

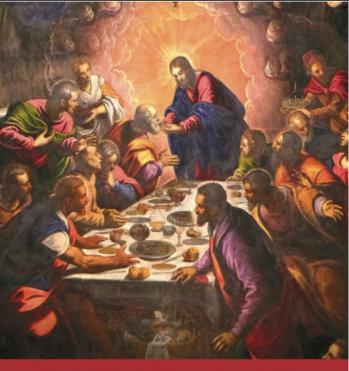
Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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May 7, 2023



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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 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, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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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.

The Pope's May Prayer Intention

For Church Movements and Groups — We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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
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On The Way

Catechesis on Worship: Ecclesial

There is a deep desire in the human heart to join with others in prayer. Yes, there is that private form of prayer, when we go to our inner room, close the door and pray to our Father in secret (cf. Mt 6:6). But every great religion displays the human instinct for some kind of communal prayer, some devotion that both expresses and deepens a people's unity. And for good reason. All of creation was brought into being to give praise to the Creator, and man is to be the priests of that worship.

The Catholic liturgy answers this desire of the human heart and purpose of creation. Indeed, one reason for our Lord's incarnation is to bring all peoples into that one voice of common praise of the Creator. This is manifested powerfully at Pentecost when people from all different nations receive the Gospel. Catholic liturgy continues that.

The word *liturgy* comes from the Greek for "the work of the people." It's the people's work not in the sense that we invent it but that it is the work proper to us as a people. It engages and deepens our union and identity as the Church. The Second Vatican Council teaches that "the liturgy...is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives, and manifest to others, the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church." Our worship both makes and reveals the Church.

Thus, true worship is *ecclesial* – *of the Church* – in two senses. First, because it is the Church's prayer. Jesus didn't entrust the Mass to one specific person. It's not the private domain of some individual or committee or community. He entrusted it to the Church under the governance of the hierarchy. Which also means that Catholic worship isn't a matter of doing whatever you like. It requires yielding to the Church's instructions, rubrics, and regulations. Now, many people see such things as constraining, if not the epitome of legalism. But such strictures maintain the liturgy as the Church's and not belonging to one person or group.

Second, true worship is ecclesial in the sense that the Church is most herself at the Mass. In our worship, we're not just a loose gathering of individuals, but the one organic body that is the Church. What makes people one at Mass is not any social, cultural, or political view but their common faith in Christ, need for salvation, and desire to praise the Father. This oneness is deepened and expressed most of all in our common reception of Holy Communion, in which we become truly one Body.

The Mass also expresses the equal dignity of all believers and the hierarchical nature of the Church. We are all equal at Mass because we are all equally members of the one Body of Christ, and we pray as that Body. At the same time, we don't all have the same role. The people worship as the Body of Christ, while the priest acts in the place of Christ the Head. Still, both body and head are necessary for proper worship.

Finally, this *ecclesial* dimension of worship extends beyond any one place of worship. Because it is the Church that prays, we are one with Catholics throughout the world and throughout history. Our worship in Falls Church, Virginia is the same as that of Catholics on the other side of the world. Our worship today is the same also as that of our ancestors and indeed of the Apostles themselves.

– Fr. Scalia

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Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week of Easter

Saturday, May 6

Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter 5:00pm +Rigoberto Amas

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Betty Perez Sanchez 9:00am People of Saint James

10:30am +Larry Hain and Marge DeWaay

Noon +Yolanda Bearden 2:30pm +Jesus Alberto 7:00pm +Brian Duggan

Monday, May 8

Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30am +June Franey Jennings 8:15am +Bernard Durkin Noon +Mary Connery

Tuesday, May 9

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30am +Tommy M. Burton 8:15am +Mario Boccucci Noon Gail Johnson

