



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

[www.stjamescatholic.org](http://www.stjamescatholic.org)

703-532-8815

## March 24, 2024



### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

#### 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  
Deacon Marvin Muhat

#### Rectory Office Hours

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, 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/](http://stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/).

## Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff

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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](mailto:receptionist@stjamescatholic.org).

### The Pope's March Prayer Intention

**For the new martyrs**—We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### 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

*The Seven Last Words: Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.*

The final words of Jesus on the Cross are those of a child. They are childlike in the best and most profound sense of that word. Of course, each of his last words is childlike insofar as it displays his trust in the eternal Father. But his final words – the last of the seven last words – more than the others. Because he learned them first as a boy at the knee of his father Joseph, and because he directed them finally to his eternal Father.

“Into your hands I commend my spirit” (Ps 31:6). As a Jewish boy, Jesus would have learned the psalms from Joseph, whose duty it was to instruct him in the faith. Joseph taught him how to form these words, how to pray them before the God of Israel. Now they come to his lips one last time. What a tribute to Joseph’s fatherhood, that his son should draw from the wealth of devotion given to him.

But on the Cross, Jesus adds something to the psalm verse: *Father*. Perhaps having learned the psalm from Joseph it was the most natural thing in the world to do, to direct it to his heavenly Father. But it’s not mere sentimentality. In his human nature, so well formed in filial piety, Jesus gives expression to the eternal Son’s dependence on the Father, to the trust he always has in his Father.

And although the example is given *in extremis*, Jesus voices what is normative for children of God. He is the Son of God by nature; we are children of God by grace. He has given us the grace to pray as he does, to commend ourselves into the Father’s hands.

In her wisdom, Mother Church has incorporated these words into Compline (Night Prayer) prayed every night by priests and religious throughout the world. We conclude our day with this prayer precisely as a training to conclude our earthly lives with the same words, with the same childlike trust in the Father.

This childlike trust also provokes a question: *Can God be trusted?* It’s not an uncommon question. It’s the question that keeps many people from believing and the question that keeps those who already believe from believing more and growing in faith. It’s lurking in the back of the mind when we pray. *Father be trusted? Can he be trusted with what I’m offering, with my prayers and needs? Does it make sense to entrust to him my worries, my time, my sacrifices?*

This final prayer begs for an answer. In fact, without an answer, it’s naïve and foolish. Everything depends on whether and what the Father answers. Throughout his life Jesus demonstrated a son’s perfect trust in the Father. It was his claim to be the Son of the Father that brought him to the Cross. As he was betrayed, beaten, scourged, and crucified, this trust was stretched to the extreme. Those at his execution mocked him: “He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God’” (Mt 27:43).

His final words were a summary of what he revealed himself to be and how he taught us to live: *Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit*. His teachings, his way of life – most of all, the truth of his being the Son of God – it all depends on the Father’s answer. All of which points us to the feast to come and how Easter represents the Father’s acceptance and approval of the Son. The risen One shows us that the Father heard – and that he always hears his children.

– Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week of Lent

**Saturday, March 23**

**Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00pm +Rosemary Sales

**Sunday, March 24**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:30am Jane and Michael Checkan

9:00am +Felix Manuel Pina Lopez

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Doris Brocabado

2:30pm +Patricia Mendez

7:00pm Steve Walach

**Monday, March 25**

**Monday of Holy Week**

6:30am Steve and Amy Prickel

8:15am +Louise Moriarity

Noon Katherine Bernard

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

6:30am +Javier Sanchez

8:15am Amir N. Khattak

Noon +Emily Grace Vasquez

**Wednesday, March 27**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

6:30am +George C. Jennings

8:15am +Magdalena Banez

Noon Elizabeth Fuller

**Thursday, March 28**

**Thursday of The Lord's Supper**

7:00pm +Rev. John F Kurtzke, Jr., CSC

**Friday, March 29**

**Friday of the Passion of The Lord (Good Friday)**

No Masses

**Saturday, March 30**

**Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

7:45pm

**Sunday, March 31**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30am Special Intention

9:00am +Zacharia T. Coipuram and Thomas T.  
Coipuram, Sr.

