



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

April 26, 2026



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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)
Saturdays: 9:00am-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: See Parish website

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:
10:00am-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 April Prayer Intention

For priests in crisis—Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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On The Way

The Apostles: The Way of Saint James

Our parish patron is known most of all for the Way of Saint James – the Camino de Santiago, that pathway to his burial place walked by the faithful for 1200 years. To appreciate what this means, it's important to review how we got there.

At some point after Pentecost, the Apostles left Jerusalem to proclaim the Gospel in other lands. Tradition has it that Saint James traveled to Roman Hispania, present day Spain. One fruit of his time there is the first Marian apparition. During his missionary work, James became discouraged at the lack of conversions. It is said that our Lady came to console and encourage him. She appeared at the banks of the Ebro, standing on a pillar, and told him to build a chapel in that place. With his disciples he constructed a small building that, centuries later, was replaced by the Basilica of Our Lady of Pilar de Zaragoza. The image of Our Lady of the Pillar is there today, and it is under that title that Mary is patroness of Spain.

At some point, James returned to Jerusalem, where he suffered martyrdom in the year 44 AD. "Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword" (Act 12:1). That account from scripture is brief. But we know enough about James's character and temperament to safely presume that he was more vocal about our Lord than the other Apostles and thus provided for Herod a more obvious target. That verse concludes scripture's account about Saint James. According to the Golden Legend (a medieval account of the saints), "his disciples placed his body in a boat at night, embarked with him, although the boat had neither rudder nor steersman, and set sail, trusting to the providence of God to determine the place of his burial. And the angels guided the boat to the shores of Galicia in Spain." Subsequent centuries lost sight of the Apostle's resting place. Then, in 814 AD a hermit named Pelagius saw heavenly lights shining over a field on a certain hillside. Taking this to be a divine sign, he brought the news to the local bishop, who in turn sent a little delegation to explore. Upon investigation, they found the remains of three men: James and his disciples Theodore and Athanasius. The bishop immediately informed King Alfonso II, who had a shrine erected for these relics and came in pilgrimage to venerate them.

Thus began the *Camino* to Santiago de Compostela (from the Latin *Campus Stellae* – Field of the Star). Since that time, pilgrims have never ceased making the trek to venerate the remains of Saint James. The small shrine has been transformed into a glorious basilica. By way of this pilgrimage site, Saint James has had an impact on Christianity and history seemingly out of proportion to what scripture tells us about him. For we know very little from scripture. But the little we know reveals his devotion to Christ – and indicates a man whose tomb is worthy of veneration and pilgrimage.

In the end, the way of Saint James – his own *camino* – is promptness and generosity. When Christ called, he *immediately* left his work and his father to follow Him. May James intercede to gain for us a promptness of spirit in following Christ. Further, Jesus asked James and his brother, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They responded generously, "We can." May James intercede to gain for us that generosity of heart that is willing – indeed, that *seeks* – to share our Lord's cup and baptism.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week of Easter

Saturday, April 25

Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Jim and Elizabeth Meehan

Sunday, April 26

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Matthew Klena

9:00am Kelly Ferguson

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Meghan Sawyer

2:30pm +Juan Carlos Meza

7:00pm +Margaret Maguire

Monday, April 27

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

6:30am +Dr. Myhaylo and Sophia Kushnir

8:15am +Darby Bukowski Bynam

Noon +Lourdes B. Cabral

Tuesday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

6:30am Janryk Bukowski

8:15am +Richard Dunlap

Noon +Terrell Blodgett

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

6:30am Alexandra Bukowski

8:15am +Anthony Houvardas

Noon +Rizalina D. Farrales

Thursday, April 30

St. Pius V

6:30am William and April Mayer

8:15am Valentina Alves

Noon +Nelda Lofaso

Friday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

6:30am Rita Ashman

8:15am Ricardo Alves

Noon +Antonio Soriano

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius

8:30am +Lorna May Infante

Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Mary and Rives Tilman

Sunday, May 3

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Armando Crisostomo

9:00am Katherine Ollinger

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Carol Ann Williams

2:30pm +Jesus Alberto

7:00pm Rita Sargis and family

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

"Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,"

Psalm

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." or
"Alleluia"

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

"Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing..."

