When we sin, we hurt not just ourselves but others as well. Every sin introduces a certain disorder into the human family. This is clear with certain sins, such as gossip or theft. But even the most interior sins cause this harm because we are so closely united. This applies especially in our relationship with brothers and sisters in the Church, which brings us to the last reason for Confession...

The nature of the Church. Union with Christ is inextricably bound to union with the Church. We have no union with Christ except through the Church. The Eucharist – the source and summit of our faith – unites us not only with Christ but also with one another as his Body. So also, our sins harm our union not only with him but also with the Church. Logically, then, we need to be reconciled not only with Christ but also with his Body. For that reason, the priest in the confessional acts as a minister of Christ and a minister of the Church.

-Fr. Scalia

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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. Prayer requests are sent by the coordinator via email along with suggested prayers for each intention.

- Sign-up to be a praying member—<u>http://eepurl.com/gURddD</u> •
- Prayer requests or questions-PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org

You can also access the Prayer Chain via our home page, www.stjamescatholic.org.



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Parish News

"Truth, Goodness, and Beauty — How are they related?" A conversation with Dony Mac Manus This Wednesday, March 15th, 7:00pm in Monsignor Heller Hall

Join us this Wednesday in a discussion with Dony Mac Manus about the essential role of art and beauty in the Catholic faith, and a consideration of specific works of art. Dony is an accomplished international artist with more than twenty years of experience producing and teaching visual arts. Dony Mac Manus is an Artist in Residence and faculty in the Art Department of The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.



Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks for guests.



All Saints Car Raffle Update

Have you returned your raffle tickets, yet? If you have, **thank you!** If you haven't, please consider doing so soon. Prizes include four 2023 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas: Escape, Mustang, Bronco Sport, and Ranger Truck. **One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win one of these four vehicles plus 21 cash drawings totaling \$40,000.**

Please note that <u>raffle tickets (stubs and unsold tickets)</u> must be returned to All Saints for processing by close of business April 25th. All checks must be made payable to All Saints Catholic Church.

Women's Day of Recollection March 25th

The women of Saint James are invited to a Day of Recollection on **Saturday, March 25th, from 8:30am-noon** for the sacred season of Lent. The retreat will begin at 8:30am with Mass, followed by breakfast and end with lunch at noon. The fee for the day, if you will be eating breakfast and lunch, is \$20; otherwise, there is no fee. To register, email Julie Marx, JulieMarx14@gmail.com. The full retreat schedule and more details are posted on the Lent, Holy Week, & Lenten Fish Fry 2023 link listed on our home page.

Lenten Gift Card Project

Support our Social Outreach's Lenten Gift Card Project. By donating, you will help our parish provide gift cards to support our own parish community as well as Catholic Charities' two services: Emergency Assistance and Migration/ Refugees. You can contribute by donating **\$25 gift cards (Walmart, Aldi, or Giant)** or sending a check for the parish to purchase gift cards on your behalf. On the memo line, write SOC gift card donation. Please place a card or check in an envelope marked **Social Outreach Gift Card Project.** Place the envelope in the collection basket, hand deliver to the Rectory Office, or mail the envelope to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Thank you for your generosity to families in need in our diocese.

Parish News (Continued)

New Mass Intentions Policy

We are blessed to have a large number of people requesting Mass intentions. Unfortunately, we have more requests than we can satisfy in a reasonable time (i.e. within one year). Therefore, we are now limiting the number of Mass intentions granted to 12 per year per household. This is to help keep Mass times open to accommodate more requests. In addition, the "Pro Populo" Mass, the Mass for all parishioners required to be offered every Sunday and Holy Days of obligation, will be offered at set times on those days.

The new policies for Mass intentions are as follows.

- Requests for Masses are limited to 12 Masses per year per household.
- The calendar will be open for 12 months at a time.
- The 10:30am Sunday Mass and 8:30am Holy Day Mass will be reserved as the Pro Populo Mass.

Church Restroom Locations Will Be Switched

Renovation of the church restrooms is nearing completion! This past week we began installing the new tiles.

Once the restrooms are completed, you will notice a major location change:

- the men's restroom will be on the right as you enter the church
- the women's restroom will be on the left.

We had to make this switch for architectural reasons. We will repeat this message when the renovated restrooms become available for use.

PREP Dates for Confirmation

Confirmation Sponsor Practice — Thursday, March 16th: Group A, 6:00pm and Group B, 8:00pm

Confirmation — Saturday, March 18th: Group A, 10:00am and Group B, 1:30pm

Volunteer for the Lenten Fish Fry—Enjoy Great Fellowship

Forget about cooking dinner on Fridays during Lent. Come to our Lenten Fish Fry **every Friday in March from 5:00pm-8:00pm**. We have drive-thru and in-person dining. The menu includes fried or baked fish, hush puppies, fries or baked potato, cole slaw, rolls, macaroni and cheese, and cake. Don't miss the fun and great fellowship at this popular event.