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Danny and Ana Diaz

2:30pm +Marjorie Wall

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** Is 50:4-7

"The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue,"

**Psalm** 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

**Second Reading** Phil 2:6-11

"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,"

**Gospel** Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

"The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were..."

or

"As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders..."

## Readings for the Week

Visit [www.bible.usccb.org/readings](http://www.bible.usccb.org/readings) for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

## Remember in Your Prayers

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

Janet Owen

Jim 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

Ryan Thomas Kehling

Jennifer Curran O'Hare

## 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 [bulletin@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@stjamescatholic.org).

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, 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](http://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](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org)

## Parking Reminder for Holy Week

If you park on the Church side of Park Avenue, please be aware of our Parish House driveway at 913 Park Avenue. The driveway is to the right of the wooden ramp entrance to the Parish House. **Please make sure that your car is not parked too close to the Parish House driveway entrance.** Leaving space between your car and the driveway opening improves visibility for cars entering and exiting the driveway and gives them more space to turn in and pull out.

For Easter weekend we have **five lots** available for Church parking:

- **A Lot**—Corner of Park Ave. and Spring St.
- **B Lot**—Corner of Park Ave. and Oak St.
- **C Lot**—on Broad St., in front of the School
- **Parish House Lot**—at 913 Park Ave.
- **Top Level Garage at Founders Row**—  
Located to the right of the Parish House, this garage has reserved this space **Sunday mornings only** until 1:00pm

For more details, visit our *Registration, Boundaries, & Directions* page under *About Us* menu on our website, [stjamescatholic.org/home-2/registration-boundaries](http://stjamescatholic.org/home-2/registration-boundaries).

## Easter Weekend Schedule Changes

The Rectory offices will be closed **Friday, March 29th, through Monday, April 1st**, in observance of Easter weekend. We will have only two Masses on April 1st, 6:30am and 8:15am.

For an emergency requiring the sacraments of the Church, call our office at 703-532-8815 and follow the menu prompts for the priests' emergency line.

## Adult Confirmation Classes

After Easter, Saint James will offer 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. Email him at [fatherjohnpaul@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:fatherjohnpaul@stjamescatholic.org) to register.

## Time Change for Easter Vigil Next Weekend

Adults in our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) program will become part of our Church next weekend on Holy Saturday, **March 30th**, at our Easter Vigil at 7:45pm. **Please note the time change from 8:30pm to 7:45pm.**

Please keep our catechumens at Saint James in your prayers as they receive the sacraments at our Easter Vigil. This is an important moment on their faith journey.



## Parish Lenten Gift Card Project

Support our Social Outreach Committee's Lenten Gift Card Project by donating \$25 gift cards (**Walmart, Aldi, Giant, Safeway, or Target**) or sending a check for the parish to purchase gift cards to help support three local shelters.

Make the check payable to Saint James Catholic Church and write "SOC Gift Card Program" on the memo line. Place gift cards or checks in an envelope marked "Social Outreach Gift Card Program" and deliver one of the following ways: place in the collection basket, hand deliver to the Rectory Office, or mail the envelope to Saint James Catholic Church, 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046. Thank you for your generosity to families in need in our diocese.

## Church Food Baskets Reminder

Please note that the food baskets in the front of the church are only for non-perishable food items for Food Distribution only.

**Saint James Catholic Church does not accept donations of books, toys, clothing, furniture, etc.**

If you have any of those items you wish to donate, the following places will accept them:

- Local Thrift, 1049 West Broad St., Falls Church
- Falls Church Community Services, 7416 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church
- Salvation Army, 4915 Ox Rd., Fairfax
- The Lamb Center, 3160 Campbell Dr., Fairfax

Thank you for your cooperation by not leaving these items in the church.

## Parish News (Continued)

### Lenten Meatless Recipes

You can find all recipes from the Creation Care Ministry on the [Lent 2024](#) link on our website.

