

# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

# August 6, 2023



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2 www.stjamescatholic.org

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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm) Saturdays: 9:00am-1:30pm

## **Rectory Office**

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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

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon, 4:00pm, and 7:30pm

## Adoration

Wednesday/Thursday Adoration suspended during renovation.

First Fridays: 9:00am-Noon

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

#### **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 the Worship menu on our website for more details, <u>stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/</u>.

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

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

**For World Youth Day** — We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## 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

Catechesis on the Eucharist: The Bread of Presence

Another, perhaps more obscure, type of the Eucharist in the Old Testament is found in the "bread of Presence" or the "showbread" of ancient Israel. The Lord commanded this bread, twelve loaves made of fine flour, to be set in his presence on a gold table (see Ex 25:23-30). As Leviticus specifies: "And you shall set them in two rows, six in a row, upon the table of pure gold. And you shall put pure frankincense with each row, that it may go with the bread as a memorial portion to be offered by fire to the Lord" (Lev 24:6-7). The loaves were placed in the Tent of meeting and later in the Temple – that is, in the *presence* of the Ark of the Covenant and therefore of the Lord. They were to be replaced every week on the sabbath. Only the priests were allowed to eat the bread that had been in the Lord's presence, and they could only do so in a holy place.

It was called the "bread of Presence," first of all, because it sat in the Lord's presence. But the bread also signified the presence of the people to him. Bread, after all, represents the efforts of the people, their investment of resources, time, and labor. It was also *twelve* loaves, signifying the twelve tribes of Israel, the entirety of the people. The smoke ascending from the incense placed with the loaves indicated that they are an offering rising to him.

The literal translation of the showbread is "the bread of the face" – which indicates the personal dimension of this bread. It represented and, in a sense, continued the banquet on Mount Sinai at which Moses and the elders "beheld God, and ate and drank" (see Ex 24:9-11).

In sum, this bread signified an offering of the people that is in turn sanctified by the Lord. Which corresponds to and is fulfilled by the Eucharist. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386) says: "In the Old Testament also there was the shew-bread…but in the New Testament there is Bread of heaven."

The showbread of ancient Israel was considered sacred because of its time before the Lord. But in the end, it was still bread. Our "showbread," the Eucharist, is not just in the presence of the Lord but is in fact his Real Presence under the form of bread. In Adoration, the Eucharist is the real "bread of the face," as we look upon him and he looks upon us.

The showbread of ancient Israel represented the twelves tribes before the Lord. The hosts at Mass likewise signify the offering of ourselves – the Church, the New Israel – to God. The priest offers the hosts as "fruit of the earth and work of human hands," indicating the investment of our labor and lives into what is being presented to God. That offering of ourselves becomes united with Christ's own offering to the Father. In the Mass Christ is the showbread before the Father, offering himself in sacrifice under the form of bread.

Finally, Israel's bread of Presence wasn't for everyone. Only the priests could consume it. Just so, the Eucharist is not extended for everyone. Only those who by baptism have been incorporated into the priesthood of Christ and have kept that communion with him are able to receive him in Holy Communion. And in that reception of Communion, we have a participation with the Apostles at the Last Supper and an anticipation of that final banquet, the wedding feast of the Lamb.

- Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

#### Saturday, August 5

Mass for the Transfiguration of the Lord5:00pm+Elsie Simko and Phyllis Rainey

#### Sunday, August 6

uration of the Lord
+All Souls in Purgatory
+Barbara Lowe
People of Saint James
+Elena Joy and Cary Rainey Gray
+Bertilda Espinal
+Dr. J. Donald McKittrick

## Monday, August 7

St. Sixtus II; St. Cajetan				
6:30am	+Dr. J. Donald McKittrick			
8:15am	Mary Solsbak			
Noon	+John A. Lundin			

#### Tuesday, August 8

St. Dominic	
6:30am	+Geraldine Owens
8:15am	+Cecelia Jimenez
Noon	+Paul Michael McGushin
	St. Dominic 6:30am 8:15am Noon

