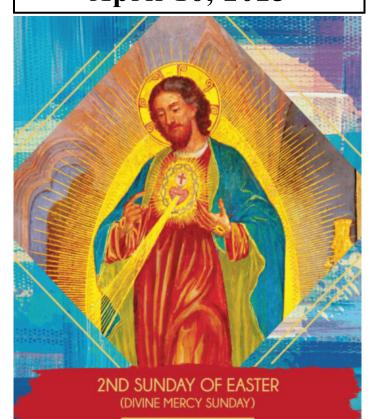


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April 16, 2023



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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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 Masses in red will be in Monsignor Heller Hall until Church renovations are completed.

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.

April Prayer Intention of Pope Francis For a culture of peace and nonviolence — We pray for the spread of peace and nonviolence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Follow Us on Social Media

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

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Catechesis on Worship: From God

Last week we considered that worship is *for* God. It has other attendant effects, of course. But to engage in worship other than first to recognize, celebrate, and proclaim God's glory – is to mistreat God. It is to use him as a means to an end. This is the truth guarded by the First Commandment: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them" (Ex 20:2-5; cf. Dt 5:6-9). Jesus confirms and deepens this truth in his confrontation with the evil one: "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve" (Mt 4:10).

Now we turn to another, seemingly contradictory, aspect: Worship is *from* God. That might seem impossible. If worship is what we owe to God... how could it be *from* him? Here we come to face to face with our own creatureliness. We depend on God for everything, even for our ability to praise him. As one prayer from Mass puts it, "You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank you is itself your gift." We cannot worship properly unless he takes us in hand and guides us.

Even more because in our wounded human nature the natural instinct to worship is distorted and misguided. History gives us many examples of mistaken worship. Human sacrifice and cultic prostitution were commonplace in the ancient world. The 16th century colonists found human sacrifice practiced in Mexico. Similarly, in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grew weary of waiting for Moses to descend from Mount Sinai, they took worship into their own hands (Ex 32). They conscripted an all-too-willing Aaron to fashion a golden calf for them. They fell immediately into idolatry and then sexuality immorality.

Clearly, we need to be guided. If we don't allow God himself to instruct us, then our worship goes horribly astray. Saint Paul observes, "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Rom 8:26). That's true for our personal, private prayer. It's also true for public worship. We need to be instructed and enabled to do it properly. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger once observed, "Man himself cannot simply 'make' worship. If God does not reveal himself, man is clutching empty space...[T]he real liturgy implies that God responds and reveals how we can worship him."

Thus, Catholic worship isn't our invention, doesn't spring from our imagination, and isn't our own idea. The Mass was instituted and entrusted to us by Christ himself at the Last Supper. We *participate* in the Mass; we don't invent something new. We *enter* into the sacred mysteries, into the form of worship God has given us; we don't create them ourselves.

Likewise, the Liturgy of the Hours is principally the Psalms and other songs, canticles, and readings from scripture. Which means that we're not praying in our own words but in *God's* words and allowing those to shape our minds and hearts.

Obviously, liturgies develop and change throughout the centuries. But the essentials are entrusted to the Church by God and ensure that we are not merely "clutching empty space" but really worshipping "in spirit and in truth" (Jn 4:23).

- Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Easter	Today's Rea				
Saturday, April 15		First Reading Acts 2:42-47			
Mass for Sunday of Divine Mercy	"They devoted	"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and"			
5:00pm +Anthony and Ann Bott	Psalm	De	118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24		
Sunday, April 16			r he is good, his love is	s everlasting "	
Sunday of Divine Mercy	Give thanks t		i ne 13 good, mis love i	s evenusting.	
7:30am +Dr. Frank Whitesell III	Second Readin	ng 1 P	rt 1:3-9		
9:00am +Noreen Geoghegan			er of our Lord Jesus C	'hrist,"	
10:30am +Kenneth Whitehead				,	
Noon +Edmund Leonard	Gospel Jn 20:19-31				
2:30pm +Julia Hernandez	"On the evenir	ng of that first d	lay of the week,"		
7:00pm People of Saint James					
Monday, April 17					
Monday of the Second Week of Easter	Deadings for	n tha Waalz			
6:30am +Dorrie Horwath	Readings fo				
8:15am +Kenneth Whitehead	Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps	s 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3	:1-8	
Noon +Deanna Dulka					
Tuesday, April 18	Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps	s 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:	:7b-15	
Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter				1 2 1 (21	
6:30am Kent and Stephanie Kenneally	Wednesday:	Acts $5:17-26$; Ps	\$ 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;	Jn 3:16-21	
8:15am Eric Kurtzke	Thursday:	A ata 5.27 22. Da	24.2 and 0 17 19 10	20. In 2.21 26	
Noon Special Intention	Thursday:	Acts 5.27-55, FS	s 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-	20, JII 5.51-50	
L	Friday:	Acts 5.34-47. Ps	s 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-	15	
Wednesday, April 19	I Huay.	1013 5.5 1 12, 11	, 27.1, 1, 15 11, 51 0.1	15	
Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter6:30amMaureen and Jeanne Scully	Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7: 33:1	-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-	21	
8:15am +Anne Marie Gieske	~		_, , ,		
Noon Mr. and Mrs. George Caspelich					
With and With George Caspenen					
Thursday, April 20					
Thursday of the Second Week of Easter	Remember	<u>in Your Pray</u>	<u>vers</u>		
6:30am +Sungwhan Son	Juan Alarcon		Peggy Kurtzke	Jim Owen	
8:15am +Mrs. Virginia Sue Kelly	Beatriz Basso		Laura Lareau	Phillip Perot	
Noon +Nemesia Amanta Macahia	Terrell Blodget	t	Edward Laso	Russell Ross	
Friday, April 21	Betty Brunton		Fr. Philip Majka	Ben Schwind	
St. Anselm	Chip Clarke		Vincent McAlevy	Robyn Stewart	
6:30am +Kenneth Whitehead	Roberta "Bobb		Rachel Noonan	Lauren Vinci	
8:15am +Lewis and Helen Starr	Katherine Christine Garren		Janet Owen	Richard Ziegler	
Noon Marian Barton and Godchildren, Living and					
Deceased					
Saturday, April 22	the deceased of our parish family				
Saturday of the Second Week of Easter		the deceased of our parish family			
8:30am Ryan and Natalie Farrell	Marcia Ann Fai	usett	Nancy McCray	Laura Ann Roscoe	
Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter					
5:00pm Sajini Thomas	and these ser				
Sunday April 22		and those serving our country (this includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving			
Sunday, April 23 Third Sunday of Easter					
7:30am People of Saint James	overseas in the	military and for	eign service)		
9:00am +Catalino Banez, Jr.	CDR Thoma	s Dixon	Mary Kenney		
10:30am +Ned Hannan	Veronica Elk		Major Albert C. Your	ησ 🗡 🦝	
Noon Father Allan Antonio	Lt. Mathew		iniujoi moone en reu	-9	
2:30pm +Jesus Alberto		-		1	
7:00pm +Laura Turpin	Email <u>bulletin@</u>	<u>vstjamescatholio</u>	c.org for changes/updat	es.	
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	aying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones.				
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• The calendar will be open for 12 months at a time.	nore information, visit the Saint James Prayer Chain page under Faith				
	tion on <u>www.stjamescatholic.org</u> .				
	gn-up to be a praying member — <u>http://eepurl.com/gURddD</u>				
Populo Mass (People of Saint James).	• Submit a request — <u>PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org</u>				

Parish News

Join us for our April Parish Speaker Series

"Light of Faith, Light of Truth: The Church as Cradle and Defender of Science" A conversation with Father Rich Miserendino

Wednesday, April 26th, 7:00pm in Monsignor Heller Hall

Father Rich Miserendino discovered his love of faith and science during his undergraduate studies at the University of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music. There, by the grace of God, many good friends and professors helped him question and deepen his understanding of the relationship between faith and reason, the church and science. After completing degrees in Physics, Mathematics, and Music Performance, he returned to Northern Virginia to work as a defense contractor (SAIC) by day, and by night as a professional musician. He entered the Seminary in 2009, first at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary and then the Pontifical North American College. He holds degrees from both the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University Saint Thomas Aquinas in the City (Angelicum) in Rome. Currently, he serves as a parochial vicar at Saint Bernadette in Springfield.





Please join the Creation Care Ministry as we finalize our plans for the parish vegetable garden!

Monday, April 17 @7:30pm The Parish House

To see how you can get involved or to join our email list, contact Zoey Maraist at <u>zoeydimauro@gmail.com</u>.

Parish News (Continued)

Join Our Co-ed Bible Study

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Church 'forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful ... to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ,' by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures." (Paragraph 133)

Join us on **Saturday mornings from 10:00am-12:00pm** for reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Mass Bible readings in the Parish House kitchen (913 Park Avenue, in the back of the house). Please email Jeremy, <u>prayingevangelist@gmail.com</u>, for more information.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Saint James will be holding a series of **three classes** to prepare adult candidates for Confirmation. If you are a baptized Catholic who received First Communion but have not had the chance to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to partake in this grace-filled Sacrament. Father John Paul will prepare candidates to receive Confirmation this Pentecost. Please email him at <u>fatherjohnpaul@stjamescatholic.org</u> to register for the classes.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

High School Holy Hour and Open Gym—All high school students are invited for a Holy Hour followed by open gym on Sunday, April 23rd, from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

D.C. United Game—All high school students are invited to attend the D.C. United soccer game against Nashville on **Saturday, May 13th, at 7:30pm** with Father John Paul. We will be chartering a bus. The cost will be \$25 per person, which includes a player meet-and-greet after the game. Join us at the 5:00pm Mass, after which we will leave for the game around 6:00pm. RSVP by May 1st to Amy Bigart, <u>abigart@stjamescatholic.org</u>, to receive the permission form.