Gospel

John 10:1-10

"Jesus said: 'Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not ...'"

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

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Charles A. Burke

Jim Buscher

Christopher Butzgy

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Matthew Coffin

Grace Coipuram

John Cormany

Mona Demian

Charles Duggar

Thomas Duncan

Roberta Dunn

Dora Dee Estes

Liana Farrell

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Scott Herman

Susan Jackson

Laura Lareau

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Patricia McFarland

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Gloria Mora

Francis Neumann, Jr.

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Jerry Parker

Carter Parry

Charley Roberts

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Christopher Szara

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

The deceased of our parish family

Laurent Beaubien

Patricia Colevas

Henry John Gordon

Ann Buckley Griffith

Lawrence 'Bud' Nelson Kline

Joseph Edward Lange, Sr.

**Please pray for the members of our parish serving
in the military both home and abroad.**



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@saintjameschool.org.



Parish News

Catholic Home Missions Second Collection

This weekend, **April 25-26**, our second collection will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. It primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

To donate online in ParishSoft, visit <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/FD-50>. Then scroll down to select this fund to donate.

First Friday Morning Adoration

Due to a funeral **next Friday, May 1st**, First Friday Exposition and Benediction at 10:00am will be suspended.



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)
703-533-1182 x104 | Email: religioused@saintjameschool.org

First Holy Communion Rehearsals

GROUP A

- Monday, April 27, 6:30pm
- Thursday, April 30, 6:30pm**

GROUP B

- Monday, May 4, 6:30pm
- Thursday, May 7, 6:30pm**

Spanish PREP Rehearsals

- Wednesday, May 13, 6:30pm**
- Wednesday, May 20, 6:30pm**

****Adoration ends at 6pm on both Wednesdays and Thursdays**



First Friday Food Distribution May 1st

List of donations needed. Please donate only the items listed and not others.

Reusable shopping bags also needed.

Items in black are a critical need

Rice (1-2 lb bags)

Canned Hearty Soups

Canned Tomato Sauce

Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)

Canned Fruit

Cereal (boxes)

Peanut Butter



Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)

Canned Chicken & Tuna

Pasta (plain, boxes)

Canned Ravioli

Canned Spaghetti

Canned Green Vegetables

Jelly

All donations may be placed in the baskets in church vestibules. We can accept only non-perishable items. Please Note: No produce or fresh items, no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items. (All items must be in original packaging. No items packaged at home.)

Food Distribution Needs Your Help
(Adults and Teens)



For Friday, May 1st



Parish News (Continued)

Falls Church City Sidewalk Widening Plan— March 2026

As part of its West Broad Street Multimodal Improvements project and overall vision of a more walkable city, the City of Falls Church plans to widen the sidewalks on our side of Broad Street from Virginia Avenue to West Street. Visit their website at <https://fallschurchva.gov/2077/West-Broad-St-Multimodal-Improvements> or scan the QR code below for more information.

Below are some facts and impacts of the sidewalk widening.



- Generally, the sidewalks will be widened from 5 feet to 10 feet, with some exceptions.
- The City is compensating Saint James for taking a strip of our land for the sidewalk widening in front of our Guest House, Teachers' Lot, School, Convent, and Rocket Field.
 - ⇒ To make room for the wider sidewalk, some structures on our property will need to be relocated permanently, including the Teachers' Lot fence, the School LED sign (possibly), and the stone wall in front of the Convent.
 - ⇒ These displacements have been factored into the compensation which the City is providing to Saint James.
- The streets involved will include
 - ⇒ Virginia Avenue
 - ⇒ Lee Street
 - ⇒ Oak Street
 - ⇒ Spring Street
 - ⇒ West Street

Construction is likely to take at least two years and might begin as early as the second half of 2026. In an effort to minimize disruptions to the Saint James campus, the parish remains in ongoing communication with the City of Falls Church regarding the construction timeline and other project details that may affect our community. We will share updates as they become available in the bulletin as well as on the parish and school websites.

