



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

July 26, 2026



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." - Mt 13:49-51

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

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
Noon, 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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Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Superior of Saint James Convent

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 July Prayer Intention

For respect for human life—Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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On The Way

Saint Francis: Francis and the Body of Christ

Central to the sanctity of Francis is his devotion to the Body of Christ. The first dimension of this is his devotion to the Church. The modern mind misses this because it always interprets Francis through the lens of our own time. He thus becomes the angsty teenager flouting cultural norms and rebelling against the powers that be – in this case, the Church. Or, if we know Francis to be a reformer, we automatically consider him a rebel. Because the modern mind cannot distinguish the two.

But Francis was nothing if not a faithful and pious son of the Church. That was obvious in the first years, when he instinctively appealed to the Pope for approval of his primitive rule for the Little Brothers. In a childlike manner he later recounted, “I had this written down briefly and simply and his holiness the Pope confirmed it for me.”

Francis understood the essential role of the Church's hierarchy and always wanted to be one with it. Throughout his life he continually had recourse to friends in Rome who could keep the Little Brothers on the straight and narrow and defend them against persecution. To him there was no conflict between the Church's hierarchy and his new way of life.

His devotion to the Church is also evident in Francis's deep reverence for her traditions. Much of what might strike us as odd in Francis – living as a penitent, embracing poverty, serving lepers – we find already in the Church's history. Likewise, many of his prayers and devotions he takes straight from the Church's liturgy. Francis follows the Church's traditions while imprinting on them his own charism and – in effect – renewing them. In that way, he exemplifies the capacity of the Church's tradition to bring about renewal. Indeed, no renewal comes about that is not rooted in tradition.

Perhaps somewhat jarring to us moderns is Francis's reverence for priests. “God inspired me, too, and still inspires me with such great faith in priests who live according to the laws of the holy Church of Rome, because of their dignity, that if they persecuted me, I should still be ready to turn to them for aid. And if I were as wise as Solomon and met the poorest priests of the world, I would still refuse to preach against their will in the parishes in which they live. I am determined to reverence, love and honor priests and all others as my superiors.”

His piety was not naivete. Clergy scandals were just as much a reality in Francis's time as any other. He revered priests not as men but as ministers of the Body of Christ: “I do this because in this world I cannot see the most high Son of God with my own eyes, except for his most holy Body and Blood which they receive and they alone administer to others.”

Which brings us to the profound love and reverence Francis had for the Body of Christ, the Eucharist. His ministry began with the rebuilding of churches that had fallen into disrepair. His concern was not architecture and beauty for its own sake but for Jesus in the Eucharist: “Above everything else, I want this most holy Sacrament to be honored and venerated and reserved in places which are richly ornamented.” In letters to his brothers, Francis returns to this theme again and again, that the Blessed Sacrament was to be treated with the utmost reverence and devotion, that the linens and sacristies were to be kept clean and worthy of the Eucharist.

Francis's devotion to the Body of Christ – in the Church and in the Eucharist – was to find its greatest expression in his own body, when Jesus blessed him with a share in His wounds, the stigmata.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 25

Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Marjorie Wall

Sunday, July 26

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Brian Scott Newman

9:00am +Rosemary and Floyd Spangler

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Mervyn Alles

2:30pm +David Cabarrocas

7:00pm +Eileen McCormack

Monday, July 27

Monday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Ann Griffith

8:15am +Mary McGlone

Noon Gianna Linkel

Tuesday, July 28

Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Victor Garcia

8:15am +Gary and Barbara Curtin

Noon +Deceased members of the Plosky family

Wednesday, July 29

SS Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

6:30am +John Hovious

8:15am +Dolores Walter

Noon +Im Sun Fermoile

Thursday, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

6:30am +Myoung Sook Dominica Kim

8:15am +Regina DePalma

Noon +Margaret Keating

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

6:30am +Leon Humiston

8:15am +Dolores Walter

Noon +Joseph Guerette

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:30am +Margaret P. Long

Mass for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Danny Bessette

Sunday, August 2

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Special Intention

9:00am +James A. Brogan

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +For the Souls in Purgatory

2:30pm Fr. Thomas Tuan Nguyen

7:00pm +Ines de Flores

Today's Readings

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

"The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night."