#### Wednesday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross		
6:30am	+Elva and Arturo Nurnberg	
8:15am	+Yen and Sau - Nguyen	
Noon	+Dr. J. Donald McKittrick	

## Thursday, August 10

St. Lawrence	
6:30am	Willow Noonan
8:15am	+Roger Kilton
Noon	+Debbie Tovar

## Friday, August 11

St. Clare	
6:30am	Gonsalves Family
8:15am	+Zenaida Velez
Noon	+Margaret Stepro

## Saturday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal8:30amMulligan family, living and deceasedMass for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time5:00pmRobert Rosseter and family, living and<br/>deceased

#### Sunday, August 13

The Nineteen	th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am	+Suzanne Meadows
9:00am	+Mary Geiselhart
10:30am	+Maryann and Michael McKeon
Noon	People of Saint James
2:30pm	+Flora Perez
7:00pm	Robert John Kurtzke

## **Today's Readings**

First ReadingDn 7:9-10, 13-14"As I watched: Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took..."

Psalm Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 "The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth."

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19 "Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when..."

Gospel Mt 17:1-9 "Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them..."

## **Readings for the Week**

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

## **Remember in Your Prayers**

#### the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon Gil Ascunce Beatriz Basso Terrell Blodgett Betty Brunton Chip Clarke Cameron DeMulder Roberta "Bobbie" Dunn Katherine Christine Garren Maribel Gonzalez Peggy Kurtzke Laura Lareau Edward Laso Vincent McAlevy Mildred Melmer Rachel Noonan Janet Owen Jim Owen Phillip Perot Russell Ross Robyn Stewart Craig Torres Lauren Vinci Judy Volonoski Anne Marie Willis

## the deceased of our parish family

Betty Augustauskas Mary Louise Gray Ben Schwind Emily Vazquez

## and those serving our country

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

CDR Thomas Dixon Veronica Elkins Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN CPT William H. Johnson, USA (Ret.) Mary Kenney Major Albert C. Young



Email <u>bulletin@stjamescatholic.org</u> for changes/updates.

## 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 <u>www.stjamescatholic.org</u>.
Signup to be a praying member — <u>http://eepurl.com/gURddD</u> or submit a request — <u>PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org</u>

## **Parish News**

Join us

## Mothers of the Church - Year One

This is part of a two-year course promoting the importance and contribution of women within society and within the Catholic Church. This course provides psychological and spiritual formation to women of all backgrounds and vocations.

Topics covered include: attachment theory, emulating Our Lady's maternity, conflict resolution, boundaries, and contemplative prayer.

Wednesday mornings

Starting September 13, 2023

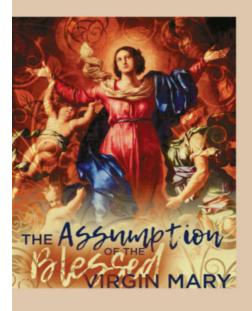
10:00am - 11:15am

**Knecht Conference Room** 

Currently we can provide limited childcare. We are looking for more volunteers (including teens and high schoolers) as well as someone who can host the children due to space limitations at the Church,

For more information, contact Carolyn at carolyn.towey@gmail.com or visit https://thebackpack.life/pages/mothers-of-the-church-1.

## Feast of the Assumption of Mary Tuesday, August 15th



<u>Masses</u> 6:30am 8:15am Noon 4:00pm 7:30pm

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday/Thursday Adoration Resumes



Beginning August 16th 12:30pm-8:00pm

## **Parish News (Continued)**



## NATIONALS FAITH DAY



## Nationals vs. Miami Marlins SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 4:05PM

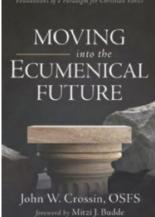
Families are invited to get tickets through the Saint James Parish block to sit together.

RSVP by August 7th to abigart@stjamescatholic.org

## **Furthering Christian Unity**

The Ecumenical Planning and Study Group meets monthly to pray for,

study, and promote the Holy Spirit's work of Christian unity. We take to heart the words of St. Paul, echoing Jesus himself, that Christians "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Cor. 1:10). Starting in September, we will read and discuss *Moving into the Ecumenical Future:* Foundations of a Paradigm for Christian Ethics, by John W. Crossin, OSFS.