#### **Protein Bowl with Roasted Peppers & Herb Vinaigrette**

- 1 juiced lemon
- 1 Tbsp agave
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- 1 cup precooked rice, brown or white
- 13.4 oz of kidney or black beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 shallot, peeled & minced
- 1 oz fresh parsley leaves & stems roughly chopped
- 4 oz roasted red peppers, drained



Make vinaigrette with first 5 ingredients. Add rice to medium bowl and microwave for 1 minute. Add the rest of the ingredients and herb vinaigrette to the rice and toss to combine.

### Catholic Youth Organization Spring Track

The Saint James CYO Track and Field team is kicking off its season now. The team is open to students in grades 3-8 and the season ends with the Northern Virginia Junior CYO Championship meet on Sunday, May 18th.

Track practices are held on the following days:

- Thursdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm in B Lot
- Saturdays from 8:00am-9:00am at Cherry Hill Park
- Sundays from 1:15pm-2:30pm on the Bishop O'Connell High School track

For more information and to sign up, please email [track@saintjameschool.org](mailto:track@saintjameschool.org).



### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th

The Octave Day of Easter, or the Sunday after Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Saint John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church in 2000. Just as we prepare for Easter during Lent, we should also prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, especially by doing works of mercy. **In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, our Divine Mercy Cenacle members have volunteered to lead the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy during the nine day Novena beginning on Good Friday.** Below is the schedule for each day. Saint James will hold a special Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday at 5:00pm. Join us in praising and thanking God for his unfathomable mercy.



## Divine Mercy Novena

Pray the Novena with us each day at Saint James starting on Good Friday, March 29th

**3/29, 1:00pm**  
**3/30, 12:30pm**  
**3/31, 1:00pm**  
**4/1-4/5, 12:45pm**  
**4/6, 9:30am**  
**4/7, 5:00pm**

**Good Friday – after Stations of the Cross**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**Easter Sunday – after Noon Mass**  
**Easter Monday to Friday – after Noon Mass**  
**Easter Saturday after 8:15am Mass**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday – during Holy Hour**

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# BASH

AN EXCITING DAY FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
TO GATHER WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH!



**KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER:  
MARI PABLO**

**SATURDAY  
MAY 4TH**

**MASS WITH  
BISHOP  
BURBIDGE**



**CHRISTIAN ILLUSIONIST:  
DANNY RAY**

# Youth Ministry

## WorkCamp Contractor Needed

WorkCamp is in need of a "Contractor." 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 for a WorkCamp contractor, but not required. A person who is handy with tools as well as 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](mailto:andy@hxr.us), for more information.

### Youth Ministry Calendar

2024

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Middle School Events (Grades 6-8) 4-6 pm, Saint James Gym

Sunday Pizza & Dodgeball:

April 28	
June 30	<i>BASH</i>
July 28	<b>May 4</b>

#### High School & WorkCamp Events

April 21 - Crafts and Bake Sale  
May 18 - Tool training  
May 19 - Bucket Drive  
June 1 - Final Check-In Social Event  
June 22 - 28 - WorkCamp

**DC UNITED**  
**FAITH & FAMILY DAY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**  
**7:30 PM**

Contact Youth Ministry for ticket information.  
[abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org)

Middle School Students  
Grades 6-8  
You are Invited to

# BASH

WHEN: Saturday, May 4th  
TIME: 3:30pm - 8:30pm  
WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA  
COST: \$15.00 per participant  
HOW TO SIGN UP: Contact Youth Ministry by April 30th

[abigart@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:abigart@stjamescatholic.org)

# Vocations Camps Lottery

## Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations.

- Quo Vadis (**for boys**) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and will be held Sunday-Thursday, **July 7-11**.
- FIAT (**for girls**) is staffed by religious sisters and will be held Sunday-Thursday, **July 14-18**.

Both will be at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. **The registration lottery will be open March 1-29**; only one entry per person is needed, and it can be submitted anytime between March 1-29. Get more information and register for the lottery at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).



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

### Lenten and Easter Collections at Saint James Parish

Thank you all so much for your generosity to our parish and diocese during Lent and Easter. If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the following collections, you can do so via the one-time gift option found on the Stewardship page of our website at [stjamescatholic.org/stewardship/](http://stjamescatholic.org/stewardship/).