A Sad Bulletin Change

Many of you are aware that parish bulletins have become fodder for scammers. Because they are posted online, they can be mined for information that can be misused. In fact, you might be one of the lucky parishioners who's received an email or text supposedly from me but really from modern day swindlers. Which is all to say that we have to be more circumspect and prudent about what we put in the bulletin.

This sad truth has an immediate impact on an important aspect of our bulletin. For years we've listed members of the military from our parish in the bulletin – to honor their service and ask for prayers. Unfortunately, we can no longer do so. This decision comes from information I received about the military's own operational security requirements for those who are serving. Dropping this information from the bulletin serves three important ends: first, to protect our family and friends who support national security missions; second, to protect the families of those serving; lastly, to promote the safety of the parish.

I encourage all parishioners to pray for peace, for those members of our parish who have taken the oath to defend our nation, and especially for those currently in harm's way. While we will not publicly name our parish's military and foreign service personnel, we will continue the bulletin's regular reminder to pray for them.

—Fr. Scalia

May-The Month of Mary



**May Crowning
May 3rd
10:30am Mass**

It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Heavenly Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers to signify her honor as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Join Us!

Parish News (Continued)

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Just as the flowers begin to bloom in May, our souls are also called to flourish in grace through Mary, the “Mystical Rose”, the “Lily of Purity”. Mary is the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Church, and our mother. It was by her “Fiat” that the Word, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, became flesh, and dwelt amongst us. Her “yes” set the plan for our redemption in motion.

May 2nd is First Saturday. This May, commit to the first Saturday devotion which was requested of Sr. Lucia of Fatima. God in His goodness asks us only for five First Saturdays to obtain Our Lady’s promised graces. It is emphasized that we offer the Devotion with fervor and the intention of making reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Jesus explained these offenses:

- Blasphemies against Her Immaculate Conception
- Blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity
- Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize Her as the mother of men
- Blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother
- Offenses of those who outrage Her directly in her holy images

How to make the First Saturday Devotion:

1. Go to confession (within 8 days) and receive Holy Communion
2. Pray the Rosary
3. Keep Me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary
4. Do all of this with the intention of making reparation to Me.

All to Jesus through Mary!

“In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”



Seniors Young at Heart

MAY 21

5:00pm-7:30pm
Msgr. Heller Hall

Dinner: Sandwiches and chips

Guests: Bring a sandwich for 4 to share. Chips will be provided.

Guest speaker Jim Coyle, Economic Development Council of Falls Church, will discuss current and future plans slated for Falls Church.

A \$5 entrance donation is appreciated.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 18th, to Kathleen at kmphilomy2@gmail.com.

Join Us!

First Friday All-Night Adoration Join Him!



**7:30PM ON FIRST FRIDAY,
MAY 1ST**

TO

**8:30AM ON SATURDAY,
MAY 2ND**



Sign-up at
<https://bit.ly/FriAdoration>

Parish News (Continued)

Life Corner

Statement by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout on General Assembly Passage of Extreme Abortion Amendment (excerpt)



"Parental rights and the health and well-being of minors must be defended. So too must religious liberty. No one should ever be forced to pay for or participate in an abortion. Health and safety should be enhanced, not diminished. Most importantly, human life is sacred. The lives of vulnerable mothers and their preborn children must always be welcomed, cared for, and protected.

We will be deeply engaged in the work of helping to educate voters on these proposed amendments, and will fight the extreme abortion amendment with maximum determination."

The full text can be found on the diocesan website at www.arlingtondiocese.org. Click on Bishop, Public Message, January 16, 2026.

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

Comunidad Hispana

Bautismos

Para bautizar a su hijo, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 preferiblemente antes de la llegada del bebe. La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia y ambos deben asistir a la clase prebautismal, preferiblemente también antes de la llegada de su bebe. Para más información sobre los bautizos y clase de preparación para dichos bautizos, comuníquese con Víctor Méndez al 571-239-5772.

Enfermos de la Comunidad

Cada domingo podemos llevar la Sagrada Comunión a los feligreses que viven en los límites de la parroquia y que están enfermos, confinados en sus hogares o que están en hogares de ancianos. Si es necesario, un sacerdote puede visitarlo para ofrecerles la Reconciliación y la Unción de enfermos. Para más información, comuníquese con Patricia Flores al 703-371-5695.