Psalms

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

"Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

"Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good..."

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is...'"

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

Jessica Toye Chark

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Matthew Coffin

Grace Coipuram

Raul Crespo

Matthew Davis

Mona Demian

Charles Duggar

Thomas Duncan

Roberta Dunn

Dora Dee Estes

Liana Farrell

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Patricia McFarland

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Gloria Mora

Francis Neumann, Jr.

Rachel Noonan

Kathy Oddenino

Esther Olivos

Jerry Parker

Carter Parry

Charley Roberts

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

The deceased of our parish family

Gillian Ward Regal

Linda Woolfenden Ricca

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@saintjamesschool.org.



Parish News



First Friday Food Distribution August 7th We support ~200 families

List of donations needed

Reusable shopping bags also needed
Donate only items listed please
***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

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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 (includes bread), no expired items, no glass containers, no large or bulk-sized items

(All items must be in original packaging. No items packaged at home.)

Visit bit.ly/AugustFD or Scan QR code to volunteer. Adults and teens can sign up.



Prayer Mini-Retreat August 1st

Join the Lay Dominicans for a morning of prayer, reflection, and discussion (including a simple way to make a more intimate connection with God and how the saints handled distractions) on **Saturday, August 1st, from 9:30am-noon** in the Parish House. This event is free; registration is not required. Please email Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com with questions.



For a closer connection with God Prayer Mini-Retreat

Sat, Aug 1 / 9:30-Noon / Parish House

Sponsored by Lay Dominicans
Free. No registration required.

Rose: InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com

The Church Springs Eternal: How Christ Has Guided the Church Through Over Two Millenium

Join our summer seminarian, Tyler Boreani, as he guides us through Church History from Apostolic Times to the Modern Age over the course of three sessions. We'll dive into the evangelical reach of the apostles, the persecution of the Early Church, the Scholastic Period (Middle Ages), the Crusades, the Protestant Revolution, and much more.

Each talk will be followed with a period of Q&A and discussion on the following Wednesdays:

- **July 29th, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room**
- **August 5th, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room**

We hope you will join us.

Join Us for Summer Seminars on the...

"Church History from Apostolic Times to the Modern Age"

With Seminarian Tyler Boreani



Apply Now—Assistant Director of Facilities

Saint James seeks an Assistant Director of Facilities. The position requires skills in various trades and a proven track record showing strong customer service orientation and the ability to help manage staff and contractors. This position is full-time with a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance coverage as well as 403b and pension plan.

Hours are generally Monday through Friday but the position requires on-call availability. Some early morning, late night, and weekend hours are required. The pay range is \$25 to \$30/hour, depending on skills and experience. A diocesan background check will be required.

Send an email expressing interest with a resume to Rich, rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.



**SAINT JAMES PARISH
IS HIRING**

Assistant Facilities Director

Full-time Position

Parish News (Continued)

Collection for Venezuelan Humanitarian Relief

On behalf of Bishop Burbidge, a second collection was held last weekend for emergency humanitarian relief for the devastation wrought by the earthquake in Venezuela.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Catholic Church to deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care, and other critical relief to those affected. CRS is also accepting direct donations on their website at <https://www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake>.

As a reminder, parishioners donating by check should make them payable to the Parish (not the Catholic Diocese of Arlington or Catholic Relief Services). Please note “Venezuela Earthquake” on the memo line.

August Guest Speaker

The Saint James Respect Life Group invites you to hear Olivia Gans Turner speak on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage, which will appear on the ballot this coming fall, September 18–November 3.