- March 16-17 Last weekend for Easter Flowers, [membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3355](http://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3355)
- March 23-24 Palm Sunday, [membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3356](http://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3356)
- March 28 Falls Church Community Service Council, [membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/47393](http://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/47393)
- March 29 Holy Land Shrines Collection (Good Friday), [membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1484](http://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1484)
- March 31 Easter Sunday, [membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3357](http://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/3357)
- Ongoing Bishop's Lenten Appeal, [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla)

**This year's Holy Thursday collection on March 28th will be for the Falls Church Community Service Council (FCS), a local charity that aids the poor and suffering in our Falls Church Community.** For many years, our Social Outreach Committee has partnered with FCS to serve individuals and families in need of food and financial support. To donate, visit [membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/47393](http://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/47393). To learn more about the Falls Church Community Service Council, visit [www.fcswe care.org](http://www.fcswe care.org).

As always, thank you for your kindness and goodness to Saint James Parish and to our special Diocesan and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) collections. We are so blessed!



### All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle April 23rd Deadline

The chance to purchase/sell raffle tickets is almost over. Ticket purchasers will have a chance to win one of four 2024 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Escape, Mustang, Bronco Sport and Ranger Truck) plus 21 cash drawings totaling \$40,000. As a result of last year's car raffle, Saint James netted \$14,000 which helped to serve the needs of our wonderful parish.

#### **Important Final Dates:**

- **April 23rd**—Deadline for sending in tickets to All Saints
- **April 27th**—Drawing will take place. (Winners do not need to be present at the drawing. Winners will be contacted after the drawing.)

It is essential that you return your check, ticket stubs, and unsold tickets to All Saints Catholic Church. This is a requirement by the Virginia Department of Charitable Gaming. Please mail the items to All Saints Catholic Church, 300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA 20110 marked Attn: Car Raffle. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. If you still need tickets to sell, contact the Rectory office at 703-532-8815.



Note that pictures are representative of the raffle vehicles; model and styling of the actual vehicles may differ.



*“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22*



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*“Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child.”*

# Preschool Openings

“Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.” In recognition of Dr. Seuss and *Read Across America* week, our preschoolers made *Cat in the Hat* hats and dressed up as their favorite storybook characters. They also learned about recycling, enjoyed outdoor playtime, and more.

**Our Saint James Preschool has limited openings in the 4-year-old and junior kindergarten classes for the 2024-2025 school year.** Classes run from 9:15am-12:15pm with additional breakfast and Lunch Bunch options. All classes have a lead teacher and a full-time aide. Teachers partner with parents to help their children grow in wisdom, faith, and knowledge. Our environment is joyful, respectful, and play based.

Reach out to our Preschool Director Deanna Toman, [dtoman@saintjameschool.org](mailto:dtoman@saintjameschool.org), with any questions or to schedule a tour to meet our preschool faculty and staff or visit [www.saintjameschool.org/saint-james-preschool](http://www.saintjameschool.org/saint-james-preschool). Come see why Saint James Catholic School is the place where we ignite the potential in each child.

**Celebrating 100 years of education by the IHM Sisters — 1923-2023**



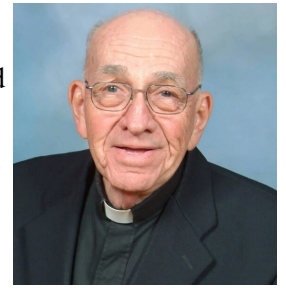
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## Farewell to Monsignor Roscoe Roy Cosby

On February 18, 2024, Monsignor R. Roy Cosby passed away three months shy of his 100th birthday. He was a beloved priest of both the Arlington and Richmond dioceses who was described by Bishop Michael Burbidge as a “humble priest who sought only to do the will of God without any focus on himself.” He was born on May 16, 1924, in Henrico County, VA. He later earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech and a Masters in Teaching Science from UVA. After short stints at the U.S. Patent Office and as a teacher at St. Francis College, Roy decided to enter St. Mary’s seminary in Baltimore, MD. He was ordained on May 8, 1954. In 1993, he was appointed pastor of Saint James Catholic Church and given the title “Monsignor” the following year. He also served as Vicar General under Bishop Keating from 1994 to 1998.



