



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

April 21, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Joel Kwame, In Residence
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
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Weekdays: 9:00am-9:00pm (closed 12:45pm-1:30pm)
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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, 5:00pm, and
7:00pm

Adoration

Wednesdays and Thursdays:
12:30pm-8:00pm

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, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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

The Pope's April Prayer Intention

For the role of women—We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of 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
- Twitter @St_James_CC



On The Way

Seven New Words: Receive the Holy Spirit

The first Easter was full of wonderful events. The most obvious and important was the discovery of the empty tomb and then our Lord's appearing in his risen body. For most of us, that would be enough for one day. But then our Lord does something else extraordinary. He appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room and, as John tells it (Jn 20:19-23), he said to them, "'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'"

The significance of these words cannot be overstated. But neither can they be understood apart from the gesture that accompanies them. *He breathed on them*. That isn't now and it wasn't then a form of greeting. The only other account of God breathing onto someone – or, rather, *into* someone – is at creation. "[T]he LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and *breathed into his nostrils the breath of life*; and man became a living being" (Gen 2:7). This would have been familiar to the ancient Jews. They would have immediately perceived that Jesus' breathing upon the Apostles was a new act of creation. He is re-creating man. We should attend to what makes for this re-creation.

First, the Holy Spirit. *Receive the holy Spirit*. The renewal of man comes from the Holy Spirit, the very breath of God. It is not achieved by the latest technology, a new economic policy, or a new political system. It comes not by the will of man but of God. It comes from the breath of God breathing within us. Which means also that our breath of life is no longer our own. We live according to the Spirit and thus can say, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

Second, confession. This giving of the Holy Spirit is distinct from that on Pentecost Sunday, fifty days later. It is hierarchical, bestowing upon the Apostles (and their successors) the authority to forgive sins. *Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*. Which means that the gift of the Spirit – and our living according to the Spirit of Christ – is inextricably bound up with the Sacrament of Penance. Sin blocks up our spiritual passageways and inhibits the Spirit's breathing within us. The devout confession of our sins in the Sacrament of Penance heals our souls and creates more space for the Spirit to breathe freely within us.

Third, proximity to Christ. Although this gift of the Holy Spirit is unique to the Apostles, the principle for receiving the Spirit remains the same. We must be close enough to Christ to feel his breath upon us. Which is not something we typically like. We like our personal space and someone "breathing down your neck" is a *bad* thing. Except when it is Christ breathing his Spirit upon and into us. To receive the Spirit of re-creation, we have to allow Christ to draw near, even into our own personal space. It is the desire not to have that intimacy, not to want him that close that leads to a still re-birth. The Spirit comes to us to the degree that we allow Christ to draw near.

Saint Irenaeus described the Son and the Spirit as the two arms of the Father by which he embraces us. May we allow the risen Christ to draw near to us, so that he can breathe his Spirit into us and draw us into the Father's embrace.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm McPhilomy family

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Jane and Michael Checkan

9:00am +Lewis and Helen Starr

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Norberto Bonini

2:30pm Teresa Matos and Ministry Volunteers

7:00pm +John Paul Schwarz

Monday, April 22

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

6:30am +Lawrence and Agnes Krell

8:15am +Janet Thompson

Noon +Gloria Maguire

Tuesday, April 23

St. George; St. Adalbert

6:30am +John Ardis

8:15am +Sam Costanzo

Noon +Catalino Banez, Jr.

Wednesday, April 24

St. Fidelis Sigmaringen

6:30am +Pegi Ackerman

8:15am +Kathleen "Kay" Dillon

Noon +Howard Meyer

Thursday, April 25

St. Mark

6:30am Thomas Joseph Blondet

8:15am +John Gardner

Noon +Gloria Maguire

Friday, April 26

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

6:30am In Thanksgiving

8:15am +Rose Pottanat

Noon +Edward Laso

Saturday, April 27

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:30am +Lourdes B. Cabral

Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Diana Canales Enciso

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Margaret Kurtzke

9:00am Thanksgiving for Arciaga and Sheppard families

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Bill Beauchamp

2:30pm +Jesus Alberto

7:00pm +Barry Bender

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

"Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: 'Leaders of the people...'"

Psalm

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us..."

Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

"Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd...'"

