

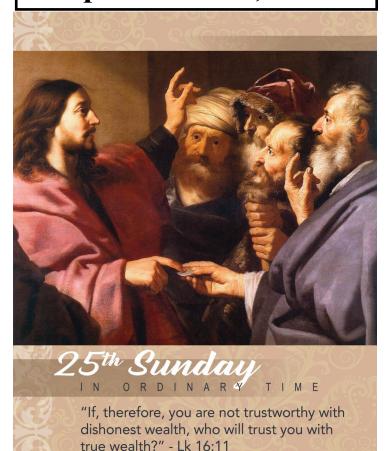
# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

# **September 21, 2025**



### Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar Rev. Timothy D. Banach, Parochial Vicar Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence Rev. Daniel Reuwer, In Residence Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence Deacon Marvin Muhat

### **Rectory Office Hours**

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, 2:30pm (Spanish),

and 7:00pm

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, 7:00pm, and 8:30pm (Spanish)

### **Low-Gluten Hosts**

Those who need low-gluten hosts are asked to come stand at the Sacred Heart statue for Communion.

### **Adoration**

Wednesdays and Thursdays:

12:30pm-8:00pm

### **First Fridays:**

9:00am-Noon

7:30pm to 8:30am on Saturday

(All-Night Adoration)

### **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 sixmonth program. No date will be set for the wedding until a priest has met with the couple.

Visit our Worship menu for more details, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

### Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff

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#### Parish Registration

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

### The Pope's September Prayer Intention

**For our relationship with all of creation**—Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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### On The Way

Saint Augustine: Activity & Rest

Early in the *Confessions*, Augustine addresses God as "always active, always at rest." It's one of many of his paradoxical phrases that opens for us an enormous window onto the truth of God and of ourselves.

First, about God. Always active, always at rest. That terse phrase describes first of all God's almighty power. He is eternally active, the source and font of all movement and activity. He brings all things into existence and sustains them in being. But more importantly, He is always active within Himself. Islam's Allah is isolated and alone – and for that reason inert. The triune God of Christianity is a community of Persons – Father, Son, and Spirit – Who are an eternal relationship of love. The Son is "eternally begotten of the Father" and from Him and the Father the Spirit eternally proceeds. This is the most powerful "activity" possible.

At the same time, God is at rest – indeed, in a sense He is rest itself. He is unchanging and unchangeable. Yes, He sets all things in motion. But in Aristotle's terms, He is the *unmoved* mover. Scripture's words about God's emotions and repentance and changing of His mind and so on are not literal truths but ways of describing how the unchanging God relates to the ever-changing world and fickle mankind.

It's not too much to say that God's activity is restful and His rest is active. The "eternal rest" we desire for our deceased loved ones is within the eternal relationship of love that is the Trinity. There is no greater rest than in the eternal love of Father, Son, and Spirit. Likewise, there is no greater activity that to rest in God. The saints – who are at rest – are now more alive and more active (in worship and on our behalf) than ever before.

Second, about us. We bear God's image and are created unto His likeness. Not surprisingly, there is within us a desire for both activity and rest. We are creatures created to cooperate with the Creator. We participate in His continuing act of creation. So, we sow and reap, plant and harvest, build and invent. Like God, we also rest and enjoy what we have labored to make and produce.

But because of our fallen human nature, we act and rest inordinately. We toil too much, become workaholics, build a "total-work" society, and find our dignity only in what we *do*. Erring on the other end, instead of seeking authentic rest, we choose passivity. We veg out, binge-watch, and doomscroll.

When we contemplate God as *always active, always at rest*, we orient ourselves to our proper way of living. We are to live out what He is by similitude and approximation. This means to understand our activity as a participation in God's. We are children of the Father. Incorporated into His Son we can say with Him, "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work" (Jn 5:17). Thus, we should begin our work with a reminder that our ability to undertake it comes from Him, and it should be ordered to His glory. We should work in a peaceful manner, knowing that in the midst of it we're rooted in Him Who is eternal rest.

Likewise, we should desire properly human rest (not that of a vegetable), which is *in God*. Human rest is not shutting down our intellect and will but relaxing them with Him.

Perhaps the most dominant vice of our time is sloth, which is characterized by frenetic activity and passive rest. Saint Augustine's little phrase shows us the way out. We should strive for God's image to be perfected in us, so that we too are always active, always at rest.