As a former teacher, Monsignor was keenly focused on the importance of Catholic education and desired to provide our students with modernized school facilities. So, he gave the school a needed “facelift” -- he painted the walls and ceilings, installed new tile flooring and set aside space for a computer and science lab. He also replaced the school’s oil-heat system with natural gas and installed air conditioning—a tribute to his previous life as an engineer! His greatest accomplishment was the building of a new gymnasium and conference center in memory of Joseph B. Knecht—Sloane Knecht’s son and Joe Knecht’s father. In 1999, Monsignor Cosby retired as our beloved pastor after preparing the School and the Parish for the new millennium. He touched the lives of so many people, especially with “his great devotion to Our Blessed Mother and his appreciation of priestly fraternity” (Bishop Burbidge, Arlington Catholic Herald Mar 7-20 edition).

Here is a look back on his time at Saint James.



Msgr. Cosby with Principal Sister Janet Regina, IHM, at the school’s May Procession in 1997



Msgr. Cosby, along with Principal Sister Janet Regina, IHM, at the groundbreaking for the Joseph B. Knecht Gym and Conference Room



Not an uncommon sight to see Msgr. Cosby plowing. Here he was at a Monte Maria Visitation Monastery outside of Richmond.

## Memories of Monsignor Cosby

Monsignor Cosby came to Saint James at the right time. He was a man of great faith who shepherded the parish during a transformative period. From a managerial standpoint, he was a strong leader who identified issues and delegated effectively; however, he was unafraid of getting his hands dirty with hard work.

The Monsignor was a bridge-builder; he worked hand-in-hand with Sister Janet Regina, IHM, the PTO, and the Parish Council to make significant facilities updates. Bill McCarthy and his staff were always busy—improvements to the facilities and school buildings were tangible (and much appreciated by the students and staff). The school received its first Blue Ribbon designation during this period, constructed a new gymnasium, and saw a considerable increase in the number of school children and CCD participation. The sense of community was vibrant.

He improved the faith community in various facets: outreach to the sick and homebound was a priority; he reinvigorated the St. James Youth group; and encouraged the members of the Women of Saint James, Men of Saint James, and scouting groups to widen their social outreach efforts. The older altar servers were privileged to serve as acolytes, becoming more involved in the Mass.

Monsignor Cosby was a positive influence on me and a great minister to my family during some challenging times. He will be missed—he was a good man and a great pastor.

Joe Knecht, Saint James Parishioner



My fondest memory of Monsignor Cosby is one of deep gratitude that has stayed with me as a living memory. It has also served me well as a reminder to be generous in kindness.

My father was my mother's caretaker. She had dementia and, despite his advanced Emphysema, his care for her was inspiring. My dad passed away in 1997, and I received permission to live with my mother and be her caretaker. My IHM Congregation asked me if I would be able to assist at Saint James School in the mornings. Sister Janet Regina was the principal and she graciously let me know that my mother could come to school with me every day. This was a perfect scenario for me and introduced me to Saint James School!

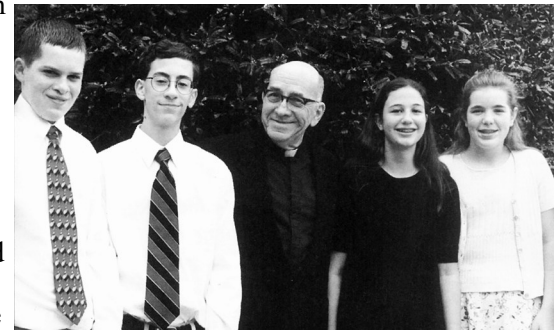
My dad had purchased a car shortly before his death. As I looked at finances, I was concerned about the car payments. I asked Sister Janet if she knew anyone interested in purchasing a car. She asked Monsignor Cosby the same question. Without hesitation, Father announced that he had been wanting to purchase another car for the Sisters! Within days, I was able to pay off the car loan and hand the keys to Monsignor. I am very sure that the Sisters appreciated another car for their use. I am almost 100% sure that this purchase was the last thing on Monsignor's agenda.