Wednesday, May 10

SS John of Avila and Damien de Veuster

6:30am Special Intention 8:15am +Robert Neville Noon +Joe Peduto

Thursday, May 11

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter

6:30am Dulce Sanchez Brizuela 8:15am +Zacharia T. Coipuram

Noon Theresa and Michael Turnyanszki and family, living and deceased

Friday, May 12

SS Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras

6:30am +Robin O'Hara 8:15am Betty Perez Sanchez Noon +Lena Sugalski

Saturday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:30am +Rosalie Rotatori

Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00pm +Paul Fitzgibbons

Sunday, May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Shirley Grayson 9:00am +File Markgjonaj 10:30am +Anna Maria Mullins Noon People of Saint James

2:30pm +Norma and Laila Fagre Zucker

7:00pm +Cecilia Jimenez

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

"As the number of disciples continued to grow,"

Psalm Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

"Beloved: Lord, Come to him, a living stone, rejected by..."

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled..."

Readings for the Week

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

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon Vincent McAlevy Beatriz Basso Rachel Noonan Terrell Blodgett Janet Owen **Betty Brunton** Jim Owen Chip Clarke Phillip Perot Roberta "Bobbie" Dunn Russell Ross Katherine Christine Garren Ben Schwind Peggy Kurtzke Robyn Stewart Laura Lareau Lauren Vinci **Edward Laso** Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

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and those serving our country

(this includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service)

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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.

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

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Parish News

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay organization devoted to sharing Jesus Christ through prayer and good works. Active members meet weekly for prayer and discussion and perform regular service for the community, about two hours a week. Auxiliary members offer prayers on a regular basis.

The group meets in the Parish House on **Tuesdays from 7:30pm-9:00pm**. The meetings include a rosary, reports, and discussions. Stop by any meeting to learn more or email Nancy Parrotta, nancyparrotta@hotmail.com, or Sally Done, sally@donefamily.com.

Join Us for Weekly Bible Discussions

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 to read and discuss the next upcoming Sunday Mass readings. We meet in the Parish House kitchen. The schedule is:

- Men's group: Wednesdays 7:00pm-8:45pm
- Co-ed group: Saturdays at 10:00am-noon

Email Jeremy, <u>prayingevangelist@gmail.com</u>, with any questions.

A Successful Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Food Drive on April 22nd as well as those who donated via the baskets in the vestibules. Your donations will help to support our First Friday Food Distribution.



Support Gabriel Project

Gabriel Project Arlington (GPA) helps pregnant women with long- or short-term needs by offering assistance to the mother with physical, material, spiritual, and emotional support. Saint James is blessed to be walking with a mom due this summer.

Also, we could use angels to walk with moms, especially those that are bilingual, especially in Spanish. If you are interested in helping provide material support, walking with moms, or have any questions, please contact Amy Bigart, Gabrielproject@stjamescatholic.org.



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Parish News (Continued)

Spring Garden Planting

Join the Creation Care Ministry in planting the parish vegetable garden next Saturday, May 13, 9:00am-11:00am behind the Parish House. All produce from our garden goes to the monthly parish food distribution and the food pantries of neighboring parishes. Please park in the small parking lot to the right of the Parish House if possible or consider walking. If you'd like to donate any plants, seeds, soil, or supplies, or if you would like to donate something from our wish list, email zoeydimauro@gmail.com. See you there!

A Reminder on Weekday Confessions

There have been no changes to the weekday schedule for Confessions during the Church renovation.

Confessions are still offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm and Friday morning from 11:00am-11:45am.

WorkCamp Bake Goods and Donut Sale

Every year our high schoolers donate their time helping others through a week-long diocesan WorkCamp. Support their bake sale after the May 21st 7:30am through noon Masses. Cookies, brownies, breads, donuts, and more will be sold. All funds raised will help to cover the cost of their stay at camp plus the costs of supplies for their service projects.

We are thankful to Saint James parishioners who have supported and encouraged us to fulfill this mission to serve the needy in Virginia.