Thank You Saint James Parishioners

I want to say "Thank you" to our Parish community for your support of the Falls Church Homeless Shelter during the 2022-2023 open season. Your donations of food, money, and volunteer time made this another great year for the shelter and our residents. Remember that even if the shelter is closed, you can still access our web page for updates on our activities and opportunities to support our cause. The site is <u>https://fcshelter.org/</u>.

Thanks, Luis Frontera, Falls Church Shelter Board member



Is God Calling You to the Lay Dominican Life?

The Holy Spirit calls single and married Catholics who are living their daily work and family lives to also follow in the footsteps of St. Dominic in evangelization, prayer, and study. You are invited to a presentation by Fr. Bede Shipps, OP, former Provincial Promoter of Lay Dominicans, to find out more about what the Lay Dominican charism has to offer, to pray, and enjoy refreshments. The Lay Dominicans will meet at Saint James on Saturday, April 29th, at the Parish House kitchen beginning after the 8:30am Mass and ending at 11:30am. No sign-up needed. Contact Therese for more information at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com.



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Launch your kids on a cosmic quest this summer where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world!

Campers: Rising Kindergarten-5th grades

\$85 - 1 camper

Family discounts: \$115 - 2 campers \$155 - 3 or more campers

Volunteers: Rising 6th-12th grades

\$30 per volunteer

Must be available to work the entire week from 8:30am-12:30pm. Great opportunity for service hours!

Registration starts on April 17th and closes on May 1st: https://sjsptova.ejoinme.org/VBSRegistration

Activities

- Music and Games
- Stellar Saints and Atrium
- Imagination Station
- Bible Adventures
- 🖌 Snack

Saint James Catholic School (Gym)

830 W. Broad St. Falls Church, VA Adult volunteers are needed! Must have Virtus training. Nursery provided for children of volunteers

9am-12pm

More Information: Julie Marx juliemarx14@gmail.com

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22



"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."



Join the Petition for a Crossing Guard at Broad and Spring Streets

Citizens for Safer School Crossings is organizing a petition to request that Falls Church City establish a crossing guard position at the intersection of Broad and Spring Streets during peak school commuting hours.

The intersection of Broad and Spring Streets serves as a major pedestrian crossing linking sizable residential areas to several schools across the Little City's busiest thoroughfare, Broad Street. Students of Oak Street Elementary, Saint James Catholic School, Mount Daniel School, Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, and Meridian High School all would benefit from a safe, monitored crossing at this intersection.

It is critically important that the city establishes a crossing guard at this intersection given the demonstrated accident history. On December 20, 2021, just after 4:00pm, a young child was struck by a motorist at the intersection, resulting in critical injuries. In the wake of this tragic accident, Mayor David Tarter rightly noted that "pedestrian safety is, and



will remain, a top priority for City Council." The Citizens for Safer School Crossings petition respectfully requests the City Council follow through on this pledge. The safety of the Little City's future deserves nothing less.

To sign the petition, visit this link, <u>http://bit.ly/3M7DL9Z</u>, or scan the QR code with your phone.

Saint James Social Outreach Committee is hosting a

Help Saint James feed the hungry in our area

April 22nd 10am-1pm Gym Parking Lot



We Need:

- Chicken/Tuna (cans)
 Jelly/Jam
- Chili & Ravioli (cans)
 Cereals
- Rice (1-2 lb bags)
- Dry Beans (1-2 lb bags)
 - bags) (canned) Canned Fruit **Please No:** glass jars,
- Peanut Butter
- large sizes, perishable or expired items, or items packaged at

Pasta (plain)

Pasta Sauce

- Mac & Cheese
- items packaged at home.
- Tomato sauce (cans)

If you can't make the drive, please leave the items in the baskets in the Church vestibules.

Parish Calendar				
Monday, April 17	Weekday Masses in Monsignor Heller Hall			
7:30pm-8:30pm	Creation Care Ministry (see page 4) Parish House			
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals Men and Women Small Groups	Parish House		
Tuesday, April 18				
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School		
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School PREP	School		
7:30pm-9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht		
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House		
Wednesday, April 19				
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish House		
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church		
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House		
7:00pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht		
Thursday, April 20				
9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Bible Study	Knecht		
5:00pm-7:00pm	Seniors Young at Heart (see page 4)	Monsignor Heller Hall		
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church		
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library		
Friday, April 21				
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church		
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Study Group	Parish House		
Saturday, April 22				
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House		
10:00am-12:00pm	Pastoral Council	Knecht		
10:00am-1:00pm	Social Outreach Food Drive (see page 8)	B Lot; Knecht		
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church		
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Monsignor Heller Hall		
Sunday, April 23				
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht		
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School		
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House		
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church		





Troop VA0681 Krispy Kreme Donut and Bake Sale Next Week after April 23rd Masses



Please support AHG Troop VA0681 by buying a box of Krispy Kreme Donuts or some baked goods on **Sunday, April 23rd**, after the Masses. Proceeds will go towards supporting troop camping including a planned camping trip in Shenandoah National Park for at least three nights this summer.





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