- Fr. Scalia

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# Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 20

Mass for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Ronald Joseph Doyle

Sunday, September 21

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +David E. Vanarsdall 9:00am +Kathleen Lynch 10:30am Pro Populo Noon +Bob Alberi 2:30pm Aurelio Miller 7:00pm +Allie Mural York

Monday, September 22

Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Joan O'Bryan 8:15am +John Ulincy Noon +Andrea Hummel

Tuesday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:30am +Armando Crisostomo

8:15am Zita Sare Grebogi in Thanksgiving

Noon +Edward Laso

Wednesday, September 24

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Loly and Ana Maria Garcia Costas

8:15am +Hugh F. X. Halligan Noon +Marianne Hoag

Thursday, September 25

Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Carl Bender 8:15am +Dorothy Hey Noon +Mary McGlone

Friday, September 26 SS Cosmas and Damian

6:30am +Timothy Lenihan 8:15am +Oberto Patricio Blanco Noon Special Intention

Saturday, September 27 *St. Vincent de Paul* 

8:30am +All Souls in Purgatory

Mass for Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Humberto Daboin

Sunday, September 28

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Payton Logothety
9:00am +Irene Ulincy
10:30am Pro Populo
Noon Michael Walsh
2:30pm Angela Doherty
7:00pm +Catherine Brown

### **Today's Readings**

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

"Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the..."

Psalm Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor."

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

"Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers,"

**Gospel Luke 16:1-13** 

"Jesus said to his disciples, 'A rich man had a steward who..."

### Readings for the Week

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

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

### the sick of our parish family

Thomas Duncan Julie Neil Juan Alarcon Jovce Babiak Roberta Dunn Rachel Noonan James Banks Katherine Garren Esther Olivos Beatriz Basso Anthony L. Gerena Carter Parry Colman Rowan Cory Bautista Monica Giove Betty Brunton Silvia Guevara **BJ** Salinas Patricia Cavasina Scott Herman Kathleen Seroskie Jane C. Checkan Laura Lareau Robyn Stewart Chloe Clagg Yolanda Machiado Lauren Vinci Liv Wash Grace Coipuram Jose G. Martinez John Cormany Gloria Mora Anne Marie Willis Mona Demien Mildred Melmer

### the deceased of our parish family

Eleanor Bromley Sebastian Kurian Patsy Jean Guditus

### and please pray for all active duty military

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF
1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF
LTJG William Conroy, USN
CDR Thomas Dixon, USN
FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN
Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN
Col. Jay Hildreth, USA

Capt. Sierra Lancaster, USAF
Cpl. James Murray, USMC
2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC
2LT Paul Murray, USA
Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC
2LT Finn Roou, USA
1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

For changes, email <u>communications@stjamescatholic.org</u>.

#### 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 at <a href="http://eepurl.com/gURddD">http://eepurl.com/gURddD</a>.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamesschool.org.

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### **Parish News**

### 2025-2026 Parish Speaker Series

This Monday, September 22nd, 7:00pm Monsignor Heller Hall Dr. Robert Royal on "Saint Augustine, Love Doctor"

Dr. Robert Royal will be our first guest for our 2025-2026 Parish Speaker Series. He is the founder and president of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, D.C., and editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Thing*, an online publication focused on Catholic thought and culture. Dr. Royal holds a B.A. and M.A. from Brown University and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Catholic University of America. He has taught at Brown University, Rhode Island College, and The Catholic University of America.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks for the event.

We hope you will join us.



### **Informational Meeting for Virginia Voters**

Saint James will hold an Arlington Diocesesponsored informational meeting on the Extreme Abortion Amendment that will be on the Virginia November ballot this fall.

The amendment's impacts will be explained at the meeting in Monsignor Heller Hall on **Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:00pm**.

Learn more about what will be eliminated and denied with this amendment.

More details will be provided in next week's bulletin.

### **St. Lucy Food Drive**

Our Social Outreach Committee is hosting a Food Drive for the St. Lucy Project on **Saturday, October 4th, from 10:00am-2:00pm** in front of the church. Drive up, pop your trunk, and they will do the rest! A list of food items is listed below and on our website. Please donate only the items on this list.

Empty St. Lucy bags will be available at several Masses next weekend, September 27-28. Fill the bags and bring them back October 4th. Thank you for your generosity in alleviating food insecurity in our area.

Any questions, please email Kate Altmeyer at thealtmeyers@gmail.com.