Please contact Julie Conroy at <u>jmtconroy@gmail.com</u> for more information.



Attendees are asked to bring \$5 to purchase two bingo cards <u>and</u> a healthy sandwich to share with 4 people.

RSVP by August 14th to one of the following: -Mary Anne Stallings, maryannes1935@gmail.com -Cae Gilley, 703-533-3845

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

#### Second Collection for Diocese of Long Xuyen Mission

This weekend, August 5-6, there will be a second collection to support the annual Mission Cooperative

Plan (MCP) Appeal for our diocese. This year our MCP Appeal will be for the Diocese of Long Xuyen in Vietnam which has the added pressure of being situated



in a communist country so that the practice of the Catholic faith and the ability to receive formation is often hampered by societal pressures.

Father Peter Ngoc Ngo will be speaking about the mission at all the Masses that weekend. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the universal Church. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs, like food, shelter, and healthcare. You can donate online at membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/52634.

## **New Mary Statue on Spring and Broad Streets**

Many parishioners have asked about the statue of our Lady that used to grace the corner of Spring and Broad Streets. Unfortunately, someone tore the statue down and broke off the hands. This is

not the first such assault. We do not know if it was a deliberate anti-Catholic attack or the act of a disturbed individual. Either way, we pray for the person and in reparation for this dishonor done to our Lady.

She will be replaced! We are currently looking at



different options that will be graceful, durable, and affordable.

If you would like to make a donation to help the IHM Sisters purchase a new statue, donate online at <u>membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/</u> <u>VA50/52563</u> or by check made out to Saint James Catholic Church. Please contact Kathleen Anderson, 703-532-8815 x223 or <u>kanderson@stjamescatholic.org</u>, if you have any questions. The Sisters thank you in advance for your support.



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## A Fond Farewell to Sister Mary Sue Carwile

With both gratitude and sadness, we bid farewell to Sister Mary Sue Carwile, who has faithfully served the Saint James community for the past ten years. Sister Mary Sue was assigned as Principal of Saint James School in the summer of 2013. During her tenure, Saint James School was awarded two additional US Department of Education Blue Ribbons, was able to provide in person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, opened a new preschool, grew its fine arts and technology programs, increased the diversity of the student population, and strengthened test scores across the board.

The second youngest of six children, Sister Mary Sue is a native of Arlington, VA. She attended Saint Thomas More parish where her grandparents were founding members and her parents, Sidney and Dorothy, were married. She also attended the parish school, where she was taught by the IHM Sisters. Sister Mary Sue first felt the call to religious life in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Upon graduation from Bishop J. O'Connell High School, Sister attended James Madison University for one year before entering the IHM community on Our Lady's birthday--September 8, 1974. While in formation, she obtained a degree in History and Theology from Immaculata University. Sister later earned a Master's degree from Villanova University and was missioned in the dioceses of Philadelphia, Allentown, and Harrisburg before returning to the Arlington Diocese as Principal of Saint James School.

When asked about her time here at Saint James, Sister smiled and replied "I love the kids. They bring so much joy to my life. I love the community of Saint James—the parish and the school. It's full of charity and goodness. I loved being near my family these past ten years. I love the faculty and staff, their dedication and professionalism. I love the Sisters. And I loved having a dog!"

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Sister Mary Sue in her new role as an elected member of the IHM Council. We are grateful to Sister for all she has done for the entire Saint James Community.

Sister Mary Sue, we will miss you!



IHM Leadership Council

# Thank You and Farewell, Sister Mary Sue



# We will miss you!



## Vacation Bible School — "Shine Jesus' Light"

Vacation Bible School (VBS) returned to Saint James this summer! Students were launched on a cosmic quest where they had a blast shining Jesus' light to the world, the theme of VBS. With the Rocket Man mascot, Father John Paul as our astronaut, and Stellar "crew members", students began every morning BLASTING OFF by talking about Jesus, praying, and singing uplifting songs and being reminded when good things happen they should "Shine Jesus' Light."