Monsignor's generous and very thoughtful act of kindness stays with me every day. He lifted a heavy load of concern from me. I think of this often and try to emulate his example in the small ways. I met Monsignor Cosby many times after my year with my mother, and I know he had no idea who I was. His generous heart was not dependent on who was in need or what they did. He only measured the need at hand and responded as God asks each of us to do.

Sister Mary Sue Carwile, former Principal of Saint James School



Principal Sr. Janet Regina, IHM, PTO President Sam Gerdano, and a young Joe Knecht present the check for the groundbreaking of the new gym in honor of Joe's late father, Joseph B. Knecht. Joe's grandfather, Sloane Knecht, is seated to the far right.



The School dedicated their 1997-1998 yearbook to Msgr. Cosby for his support and dedication to the school.

# Holy Week 2024 at Saint James Catholic Church

## Monday, March 25

- 6:30pm-8:00pm Confessions

## Tuesday, March 26

- 6:30pm-8:00pm Confessions

## Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00am-11:00am Confessions
- 12:30pm-6:30pm Adoration
- 7:00pm Tenebrae Service
- 8:00pm Confessions

## Holy Thursday, March 28

- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 7:00pm Misa de la Cena del Señor (gimnasio) (español)

These are the only Masses.

No Confessions or Adoration.

## Good Friday, March 29

- 9:30am-11:30am Confessions
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 5:00pm Vía Crucis (español)
- 6:30pm Veneración de la Cruz

## Holy Saturday, March 30

- 9:00am Blessing of the Easter Baskets & Egg Hunt
- 9:30am-11:30am Confessions
- **7:45pm Easter Vigil Mass (Misa de Vigilia Pascual)**  
◇ Please note the earlier start time

## Easter Sunday (domingo de Pascua) Masses, March 31

- 7:30am
- 9:00am
- **10:30am Livestream**
- 12:00pm
- **2:30pm (español) transmisión en vivo**

## Wednesday of Holy Week

## Miércoles de Semana Santa

## Tenebrae Service Servicio Tenebrae

## March 27th @ 7:00pm 27 de marzo a las 7:00 pm

A solemn service with candlelight, hymns, & readings led by our Saint James Choir

Es una ceremonia solemne con velas, himnos, y lecturas dirigido por nuestro coro de Santiago.



## VIA CRUCIS EN VIVO Y PROCESIÓN LIVING STATIONS & PROCESSION

Friday, March 29 / viernes, 29 de marzo  
5:00pm

Begin in front of the church  
Comienza al frente de la iglesia

All are Welcome!  
¡Todos están Bienvenidos!

# Parish Calendar

<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>Holy Week</b>	
6:30pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>		
8:00am-9:00am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
6:30pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
7:00pm-9:00pm	Mothers of Young Children	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>		
6:30am, 8:15am, & Noon	Morning Masses	Church
10:00am-11:30pm	Mothers of the Church	Knecht
10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht
7:00pm-8:30pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
	See Holy Week activities on page 12	
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>Holy Thursday; School Early Dismissal</b>	
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<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	See Holy Week activities on page 12	
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	See Holy Week activities on page 12	
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>Easter Sunday. See Mass schedule on page 12</b>	
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
8:30pm-9:30pm	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House

### Easter Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt

Bring your Easter Baskets to church on **Holy Saturday, March 30th, at 9:00am** for a blessing of the “first foods” of Easter.

This blessing—a long tradition of Christians in Poland and the Slavic countries to thank God for the gifts of creation and grace—marks the end of the Lenten fast when eggs were among the foods that could not be eaten.

The blessed foods, including eggs and perhaps Easter bread, cheese, bacon, ham, butter, salt, and even a few jellybeans, are then taken home to be shared on Easter morning.

**Following the blessing on Saturday morning, we will have the Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn.**