Matrimonios

Para aquellos interesados en matrimonio, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 703-532-8815 para recibir información y comenzar la preparación matrimonial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Dicha preparación es un programa de seis meses y no se fijará una fecha para la boda hasta que un sacerdote haya tenido una reunión con la pareja.

Confesiones

- Miércoles y jueves 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Viernes 11:00am-11:45am
- Sábados 3:30pm-4:30pm y 6:30pm-7:30pm

Adoración

- Primeros viernes: 10:00am-12:00pm
- Primeros viernes (Adoración Nocturna): 7:30pm a 8:30am de sábado
- miércoles y jueves: 12:30pm-8:00pm

Página web parroquial en español

Haga clic en el código QR para visitar la página de la comunidad hispana, stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/, y obtener más información, incluyendo próximos eventos, sacramentos, misas, servicios religiosos, confesiones y contactos ministeriales.



Saint James Vacation Bible School
July 13-17, 2026 - 9:00am-Noon

An Adventure You'll Fall For
Campers: Rising K-5

Volunteer!
Adults and Rising
6th-12th Graders

\$75-1 Camper
\$110-2 Campers
\$145-3 Campers

RAINFORST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

Registration is now open!

Visit www.StJamesCatholic.org for details.
Returning volunteers must register as well.

QR code

"We hope to spot you there!"

An Invitation to The Men of Our Parish

33 Days to Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

“Go to Joseph; do whatever he tells you.” — Genesis 41:55

Introduction: Why St. Joseph?

In a world that often struggles to define masculinity, St. Joseph stands as the ultimate model of strength, silence, and sacrifice. Based on Fr. Donald Calloway’s book, this journey reveals St. Joseph as a courageous and fierce protector—the **Terror of Demons** and the **Guardian of the Universal Church**. By entrusting ourselves to him, we enter into his household to learn how to be better husbands, fathers, and men of God.

The Fellowship Commitment

To participate in this group journey, we invite you to commit to the following:

- **Purchase the Book, *The Consecration of St. Joseph*, <https://bit.ly/stjosephpdf>, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.**
 - * Each participant needs their own copy of *Consecration to St. Joseph*
 - * Order online at Paschal Lamb, <https://bit.ly/PaschalLambSite> or Amazon, <https://bit.ly/StJosephBookAmazon>
- **Daily Devotion:** Commit to ~15 minutes of daily reading and praying the **Litany of St. Joseph**.
- **The Meetings:** We will hold **six meetings** over five weeks. Wednesday meetings will be at 7:00pm in the Parish House. The final Sunday meeting will be finalized later.
- **Meeting Format:** Every gathering will follow a traditional structure: opening with the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* prayer, followed by specific readings, group discussion questions, and concluding with the *Litany of St. Joseph*.
- **Presence of St. Joseph:** We will have a beautiful statue or image of St. Joseph present at every meeting to remind us of his paternal presence.

Meeting Date	Focus: Readings Covered	Key Themes & Discussion
Wed, May 6	Intro & Day 1	Kickoff: Understanding why "now is the time of St. Joseph".
Wed, May 13	Days 2–8	Titles of St. Joseph: Spiritual fatherhood and being a "Knight of Our Lady".
Wed, May 20	Days 9–15	The Virtues: Exploring Joseph’s prudence, fortitude, and obedience.
Wed, May 27	Days 16–22	The Mirror of Patience: Learning from Joseph’s hidden life and heroic patience.
Wed, June 3	Days 23–29	Wonders of St. Joseph: His role as the Patron of the Dying and the "Terror of Demons".
Sun, June 7	Days 30–33	Consecration Day: Final reflections and group Act of Consecration after Mass.

An Invitation to The Men of Our Parish (Continued)

Why Consecrate on June 7th?

Our Consecration Day aligns with the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Just as St. Joseph provided the "Daily Bread" for the Holy Family, we will finish our journey on the day the Church honors the True Bread from Heaven. This day also marks a major stop for the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** in the Diocese of Arlington.