Called to Orders

We are delighted to announce that Deacon Tim Courtney, former seminarian at Saint James, has received his call to Holy Orders (i.e. Ordination) from Bishop Burbidge. He will be ordained on Saturday, June 3rd, and offer his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at Saint James on June 4th at 4:30pm.

Please keep him in your prayers as he makes his final approach to the priesthood.



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Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent and Treasure

Catholic Home Missions Collection April 29-30

In case you missed it, last week's second collection was for Catholic Home Missions (CHM). Catholic Home Missions is a grant making agency run by the U.S. Bishops. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

This year's CHM collection has been designated to support families who fled the violence in Ukraine, such as in the Eparchy of Stamford, CT. An "eparchy" is the ecclesiastical equivalent in Eastern Christianity of a "diocese" in the West. An eparchy is governed by an eparch, who is a bishop. Meeting the material and pastoral needs of these refugee families has been one of the main priorities of the eparchy. With support from Catholic Home Missions, the eparchy has been able to adapt and respond to those most in need during the ongoing crisis.

You can make a one-time gift via Faith Direct, https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1485. Thank you for your support.

Special Parish Needs Collection May 13-14

Next weekend, May 13-14, is our annual *Special Parish Needs collection*. This collection is used by our Pastor for the area of greatest need in the parish. All money raised this year will be given to our vibrant Social Outreach Committee to continue its work on behalf of our parishioners and the broader Falls Church community. From the time of its founding in 1892, Saint James Catholic Church has always attended to the needs of the poor and suffering. Our Social Outreach Committee puts into action the Corporal Works of Mercy through food and clothing donations, monthly Food Distribution, supporting various disaster reliefs, and yearly collection of Lenten and Advent gift cards.

To learn more about our Social Outreach Committee and ways you can help or volunteer, visit their web page under the *Service & Fellowship* > *Parish Groups* menu, <u>stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach.</u>

You can make a one-time gift via Faith Direct, membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/28720. Thank you for your support.



An Invitation from the Saint James Social Outreach Committee (SOC)

All parishioners are invited to a special presentation **this Monday, May 8th, at 7:00pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall, hosted by our Social Outreach Committee (SOC). On this occasion, Father Scalia will present a financial gift to the founders of <u>Contigo Youth</u>, Mariah Naegele and Bulay Minano, who are also parishioners of Saint James Parish. This gift was made possible through the estate of Arlene Ellen Griff. Arlene was a beloved and active member of the SOC, who died on July 25, 2018. In her estate, Arlene left a bequest to Social Outreach.

In honor of Arlene's memory, SOC voted to give the entire bequest to <u>Contigo Youth</u> which provides after school programs and summer camps for vulnerable youth in grades one through nine. It empowers high-risk youth to thrive by providing "programs rooted in virtue, community and a relationship with Jesus Christ."

Please join us on May 8th to learn more about Contigo Youth and Arlene Griff's remarkable life.

Refreshments will be served.

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IHM Sisters Centennial Celebration 1923-2023

This year marks the centennial of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) at Saint James Catholic School. On September 17, 1923, under the leadership of Mother Josepha Clarke, the IHM Sisters began teaching 92 students at Saint James Catholic School.

In addition to running our parish school, the IHM Sisters also spread the Catholic faith by teaching catechism at other parishes in our area.

To commemorate this historic event, we will have a special celebration on Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 100 years to the day from when our IHM Sisters began teaching and educating our students. We invite you to join us at the Noon Mass on September 17th, to celebrate this important milestone. A special reception for the IHM Sisters will take place immediately following Mass.

In upcoming bulletins, we will celebrate the accomplishments of the IHM Sisters over the past century. If you have stories and/or pictures to share, please contact Kathleen Anderson at kanderson@stjamescatholic.org.