The students were divided into four teams to rotate through crafts, bible adventures, all-star games, and exploring their faith. Each day, the kids practiced looking for what God was doing around them. They called those signs *God Sightings* — they were evidence of His love and creativity in the world. At the end of camp, each crew wrote their God Sighting on a star and taped it on the God Sightings wall. Most of them wrote about random acts of kindness they saw at camp or something in nature. Students ended the week on Friday by attending Mass and presenting a show for their parents on the bible verses and songs they learned each day.

Thanks to our coordinator Julie Marx, our wonderful volunteers, as well as Father John Paul and Seminarian Ryan Malanga, for making this such a successful week with 90 kids, 40+ "crew leaders" from middle school and high school, and 15 adult volunteers!



## **Creation Care Ministry's Science Night**

The Creation Care Ministry held their second annual mini Night of Science at our parish garden, a science outreach effort of the Creation Care Ministry. Families (over 30+ kids and guardians) were encouraged to touch, experiment, and enjoy the garden. The kids tested the pH of the soils, experimented on seeds, learned about plants in the garden and patron saints of nature and gardening, caught and observed insects and worms under the microscope, and learned about garden ecology.



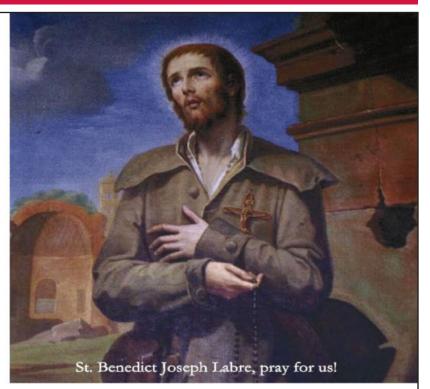
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## **Diocesan Event**

"Beloved of God: Overcoming Stigma and Finding Community"

# A Day of Prayer for Mental Health

Hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Divine Mercy University and the Saint Labre Community



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH MANASSAS, VA

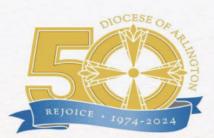
9.30am: Coffee and fellowship for those living with a mental health condition
11:00am: Mass - Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, celebrant
12:00pm: Lunch and Keynote - Fr. Charles Sikorsky, President, Divine Mercy Univ.
1:00pm: Breakout discussions with experts for:

Those living with a mental health condition with Dr. Karen Cichon, Catholic Psychologist
family and support persons with Deacon Ed Schoener, Diocese of Scranton

2:30pm: Adjourn

## **Diocesan Multicultural Cookbook**

Everyone is invited to submit their favorite recipe to be considered for the diocesan cookbook, "Gather at the Table: Multicultural Cooking for Liturgical Living" which will strive to highlight as many cultures found within our diocese. This cookbook is being made in conjunction with the Diocese of Arlington's Golden Jubilee. The goal is to have at least one recipe from each parish.



Submit your recipe for

# Gather at the Table

# Multicultural Cooking for Liturgical Living



Tell your family story through food! We are seeking recipes from across the globe for a special Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary cookbook. To find out more and submit your recipe, scan the QR code or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

# Questions?

Contact the Office of Multicultural Ministries at mcm@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-3881

Submissions will be reviewed by a diverse panel. Not all recipes will be selected for the final product.



Parish Calendar			
Monday, August 7			
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals Men's Small Group	Parish House	
Tuesday, August 8			
7:15am-8:00am	Saint James Fraternity	Parish House	
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House	
Wednesday, August	Wednesday, August 9		
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, August 1	0		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht	
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church	
7:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals	Parish House	
Friday, August 11			
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church	
5:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Ministry presents a free outdoor concert (see page 5)	Cherry Hill Park	
Saturday, August 12	2		
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, August 13			
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House	
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church	

## **Battle of the Altar Servers**

Our altar servers enjoyed a fun day recently at St. Leo's Parish at the annual **Battle of the Servers**. 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 Pavlick, seminarian Ryan Malanga, and Youth Ministry Coordinator Amy Bigart were there to support our servers.





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