Local Pilgrimage Sites (DMV Area)

For those wishing to deepen their devotion, Fr. Calloway highlights the importance of visiting shrines dedicated to St. Joseph. Local options include:

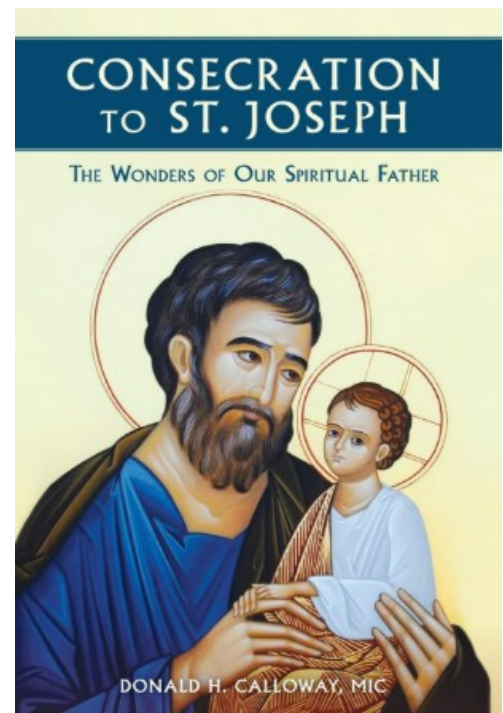
- **Images of St. Joseph**, <https://bit.ly/stjosephimages>: Inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (DC).
- **St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill**, <https://stjosephsdc.org>: A historic workers' parish in DC.
- **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, <https://stjosephva.org/>, (Alexandria, VA): A beautiful local place for a holy hour.
- **St. Joseph**, <https://sjcherndon.org/>, (Herndon, VA): St. Joseph Catholic Church is a Franciscan Friar (TOR) staffed parish

Next Steps

1. **Order your book today** so you have it by May 6th.
2. **Mark the five Wednesdays and the final Sunday** on your calendar.
3. **Invite a brother:** St. Joseph is the "Pillar of Families"; let's build ours together.

"I've received so much grace, peace, and comfort through entrusting myself to St. Joseph, and I truly believe you will as well."

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Marvin Muhat at mmuhat@stjamescatholic.org.



22nd Annual Saint James School Gala and Auction—Next Saturday, May 2nd!

Boots and Bling is the theme for Saint James School's 22nd Annual Gala & Auction which will be held next **Saturday, May 2nd**, at Washington Golf & Country Club. Although ticket sales for the event are closed, you can still support the school by making a donation via the Gala website at sjsptova.ejoinme.org/SJSgala2026 or by bidding on silent auction items from the comfort of your own home at sjs gala2026.ggo.bid.

- **DONATE:** For <https://sjsptova.ejoinme.org/SJSgala2026>, you can click the REGISTER menu, scroll down to the bottom and make a donation to the Gala.
- **BID:** To bid on silent auction items, scan the QR code or visit <https://sjs gala2026.ggo.bid>.
 - Note: Silent auction items are available to view now with bidding open this weekend April 26th through Saturday, May 2nd.

You do not have to attend to participate in the silent auction. There are many incredible items to bid on including a beautifully framed Diamond Dotz Nativity Scene, baseball camp at Bishop O'Connell High School, a private tour of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, two concert tickets for Jiffy Lube on a mutually agreed date, and more. Visit the auction site and check it out.



Email ptoauction@saintjameschool.org with any questions. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Faculty Openings for This Year and Next Year

Saint James Catholic School, preschool through eighth grade, is seeking dynamic, qualified individuals to join their school team for both the current school year (through June 2026) and the next academic year.

Applicants should have a minimum of one to three years of work experience at a school and be committed to Saint James Catholic School's Mission, which is to help students grow in virtue, service, and academic excellence (Saint James Mission Statement), enjoy working with preschool through middle school aged children, show flexibility and creativity, and be committed to upholding the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Saint James is currently seeking qualified applicants for the following positions

- for the **current school year** (through June 16, 2026):
 - School Counselor
 - Substitute Teachers
- for the **2026-2027 academic year** (mid-August—June 2027):
 - Paraprofessional/Instructional Assistant (Part-time position)
 - Resource Teacher (Part-time position)
 - Substitute Teachers

Interested applicants should email Mrs. Melissa Manaker, mmanaker@saintjameschool.org.



