



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

May 25, 2025



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence
Deacon Marvin Muhat

Rectory Office Hours

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
2:30pm (Spanish), Noon,
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 six-month 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/.

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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 May Prayer Intention

For working conditions—Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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On The Way

Figures of the Resurrection: The Disciples on the Road

“Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus...” (see Lk 24:13-35). They were going the wrong way. Jerusalem, the holy city, the center of the world for devout Jews, was behind them. They had turned their backs on it and on the disciples gathered there. Further, Emmaus lies west of Jerusalem, which means that the disciples were walking away from the rising sun, towards its setting, into darkness. The geography of their journey speaks of the dire situation. Their direction and destination are not hopeful.

Nor is their conversation. “[T]hey were conversing about all the things that had occurred.” Which means that they were speaking about Jesus Christ – about His suffering and death, and about the uncertain reports of His resurrection. Saint Luke describes the disciples as “downcast.”

In the midst of this, our Lord Himself draws near. Perhaps He feels welcome because they are, after all, talking about Him. Still, there’s a courtesy He shows in keeping them from recognizing Him. As though if they did it would ruin the flow of the conversation. He allows it to continue as before, although He directs it by His questions. He thus prepares them for a teaching about Himself: “Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.” This prepares them in turn for a fuller revelation in the breaking of the bread.

He comes to us when we speak about Him. This is what friends and spouses (who have that highest form of friendship) ought to do. The disciples on the road teach us one basic truth about the resurrection: we have to talk about it. As Peter and John would say weeks later, “It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). Indeed, in the Acts of the Apostles the resurrection of Christ is always the topic of conversation. It should be for us as well. When we speak with one another about Him, He draws near.

Saint Paul tells us that “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil 3:20). That is sometimes translated as “our *conversation* is in heaven.” Those different translations are complementary. To be a citizen of heaven means to talk about it, to converse about divine things, to speak of the resurrection.

The scene is also a lesson in prayer. Jesus Christ draws near to us – or desires to – in our grief and sorrow. But He needs that opening which is the conversation of prayer. If we keep our sorrow to ourselves, it becomes toxic. When we speak about it in prayer with Him, then He can use our grief as an occasion to know Him better and to advance in hope.

Finally, the disciples on the road teach us about the Mass. Indeed, the whole scene is the structure of the Mass. First there is the consideration of Scripture that corresponds to the Liturgy of the Word: “Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.” Then there’s the revelation of Christ in the breaking of the bread that corresponds to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This then is what we do at every Mass. We speak about Christ and then He comes to us in the Eucharist. Like the two disciples, we might come to Mass in grief and sorrow. Fine. That’s the place to bring our burdens. But we must allow Him to draw near in His word and in the Eucharist. Then He brings us not only consolation but courage to change directions as those disciples did, to turn back from darkness to light and race to make Him known.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 24

Mass for Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Donna Casey

Sunday, May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +William G. Teed

9:00am +Ramiro and Flora Lopez

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon The Jim Maloney family

2:30pm +Hector Servando Martinez Otero

7:00pm +Cameron Gallegos

Monday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

6:30am +Marco Amas

8:15am +All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

6:30am +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

8:15am +Michael and Mary Seyman

Noon +Tony Antenucci

Wednesday, May 28

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

6:30am +Nelsa Duran

8:15am +Hugh Sheridan

Noon +Carlos Infante

Thursday, May 29

St. Paul VI

6:30am Juliana Vail

8:15am +Sharon Lanning

Noon Antonio Grebogi in Thanksgiving

Friday, May 30

Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

6:30am +Jacob Reninger

8:15am +Jack Dobson

Noon The Gerdano and Strickler families

Saturday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am +P. M. Mathew

Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

5:00pm Br. Isaiah of the Holy Face, OCD

Sunday, June 1

Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

7:30am +Dr. Frank Whitesell III

9:00am +Carlos Turza

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Esther and Frank Gaspar and family

2:30pm +Gloria Maria Arcos

7:00pm +Susan Sullivan

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

"Some who had come down from Judea were instructing..."

Psalms

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

"O God, let all the nations praise you!" or "Alleluia."

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

"The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain..."

Gospel

John 14:23-29

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Whoever loves me will keep...'"