### **All Mothers of Young Children**

You are invited to our bible study this year on St. Paul Press' *The Bible and the Sacraments*. We will meet on the first Wednesday of the month starting **October 1st, at 7:15pm**. To join or for questions, email Liz Sites at <a href="mailto:elizabethosites@gmail.com">elizabethosites@gmail.com</a> or Bailey Mailloux at <a href="mailto:bailey.mailloux@gmail.com">bailey.mailloux@gmail.com</a>.

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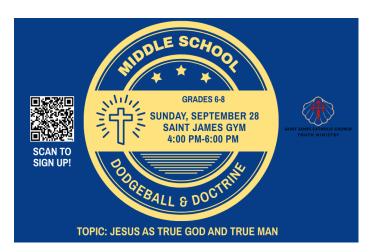
### **Parish News (Continued)**

### Parish Picnic—Fun for All Ages

Join us for our annual parish picnic on **October 4th**. Please consider volunteering one or two hours in addition to enjoying all the activities. We still have volunteer time slots open in the afternoon.

Visit <u>bit.ly/SJPicnic25</u> or scan the QR code below to volunteer. Email Susan Ramsel, <u>sramsel@stjamescatholic.org</u>, with questions.





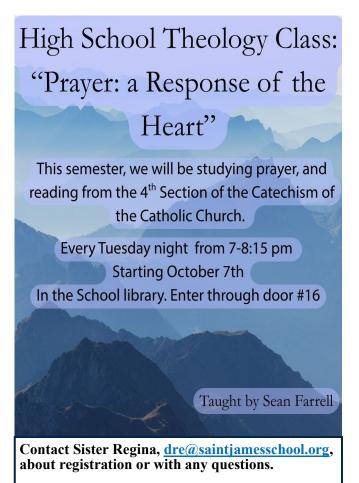
### Is God Calling You To Be A Lay Dominican?

You are invited to join the St. Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion this **Sunday**, **September 21st**, **from 5:00pm-6:45pm** in the Parish House.

Lay Dominicans are single or married members of the Dominican Order who have responded to a call to live the Dominican way of life in their own families and occupations.

The Dominican charism is one of prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Of these, study is perhaps the most distinctive element, as Dominicans are constantly called to study scripture, the teachings of the Church, and contemporary issues in the light of Faith. We are life-long learners who put that thirst for Truth at the service of our apostolic efforts.

For more information, contact Rose Folsom, InquiryVeritas519(at)gmail.com.



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

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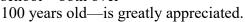
### **Maintenance Fund Second Collection**

Next weekend, **September 27-28**, we will have a second collection for our Parish

Maintenance Fund.

It is a challenge for our facilities staff to maintain seven buildings, all in constant, heavy use.

Your faithful support of our beautiful, historic church and school—both over



To donate online, visit <a href="https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3365">https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3365</a>.

September 27-28

# Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Second Collection

Last weekend the parish took up a second

collection in support of our Parish Religious Education Program, affectionately known as "PREP." Under Sister Regina Rosarii's leadership, our PREP program has a team of dedicated catechists and assistants who diligently work to



prepare our parish children to receive the Sacraments and increase their knowledge of our Catholic faith so that they may "know, love, and serve the Lord" more fully in this life.

To donate online, visit <a href="https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/">https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/</a> VA50/1490.

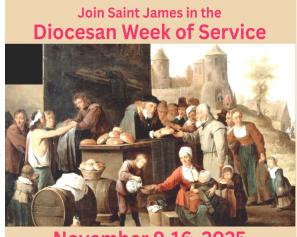
### **Arlington Diocese Week of Service**

Bishop Burbidge invites all members of the faith to participate in the inaugural Arlington Diocese Week of Service from **November 9-16, 2025**. The theme is "Love in Action—Service in Community".

Together, we are building a faith-filled culture of generosity and solidarity—not only within our parish communities but throughout this diocesan region we call home. Join us in being the hands and heart of Christ to others. Let's serve with purpose, pray with hope, and grow together in the love of God.

The Diocese of Arlington updated its Strategic Plan in 2022. Strategic Initiative No. 7 calls us to "Hold an annual Diocesan Service Week that unifies the diocese around a short list of service projects." These projects are based on the seven corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

Watch the following video from Bishop Burbidge on his request to support this Diocesan Week of Service, <a href="https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek">https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek</a>.