Embers Summer 2026

THEATER CAMP

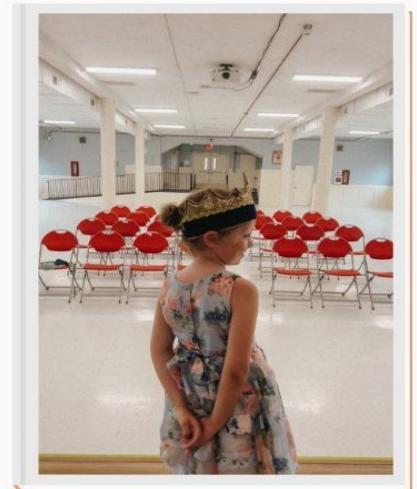
June 15-19: *The Pygmies*

June 22-26: *The Wonderful O*

Parishioners Kiley Lawrence & Beatrice Hatch are returning to St. James to offer beginning acting camps for 8-12 year old actors. \$300/camper.

Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm here at St James (Heller Hall & B lot).

To register, visit emberstheatre.org/camp



Assembly of CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS



Quarterly luncheons with national speakers, diocesan clergy and local lay leaders



Network with Catholic leaders in a welcoming community



Engage directly with Bishop Burbidge

ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY

The **Assembly of Catholic Professionals** is a new initiative to deepen the connection between faith and professional life in the Diocese of Arlington. The Assembly brings together Catholic business and professional leaders from across the diocese to build community, grow spiritually, and support the Church's mission. Through quarterly luncheons, members build relationships with one another and engage directly with Bishop Burbidge, diocesan clergy, national speakers, and local lay leaders in a setting of fellowship and formation.



GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Join inspiring talks, prayer, and formation opportunities designed for busy professionals.



BUILD MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Network with Catholic leaders across all industries in a welcoming, supportive environment.



LIVE YOUR FAITH AT WORK

Learn how to bring Catholic virtues into your career and everyday decisions.

2026 SCHEDULE

Quarterly Luncheon 11am-1pm



APRIL 28, 2026
Westwood Country Club

ANDREW V. ABELA

*Founding Dean, Busch School of Business
Catholic University of America*



JUNE 17, 2026
Westwood Country Club

JACOB CICCARELLI

*CEO & Co-Founder
Truthly*



SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
Westwood Country Club

CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY

Archbishop Emeritus of Boston



DECEMBER 7, 2026
Archer Hotel, Tysons

KERRY ALYS ROBINSON

*President & CEO
Catholic Charities USA*



Parish Calendar

Monday, April 27		
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group A	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class	Parish House
Tuesday, April 28		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School/Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Gym Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, April 29		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
Thursday, April 30		
12:30pm-6:00pm	Adoration ends early	Church
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group A	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room
Friday, May 1		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
5:30pm-6:30pm	Food Distribution	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-11:59pm	First Friday All-Night Adoration	Church
Saturday, May 2		
12:00am-8:15am	First Friday All-Night Adoration	Church
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
10:00am-11:15am	First Holy Communion Group A	Church
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, May 3		
10:00am-12:30pm	Donut Sunday	Msgr. Heller Hall
10:00am-11:15am	PREP Special Needs	Gym Conference Room
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic OCIA	Gym Conference Room
1:00pm-2:00pm	Religion Classes for Parents of SPREP	Cafeteria
1:00pm-2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Moms Meet up/Toddler Playdate

A reminder for new moms in the parish as well as current member moms with babies and toddlers to check out our Moms Meet up/Toddler Playdate group.

We have weekly meet ups, with babies and toddlers in tow, to connect with other mothers in the parish. In addition, we plan special local trips and guest speakers.

We invite all moms with babies and toddlers to join us. For questions or to be added to our email list, email dickmanallyson@gmail.com or adele1@gmail.com.

Attention Moms of Babies & Toddlers



**Join the
Moms Meet
up Group**

**Sign up for
their email
list**