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

Tracy Adcox

Juan Alarcon

Gil Ascunce

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Terrell Blodgett

Betty Brunton

Carmine Carosella

Jane Checkan

Maria Claffy

Brendan Collins

Mona Demien

Cameron DeMulder

Roberta Dunn

Erik Funk

Rita Funk

Katherine C. Garren

Judith Karinshak

Kenan Kreiner

Laura Lareau

Jose G. Martinez

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Jim Owen

Janet Owen

Carter Parry

Phillip Perot

Russell Ross

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Genevra Strickler

Vincent Strickler

Kathy Thomas

Julia Umana

Lauren Vinci

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Luis Arias

and those serving our country

This includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service. For changes or updates, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth

CPT William H. Johnson, USA (Ret.)



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.

- To sign up to be a praying member, visit <http://eepurl.com/gURddd>
- To submit a request to the Prayer Chain, email PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org

Marian Shrines

St. James Parish Pilgrimage

June 9-19, 2024

Fatima • Spain • Lourdes • Paris

Father John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
St. James Catholic Church
Diocese of Arlington, VA



Almost full! Register now!

Visit www.StJamesCatholic.org "NEWS" section

All Saints Church Car Raffle Ending

A friendly reminder that ticket purchasers will have a chance to win one of four 2024 model year vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Escape, Mustang, Bronco Sport and Ranger Truck) plus cash drawings totaling \$40,000 as follows:

- One \$20,000 cash prize
- Two \$5,000 cash prizes
- Three \$2,500 cash prizes
- Two \$1,000 cash prizes
- Four \$500 cash prizes
- Ten \$100 cash prizes

Important deadlines:

- **April 23rd**—Deadline for mailing tickets to All Saints.
- **April 27th**—Drawing will take place. Winners do not need to be present and will be called shortly after the drawing.

It is essential that you return your check, ticket stubs, and unsold tickets to All Saints Catholic Church, a requirement by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming. Mail the items to All Saints Catholic Church, 300 Stonewall Rd. Manassas, VA 20110 Attn: Car Raffle.

Your participation in this annual car raffle helps us serve the needs of our parish and community, such as food distribution to the poor and assistance to those who stop by the Rectory in need.

May Donut Sunday – Special!

On **May 5th**, our monthly Donut Sunday will have designated tables for families with children who have special needs to fellowship with one another. We hope you will stop **after the**



9:00am and 10:30am Masses in Monsignor Heller Hall to meet families like yours and learn about the **Disability & Accessibility Committee of Saint James**. Our committee members will be there to answer any questions and/or get feedback from you on how to make Saint James a more inclusive and accessible place for our special needs families.

For questions, please email Tina Schellman at Ntschellman@gmail.com.

AHG Krispy Kreme Donut & Bake Sale

Please support the American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA0681 by buying a box of Krispy Kreme Donuts or some baked goods next **Sunday, April 28th**, after Mass.



Proceeds will go towards supporting troop camping including a planned camping trip in Shenandoah National Park for at least three nights this summer.



Parish News (Continued)

Invitation for Parish High School Parents

The Associates of St. John Bosco invite all parents of high school juniors and seniors to attend their second annual "Parents Prepared" Parent Night. This engaging evening will help parents prepare for what lies ahead for their children entering college in the coming years. Parents will gain practical insights into what steps they can take to help their children keep their Catholic faith in college. Speakers include Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony, Danielle Zuccaro, and David and Margaret Bereit.

This free event will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA, on **May 14th, at 7:00pm**. Please RSVP at www.asjb.org/parents-prepared.

Weekday Adoration Suspended

Starting this **Monday, April 22nd**, our weekday Adoration will be **suspended for three weeks** to allow for completion of the confessionals renovation.

There will be no Adoration on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or the first Friday in May.

Our confessionals will be altered to provide more room for the penitent (and less for the priest!). There will be only one entrance for the penitent, for confession both behind the screen and face to face.

If you want to confess face to face, then a screen is raised so that you can see the priest and speak with him that way. A chair will also be provided for those who have trouble kneeling.

Saint James Youth Ministry

Diocesan Middle School BASH

All Saint James parish and school students in grades 6-8 are invited to participate in the Arlington Diocese's BASH on **Saturday, May 4th, from 3:30pm-8:30pm** at Bishop O'Connell High School. The cost is \$15 per participant. Adult chaperones are needed as well.

Email our Youth Ministry Coordinator Amy Bigart, abigart@stjamescatholic.org, by April 30th, if you will attend or have any questions.

WorkCamp "Contractor" Needed

A WorkCamp contractor is an adult volunteer who is responsible for leading the work on the project but is not necessarily a "contractor" in the professional sense. Some background in basic construction or remodeling skills is very useful but not required. A person who is handy with tools and has experience doing hands-on home repair and maintenance is typically qualified. The Arlington Diocese will provide detailed instructions on how to complete every project and will pair contractors with projects matching their skill set.