Readings for the Week

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

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Regina DePalma

Gloria Mora

Joyce Babiak

Thomas Duncan

Rachel Noonan

James Banks

Roberta Dunn

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Clare Dunne

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Katherine Garren

Colman Rowan

Mary Ellen Blodgett

Anthony L. Gerena

BJ Salinas

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

Kathleen Seroskie

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Robyn Stewart

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Kathy Thomas

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Lauren Vinci

Brendan Collins

Jose G. Martinez

Liv Wash

Gene Columbo

Mildred Melmer

Anne Marie Willis

Grace Coipuram

Julie Neil

Richard Ziegler

Mona Demien

the deceased of our parish family

John Michael O'Brien

Carlos Soliz

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

COL Jay Hildreth, USA

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CPL James Murray, USMC

LTJG William Conroy, USN

2LT Paul Murray, USA

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

2LT Finn Roou, USA

For changes, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

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.

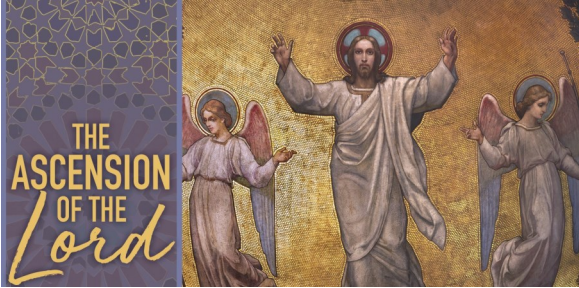
- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to PrayerChain@saintjamescatholic.org.



Parish News

Ascension Thursday, May 29th

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be transferred from Thursday, May 29th, of the sixth week of Easter to the seventh Sunday of Easter on June 1st.



Christ in the Little City

...on Corpus Christi Sunday! We will have our annual Eucharistic Procession on **Sunday, June 22nd, after the Noon Mass.**

Lots A and B will be available for the noon Mass. However, cars will not be able to exit the lots until after the procession.

Please consider parking in the Parish House parking lot or the top deck inside the Founder's Row parking garage where Saint James has reserved parking spots on Sundays until 1:00pm.

Memorial Day—Monday, May 26th

On Monday, May 26th, we will observe Memorial Day. The rectory office will be closed. There will be two Masses at 6:30am and 8:15am. The rectory will also be closed on Saturday, May 24th.

Memorial Day remembers all those who gave the last full measure of devotion to our nation. Please take a moment to pray for those who have gone to their rest while serving our country. We thank them for their service of protecting our freedom.

Parking Notice: Falls Church City will have their annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, and streets around the church will be closed which will impact parking.

Park Avenue from Little Falls Street to N. West Street will

- be closed from 11:00am-5:00pm and
- not allow parking from 6:00am-6:00pm.

Visit the Falls Church City website to see all streets impacted, <https://bit.ly/FCCParade>.

Holy Spirit Novena

Saint James will prepare for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th, by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts **Friday, May 30th-Saturday, June 7th**. Daily emails will be sent to those who have signed up for Fr. Scalia's parish emails. You will also be able to pray the daily Novena at bit.ly/HolySpirit7GiftsNovena.

Life Corner

Pray to build a Culture of Life. Every Saturday morning come and pray the Rosary, led by our parish priests, at 6:45am in front of 900 S. Washington Street in Falls Church, for the protection and sanctity of human life.



Let's continue to respond to Bishop Burbidge's call to "rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life." Pray also for all who work to build a culture of life.

REMINDER Adoration Ends Early

12:30PM-6:00PM

WED, MAY 28TH

**WED, JUNE 4TH
(AND NO CONFESSIONS)**

Parish News (Continued)

Donut Sunday June 1st



After the 9:00am & 10:30am Masses
in Monsignor Heller Hall

The last Donut Sunday until October!

June 1st Blood Drive

You still have time to register! Thank you to all the blood donors who continue to make our quarterly blood drives so successful. Did you know that your single blood donation could save or improve the lives of two or more persons in need? The INOVA doctors, medical staff, and patients are very grateful to you for this "Gift of Life."

The Knights of Columbus welcomes all donors to our next blood drive on **Sunday, June 1st, from 8:30am-2:30pm** at the Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington.

We hope returning donors and new donors join us on June 1st.