Many volunteers are needed to make the Fish Fry a success! We need help all day long on Fridays: setting up, preparing and serving food, and cleaning up. There's a job for everyone, including teens in need of service hours.

Please visit our homepage and click on Lent, Holy Week, & Lenten Fish Fry 2023 for more details and for the volunteer sign up link!

INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Please support the next INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive **this Sunday, March 12th, from 8:30am-2:30pm**. Blood is urgently needed to prevent the delay of required surgeries, emergencies, and survival of patients both young and old. To schedule an appointment: **call** 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6216, or **call**/ **email** Bob Muschamp, 703-489-2856/<u>bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com</u>, with your preferred time. The blood drive will take place at Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington. For questions, call Len Sese, Knight and Saint James parishioner, at 301-793-8184.

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services March 18-19

Next weekend, **March 18-19**, we will have a second collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS). It was founded in 1943 by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, it has expanded to reach more than 100 million people in 101 countries on five continents. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters as well as migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance.

Donate online via Faith Direct, membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1483.

Second Collection for Easter Flowers March 25-26

The last weekend this month, **March 25-26**, we will have a second collection for Easter flowers. You can help add to the beauty of our Church by making a donation to our Easter flowers fund this year.

Donate online via Faith Direct, church.faithdirect.net/org/.appeals/50/3355.





Saint James School Gala Needs Your Help

Our school PTO needs your help to make their Gala auction a great success. You can support the Gala by either advertising your business or donating a taxdeductible item or service.

We accept donations of gift certificates, company services, gift baskets, electronics, restaurant gift cards, entertainment gift cards, sports tickets or vacation packages.

To advertise your business, the pricelist to the right shows the cost for various size ads in the Gala program. Business cards can be used in the quarter page ad space. In addition, sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit <u>sisptova.ejoinme.org/sjsgala2023</u> for more information.

All donations, advertisements, and sponsorships are due by March 31st.

Email <u>PTOauction@saintjamesschool.org</u> with questions or for more details.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Saint James School PTO



Youth Ministry

Be a part of Saint James Youth Ministry!



Sign up for Flocknotes

Youth Ministry has planned the second half of the year with a wide variety of events to build faith, friendship, and community for middle and high school students. Get the latest news and updates via text and email by signing up for Flocknotes via the Youth Ministry web page or by scanning the QR code above.



PLEASE SUPPORT WORK CAMP

Youth Ministry Middle School Dodgeball

Middle school students are invited to join Fr. John Paul for a friendly dodgeball competition at St. Ann Catholic School against their youth ministry group.

Email Amy Bigart, <u>abigart@stjamescatholic.org</u>, if your middle school student would like to attend. Parents must drop off and pick up their middle schooler at St. Ann School gym on **Sunday**, **March 26th**, **from 4:00pm-6:00pm** at 980 N. Frederick Street, Arlington.

Parents must complete a permission form by scanning the QR code above with your smart phone or visiting the Youth Ministry page on our website under Faith Formation.

WorkCamp Thank You

The 18 teens from our 2023 WorkCamp group would like to thank the Saint James parishioners for their generosity demonstrated by the donations collected after Mass the weekend of February 25-26. The donations will greatly help towards the cost of each camper and the overall construction costs incurred to help serve the home repair needs of the community in Frederick County, VA. They will continue to raise more funds during the next few months, so we appreciate your support and prayers as they continue to prepare for their week at camp in June.

Parish Calendar

Lenten Liturgy of t	the Hour prayers: morning Mon-Sat 8:00am and ni	ght Mon-Fri 8:30pm
Monday, March 13		
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals Men and Women's Small Groups	Parish House
Tuesday, March 14		
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School PREP	School Room 29
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, March 15		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht
6:00pm-7:00pm	Exodus 90	Parish House
6:30pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Parish Speaker Series (see page 4)	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, March 16		
9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Scripture Study	Knecht
5:00pm-7:00pm	Seniors Young at Heart (see page 4)	Msgr. Heller Hall
6:00pm-7:00pm	Confirmation Sponsor Practice Group A	Church
6:30pm-7:45pm	Middle School Lenten Bible Study	School Classrooms
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library
8:00pm-9:00pm	Confirmation Sponsor Practice Group B	Church
Friday, March 17		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
5:00pm-8:00pm	Fish Fry	Msgr. Heller Hall
6:00pm-7:00pm	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group (third Fridays)	Parish House
7:30pm-8:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, March 18		
10:00am-11:00am	Confirmation and Reception Group A	Church/Msgr. Heller Hall
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
1:30pm-2:30pm	Confirmation and Reception Group B	Church/Msgr. Heller Hall
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, March 19		
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP and Confessions	School
2:00pm-3:00pm	Spanish Confessions	Church
4:00pm-5:30pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm-7:00pm	Lay Dominicans	Parish House
9:00pm-10:00pm	Exodus 90 (Group 2)	Parish House





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