November 9-16, 2025

Coming soon, the Saint James Diocesan Service Week Committee will be sharing planned events during this week in November for parishioners to participate in individually or as a family. In addition to the scheduled community service events, we will list other suggestions for you to volunteer your time and talents to help others.

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Saint James Catholic School is rooted in the IHM charism, where Jesus is the center and Mary is the model. We are committed to educating the whole child through virtue formation, service, and academic excellence.

### **Students Back in the Classroom**

The classrooms are once again filled and very busy at Saint James Catholic School. Students are learning, creating, and making observations. Along with other Catholic schools in the nation, we started praying the rosary over the PA system led by our eighth grade student council.



Below are two upcoming PTO events that benefit our school. We hope you will consider supporting one or both of these events. Saint James School is very blessed to have a supportive parish.









benefitting the students at Saint James School



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
WESTFIELDS GOLF CLUB
1 PM SHOTGUN START

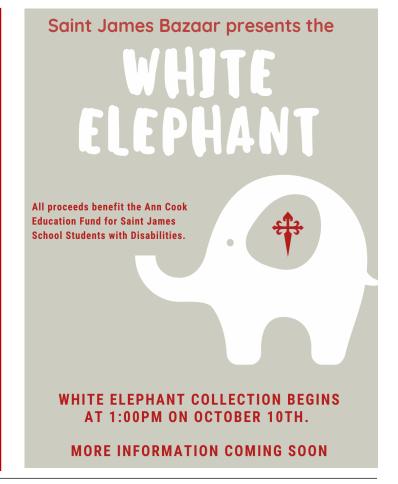
REGISTER TODAY! \$200 / PLAYER \$800 / FOURSOME



Unable to play but still want to support SJS?

Use QR code to visit website or email golf@saintjamesschool.org for sponsorship info!

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# Saint James Catholic School

# ALUMNI RECEPTION FOR ADULTS 21+

Reconnect with classmates, take a tour, and relive cherished memories.

For more information & to RSVP, visit



bit.ly/SJSAlumni



Thursday, October 23, 2025



6:45pm-8:30pm



Msgr. Heller Hall-Entrance 13

### 6:45pm-7:30pm Fellowship

- Tours by current SJS students
- Light appetizers, beer, & wine
- Background music
- Slide show with memories from the past

### 7:45pm-8:30pm

Remarks from the school administration



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	Parish Calendar	
Monday, September 22		
7:00pm-8:30pm	Parish Speaker Series (see page 4)	Msgr. Heller Hall
Tuesday, September 23		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Seniors Planning Meeting	Parish House
4:00pm-6:00pm	Altar Server Training	Church
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, September 24		
9:30am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
6:00pm-7:00pm	Diocesan Service Week Committee	Parish House
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht Conference Room
Thursday, September 25		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Ladies Bible Study	School Reading Room
Friday, September 26		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, September 27		
10:00am-12:00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Knecht Conference Room
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, September 28		
10:00am-11:15am	PREP Special Needs Classes	Knecht Conference Room
11:30am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Brunch after 10:30am Mass	Parish House
12:30pm-2:15pm	Spanish PREP	Msgr. Heller Hall
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
4:00pm-6:00pm	Youth Ministry Middle School Dodgeball (see page 5)	Gym
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

### Life Corner

# From Homily of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on the Feast of the Assumption:

"Let us not be afraid to choose life! It may seem risky and imprudent. Many voices whisper: 'Why bother? Let it go. Think of your own interests.' These are voices of death. But we are disciples of Christ. It is his love that drives us—soul and body—in our time. As individuals and as the Church, we no longer live for ourselves. This—and only this—spreads life and lets life prevail. Our victory over death begins here and now."

Pray a Hail Mary this week for courage and perseverance in pro-life work.



### Saint James Life Chain

Sunday, October 5th, is Respect Life Sunday. Please join us from 2:00pm-3:00pm in our annual Life Chain—a peaceful and prayerful witness to life! We will gather at the corner of Broad Street (Rt. 7) and Spring Street (in front of Saint James School) where we will have positive pro-life signs available. After our opening prayer, take a sign, stand along Broad Street, and pray for an end to abortion.

Bring a chair, but do not block pedestrian traffic. Contact Rich Hunter, 571-423-6482 or <a href="mailto:StJamesLife@gmail.com">StJamesLife@gmail.com</a>, if you have any questions.

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