Schedule an appointment one of three ways:

- **Call** 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 6216
- **Call or email** Bob Muschamp with your preferred time, 703-489-2856 or bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com
- **Visit** <https://bit.ly/KOC0601> or scan the QR code

God bless you for what you do for others, as you do it for Him. Call Len Sese, Knight and parishioner, at 301-793-8184 if you have any questions.

5TH ANNUAL SAINT JAMES ROCKET CLASSIC

benefitting the students at Saint James School



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
WESTFIELDS GOLF CLUB
1 PM SHOTGUN START**

**EARLY BIRD PRICING
THRU JUNE 11!
\$175 / PLAYER
\$700 / FOURSOME**

[HTTPS://SJSPTOVA.EJOINME.ORG/REGISTER](https://sjsptova.ejoinme.org/register)

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



**830 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046
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Email: religioused@saintjamesschool.org



**Summer Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:30am-Noon or by appointment**

Youth Ministry



**COLLEGE COFFEE
AT NIGHT**
2025

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

RECENTLY GRADUATED SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR THE SUMMER ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER, DESSERT, AND DISCUSSION ON MONDAYS THIS SUMMER.

KICK OFF: MONDAY, JUNE 2

7:30PM
PARISH HOUSE KITCHEN/GARDEN
PLEASE RSVP TO
ABIGART@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG

College Nights Return in July

The Associates of St. John Bosco will resume their college nights for rising college freshman and transfer students to fortify their Catholic faith before stepping foot on a college campus.

College Nights is free and include student testimonials, small groups divided by your campus (or similar to yours), pizza dinner, and a free Bosco Bundle to take with you to college! **Wear your college t-shirt and scan the QR code to register.**



Below are the 2025 College Night dates and locations. All events begin at 7:00pm.

- Tuesday, July 1 - [St. Mark](#) (Vienna)
- Thursday, July 10 - [St. Theresa](#) (Ashburn)
- Tuesday, July 15 - [Holy Trinity](#) (Gainesville)
- Tuesday, July 22 - [Basilica of St. Mary](#) (Alexandria)

If you plan to attend, please let our Youth Ministry coordinator know as well at ym@stjamescatholic.org.

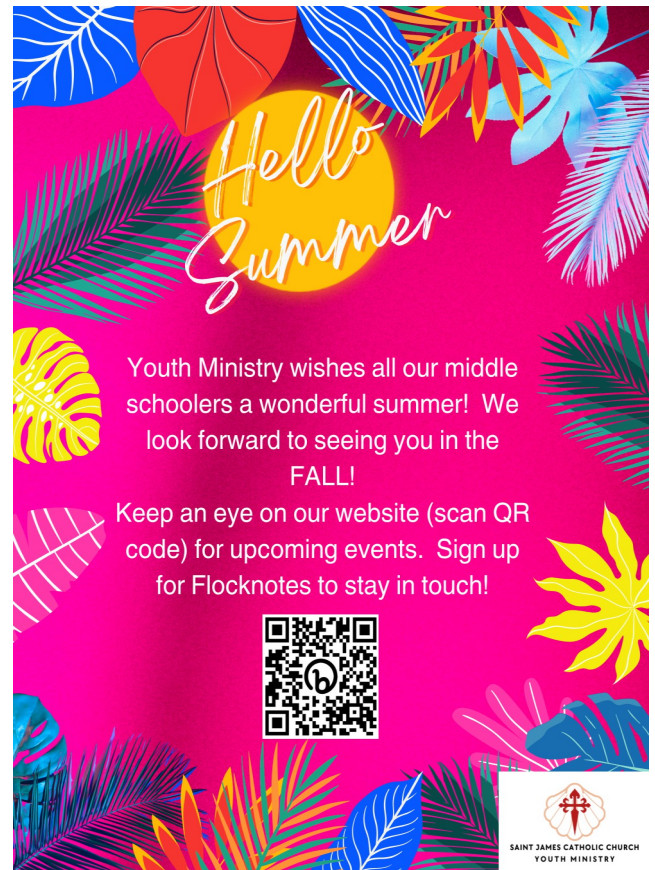


TEENS FUNDRAISING FOR WORKCAMP 2025

BUCKET DROP!