“Understanding Virginia's Proposed Constitutional Amendments on Abortion & Marriage”

**Monday, August 31st
7:00pm–8:30pm
Monsignor Heller Hall**



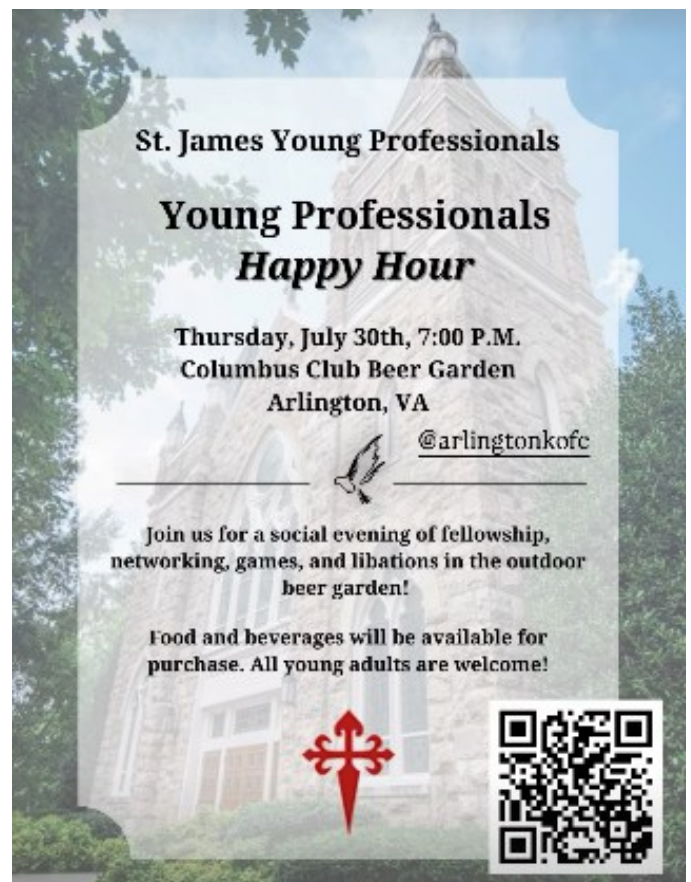
Olivia Gans Turner is president of the Virginia Society for Human Life, the nation's first state pro-life organization, founded in 1967 and affiliated with National Right to Life. A nationally recognized pro-life speaker, she has addressed audiences in all 50 states and more than 17 countries.

Following her own abortion experience in 1981, Olivia co-founded Women Exploited by Abortion, the nation's first post-abortion support organization, and later directed American Victims of Abortion. She also hosted EWTN's *When They Say, You Say*, based on the popular National Right to Life workshop.

The Catholics Vote No campaign encourages Virginians to learn about the proposed constitutional amendments and pledge to vote No. Visit catholicsvoteno.com or arlingtondiocese.org/vote to learn more, access resources, and pledge to vote.



FAITH Y FÚTBOL
SUMMER 2026
SOCCER Middle School (Grades 6-8) PIZZA
JULY 26TH 4:00-6:00PM
@ ROCKET FIELD
Join Father Tim for games, food, & faith discussion every last Sunday of the month this summer
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY



St. James Young Professionals
Young Professionals Happy Hour
Thursday, July 30th, 7:00 P.M.
Columbus Club Beer Garden
Arlington, VA
@arlingtonkofc
Join us for a social evening of fellowship, networking, games, and libations in the outdoor beer garden!
Food and beverages will be available for purchase. All young adults are welcome!

Parish News (Continued)

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart teaches us about both joy and sadness and the beauty of redemptive suffering. We venerate Our Lady's Heart because from her pure heart and her *Fiat*, God became man in the person of Jesus.

From the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, Spain in 1925 and 1926, Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her Immaculate Heart.

August 1st is the first Saturday of the month. 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 Ice Cream Social

Main Menu: Sloppy joes and ice cream with toppings for dessert

Each guest is asked to bring coleslaw, vegetables, salads, or cookies/brownies for six people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

ACTIVITY: GAME NIGHT

RSVP by Monday, August 16th, to Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com or Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com

**Thursday, August 19th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Msgr. Heller Hall**

Saint James Catholic Church First Friday All-Night Adoration

Come spend time consoling Him for the world's coldness and indifference.