SAVE THE DATE

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE IHM SISTERS AT SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



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Youth Ministry

Saint James Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

High School Youth Ministry Events

June 11: Hike after 10:30am Mass

July 26: Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

July: Outdoor Movie Night

August 11: Starting Early Concert



Middle School Youth Ministry Events

May 21: Dodgeball, 4:00-6:00pm

June 25: Dodgeball, 4:00-6:00pm

July 26: Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

August 11: Starting Early Concert



Signup for Flocknotes - Get the latest news and updates from Youth Ministry. You can receive email and text notices, stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry.



Middle School BASH

Our middle school students enjoyed a fun evening at the diocesan BASH on April 22nd. This event was a celebration of their Catholic faith and love of the Lord and included music, games, inspirational speakers, confessions, and a Vigil Mass.













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



"Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child."

Our students continue learning these last few weeks of school. The classrooms are filled with students eager to learn, a willingness to help others, and a love of God.





Second graders presented their biographies dressed as their famous person. Here we see Clara Barton and Henry Ford.





Fourth graders in the Science Lab measured the amount of sugar in different food items.



Students attended Mass which they do on a weekly basis in addition to studying religion daily as a core subject.



Fifth graders posed with their display of Paschal candles and butterflies representing the Easter season.



A sixth grader read a weather map in science class on the interactive white board.

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Saint James Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On April 19th, Saint James held its Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for our wonderful parishioners whose selfless time and talent make our community so special. More than 500 people volunteer in various capacities (or ministries) at Saint James. Each person has a story about why they step forward to be the hands and feet of Christ. The dinner was a night to celebrate with gratitude. Guests were treated to a catered dinner with lots of yummy desserts including a very popular chocolate fountain. The Hot Wonder Band returned to entertain us with a variety of music for listening pleasure. Our clergy and staff enjoyed being servers and hosts for our volunteers. For those who attended, as well as those who could not, thank you so much for being part of the Saint James community.





















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Saint James Catholic School PTO



2023 Fund-A-Cause

Outdoor Classroom

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PURPOSE

An outdoor classroom space offers a fun, novel learning experience for kids of all ages. This outdoor space will give students an opportunity to spend more time outdoors and give teachers and school groups an alternative space to gather, create, learn, and inspire one another.

PRODUCTION

The design of this project has been created by alumni parent and owner of Greenspur, Mark Turner. It will take approximately 6–8 weeks to build and cost roughly \$60,000. Initial permitting discussions have occurred.



LOCATION

This innovative space will be located behind Monsignor Heller Hall and will be built around the existing oak tree, It will be accessible from the school only with a privacy fence surrounding it, restricting the view inside.

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Faith, Screens, and our Families

(Presented by Peter Ryan)

Monday, May 22nd 7:00pm

Saint James Catholic School Monsignor Heller Hall

Before COVID, almost half of teens described their internet use as constant. For all age brackets, young and old, screen use has gone up significantly since then.

What impact is this growing screen usage having on our children? What can we do about it?

Peter Ryan is a Catholic husband and father of four who recently retired as a Navy Captain after 28 years of service. In his free time, he began studying the profound effects that screen-based personal technology is having on our lives. He authored "Technology, The New Addiction," which was published in the September 2018 edition of the U.S. Navy Journal *Proceedings*. He and his 18-year-old daughter speak on this topic in the Diocese of Arlington together after she gave up her smart phone over three years ago. *Come learn how screen-based technology usage is impacting your family and get advice for protecting yourself and your children from its harmful effects. This is a practical and spiritual call to action.*

SJS parents who attend will receive an Ice Cream Coupon for their Saint James student(s).

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	Parish Calendar	
Monday, May 8		
6:30pm-7:30pm	First Communion Practice Group B	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals Men and Women Small Groups	Parish House
Tuesday, May 9		
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, May 10		
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish House
6:30pm-8:00pm	Hispanic First Communion Practice	Church
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, May 11		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
6:30pm-7:30pm	First Communion Practice Group B	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library
Friday, May 12		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, May 13		
9:30am-11:30am	First Communion Group B	Church
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Monsignor Heller Hall
Sunday, May 14	Happy Mother's Day	
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church



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