Next weekend our WorkCamp crew will have a **Bucket Drop after each Mass on Saturday, May 31st, and Sunday, June 1st**


The crew will be collecting donations which will be used to help cover the student cost as well as for the construction costs incurred to help with the home repairs during WorkCamp week. We appreciate your donations and prayers as our teens prepare for WorkCamp in June. Donations can also be made via check to Saint James Church with 'WORKCAMP' on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your support!



Hello Summer

Youth Ministry wishes all our middle schoolers a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you in the **FALL!**

Keep an eye on our website (scan QR code) for upcoming events. Sign up for Flocknotes to stay in touch!



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Diocesan Retired Priest Collection

Last weekend there was a second collection for our diocesan retired priests. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Many elder religious worked for years for little to no pay, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.

You can still donate to this important collection at membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1486. Thank you for your kind support!



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.

While every family contributes, tuition covers less than 25% of costs. It costs \$1500 to give one child the best summer. Your tax-deductible gift can make a difference and change a life! You can donate via <https://contigoyouth.org/give/> or write a check payable to CONTIGO INC. and mail it to 1617 N. Abingdon Street, Arlington, VA 22207.



Food Distribution Needs Your Support

Please pray for the people in our community who are struggling with food insecurity.

If you are able, please consider placing one of the non-perishable items (listed to the right) into the baskets at the back of the church which can be used for our **June 6th** Food Distribution. Our inventory is low.

Remember—no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items, no produce or fresh items (e.g., bread) unless prior arrangements have been made, and no items packaged at home.

The Food Distribution preferred food items are also listed on our home page, www.stjamescatholic.org. Parishioners may also make monetary donations to the Social Outreach Committee.

Thank you for helping those in our community.



Preferred Food Donations:

Rice (1-2 lb. bags)	Beans (dried, 1 lb. bags)
Canned Hearty Soups	Canned Meats (Chicken/Tuna)
Mac 'N Cheese (small boxes)	Canned Tomato Sauce
Pasta (plain, boxes)	Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti
Cereal (boxes)	Canned Green Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter
	Jelly

All donations may be placed in the baskets in church vestibules

We can accept only non-perishable items

Please: No produce or fresh items (includes bread), No expired items, No glass containers, No large or bulk-sized items, No items packaged at home (all items in original packaging)

Food Distribution continues to need parish support for Friday, June 6th

THANK YOU!

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



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.

Eighth Grade Spirit Day

Spirit Day is an annual tradition at Saint James School that celebrates our graduating 8th graders and our School Spirit. All the students (as well as parents and siblings) were there to root for them as the 8th grade performed choreographed dances and played an exciting basketball game. Sister Kathryn, principal, and Melissa Manager, assistant principal, greeted everyone in the morning as they arrived.



Parish Calendar

Monday, May 26 8:00pm-9:30pm	Memorial Day Holiday (see page 4) Young Professionals Bible Study	Parish House
Tuesday, May 27 7:00am-7:45am 7:30pm-9:00pm 7:30pm-9:00pm	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90 Charismatic Prayer Group Legion of Mary	Parish House Knecht Conference Room Parish House
Wednesday, May 28 12:30pm-6:00pm 7:00pm-8:00pm 6:30pm-8:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	Adoration ends early Confessions Spanish PREP First Communion Practice Men's Bible Study	Church Church Church Parish House
Thursday, May 29 12:30pm-8:00pm 7:00pm-8:00pm	Adoration Confessions	Church Church
Friday, May 30 11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, May 31 10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm 3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	WorkCamp Bucket Drop after Mass (see page 6) Pastoral Council Meeting Co-ed Bible Study Confessions	Msgr. Heller Hall Parish House Church
Sunday, June 1 10:00am-11:00am 10:00am-12:30pm 10:00am-2:00pm 2:30pm-3:30pm 4:00pm-5:30pm 5:00pm-6:00pm	WorkCamp Bucket Drop after Mass (see page 6) Youth Reader Donut Hour Last Donut Sunday for the summer Parish Library Open Spanish PREP First Communion Hispanic Legion of Mary Holy Hour	Parish House Msgr. Heller Hall Parish House Church Parish House Church

Saint James Bulletin Notices

Summer reminders

With summer approaching, there will be early submission dates in June and July. Visit our bulletin page on our website for details.

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