**7:30PM FRIDAY,
AUGUST 7
TO
8:15AM SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8**

**Adorers Needed!
Sign-up at
<https://bit.ly/FriAdoration>**



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Mission Cooperative Plan Second Collection August 8-9

Each year, our diocese's Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) assigns a Catholic mission to each parish. In the past, we have hosted missionaries from Banica, Vietnam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, who have been graciously welcomed and supported by our generous parishioners.

This year, our Mission is the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, which consists of 20 parishes and 3 missions. A large part of their diocese, including Black River, was decimated by Hurricane Melissa in late October, 2025. This Category 5 Hurricane caused severe damage and flooding to the island. People lost their homes and businesses and were left without food, water, electricity, and medicine/medical care—the basic essentials of life.

Father Gary Wiesmann will speak at all the masses on August 8-9 about the Mandeville Mission—its purpose, its people, and its programs—and how our brothers and sisters in Christ are coping in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. Evangelization is a primary goal of the Diocese of Mandeville. Approximately 50% of the people are illiterate and catechesis is time consuming and personal. An important part of evangelization is building schools and providing an education to young children. Here is a direct quote from Father Gary:

“In order to help youth in our primary/secondary schools to know Our Lord in our Catholic tradition and to break the cycle of poverty into which they were born, the MCP has established as many schools as finances allow. Our Catholic religion is taught along with the skills and courses our youth so desperately need to survive as adults. We also provide breakfast/lunch for children who come to school with no food and purchase textbooks, supplies and uniforms for children whose family can't afford them.”



The church roof was blown away but the tabernacle did not get damaged!



SAINT JAMES PARISH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Speaker on the Upcoming VA Abortion Amendments

7:00pm-8:30pm Msgr. Heller Hall
(See page 5 in this bulletin)

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Nun Fun Run

7:00am-9:00am B Lot

&

Parish Picnic

Noon-3:00pm Msgr. Heller Hall/B Lot

Donut Sunday Returns &

Parish Ministry Fair

Both are after the 9:00am and 10:30am
Masses in Msgr. Heller Hall

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11-13
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40 Hours

8:00pm Sunday through
8:00pm Tuesday Night
Columbus Day Weekend

Diocesan Service Week

Opportunities will be posted closer to
the event

9-13
NOV

Details in upcoming bulletins

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 27		
7:00pm-9:00pm	Presidio #2 Legion of Mary	IHM Conference Room
Tuesday, July 28		
7:00am-8:00am	Saint James Fraternity	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Seniors Planning Meeting	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	IHM Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, July 29		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Session 2 of Church History Series (see page 4)	IHM Conference Room
Thursday, July 30		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, July 31		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
Saturday, August 1		
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
9:30am-12:00pm	Lay Dominicans Mini-Retreat (see page 4)	Parish House Kitchen
3:30pm-4:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, August 2		
10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

Life Corner

KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE. The Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment will establish abortion as a fundamental right in the state constitution. The amendment is vague and thus dangerous as it opens itself to loopholes only to be settled by the courts in the future. Don't be misled by the question to be on the ballot as it does not reflect the actual content of the proposed amendment.



Wording in the amendment: That every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, including the ability to make and carry out decisions relating to one's own prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, abortion care, miscarriage management, and fertility care.

What are the dangers? The term "every individual" includes women, men, teens and children all having the same right. That this right is to be granted to teens and children is not stated on the ballot question. Commit NOW to build the culture of life and safeguard the future of Virginia.

Visit catholicsvoteno.com, arlingtondiocese.org/vote, or scan the QR code to pledge NO.



To protect human life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS



NO

on the

"Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and
"Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment"

Pledge to Vote: CatholicsVoteNo.com



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARLINGTON**

Early Voting begins **September 18**
Election Day **November 3**