Contact Andy Newton, andy@hxr.us, for more information.

Youth Ministry Communications

Signup for Flocknote. Get the latest news and updates from Saint James Youth Ministry by signing up.

You can receive email and text messages. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Email our Youth Ministry Coordinator Amy Bigart, abigart@stjamescatholic.org, with any questions.



SAINT JAMES SCHOOL LIBRARY UPDATE

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE ROSEMARY BURNS SCHOOL LIBRARY & MEDIA CENTER



PURPOSE

A library isn't just for checking out books anymore! With added online resources and books aplenty, this upgraded library will be the ideal spot for research, writing, playing, collaborating and reading. The larger open space will welcome speakers, groups and visitors to our school.

HIGHLIGHTS

- New furniture: tables, chairs, circulation desk, plus low and display bookshelves
- Walls repainted
- New carpet and area rugs
- Author and illustrator visits, writing workshops for Fall 2024

PRODUCTION

Priority furniture is ordered first, followed by additional pieces dependent on funding. All work will be completed this summer, with the new library ready to invite students in August 2024!

Accepting all donations - large or small! Scan this code to contribute!





Saint James Catholic Church

Vacation Bible School

July 15-19
2024

9am-12pm



Campers:
Rising Kindergartners -
5th graders

\$85-1 camper

Family discounts

\$115-2 campers

\$155-3 or more campers

Adult Volunteers
needed
as well as rising 6th-12th
grade volunteers

\$30 per student volunteer

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

Registration opens
April 25th and closes
on June 1st

Scan the QR Code or visit
StJamesCatholic.org



Any questions? Contact Julie Marx at juliemarx14@gmail.com.

Contigo Youth Club

Contigo Youth Club is a Catholic non-profit organization serving under-resourced youth in the Bailey's Crossroads/ Seven Corners area of Falls Church. Located on the campus of St. Anthony of Padua, Contigo uniquely combines faith, nature, recreation, and creative exploration. By providing a healthy environment and enriching opportunities to discover and grow, Contigo opens up a world of hope and opportunity to at-risk kids.

In 2023, Camp Contigo served 70 youth in grades K-11 for seven weeks. During the school year, Contigo runs a daily after-school program, currently serving 30 youth from local public and parochial schools. Programming includes opportunities for daily Mass, weekly adoration, the arts, athletics, STEM, life skills, social recreation, and academic support.

While every family contributes, tuition covers less than 25% of camp costs. Your tax-deductible gift can change a life.



Ways to support Contigo:

- **Financial support**
 - ◇ It costs \$1500 to give one child the best summer ever.
 - ◆ Give at <https://contigoyouth.org/give/>.
 - ◆ Make check payable to CONTIGO INC. and mail to 1617 N. Abingdon Street, Arlington, VA 22207.
- **Volunteer**
 - ◇ OPCYP/VIRTUS-compliant volunteers are needed to assist with summer programming.



Parish Calendar

Monday, April 22		
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School PREP	School Library
Tuesday, April 23		
8:00am-9:00am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:00am	Seniors Steering Committee	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School
7:15pm-9:00pm	Mothers of Young Children	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
Wednesday, April 24		
Weekday Adoration suspended (see page 5)		
10:00am-11:30pm	Mothers of the Church	Knecht
10:00am-12:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, April 25		
Weekday Adoration suspended (see page 5)		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Knecht
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Library
Friday, April 26		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, April 27		
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, April 28		
American Heritage Girls Donut & Bake Sale (see page 4)		
10:30am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Brunch after 10:30am Mass	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-6:00pm	Youth Ministry Middle School Dodgeball (see page 5)	Gym
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Young Catholics Pilgrimage to France

Young college students and recent high school graduates are invited to **five weeks of travel** around the religious marvels of France and a glimpse of Spain from **June 22nd through July 27th**. St. Joan of Arc Academy - ASJA France is a five week Catholic program, combining a unique discovery of the French historical and religious heritage, intellectual studies, spiritual life, community experience, and a pilgrimage including parts of the famous "Camino de Compostella" (Way to Santiago).

The Académie St. Joan of Arc Summer Camp is particularly designed for new high school graduates before they begin their university curriculum and students already in their higher studies, who wish to take the time to discern and position themselves in their adult, family, social, and professional lives. This program is for young Catholics 18-23 years old.



Watch the following YouTube video on the program, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ea7cz84idpY> or visit their website, <https://asjafrance.com/>.