



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

April 27, 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence
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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 April Prayer Intention

For the use of the new technologies—Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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On The Way

Figures of the Resurrection: Our Lady

The Resurrection of our Lord, for all its power and significance, is a subtle thing. We don't know when it happened or exactly how. Nobody saw Him rise from the dead. The account of His appearances are frustratingly few. Even those to whom He appeared doubted the reality of it. He doesn't rise with the "shock and awe" that we would expect and, if we're honest, that we would bring if we were in His place. We always learn a lot about our Lord and about how we should respond to Him by considering those around Him and how they responded. So it is with the Resurrection. We can appreciate this mysterious yet powerful event better by way of those to whom He appeared.

The first such figure to consider is the Blessed Virgin Mary. Of course, this might seem to confuse more than clarify things because there is no biblical account of His appearing to her. We know nothing about when it happened or what, if anything, was said. Yet it is a tradition deep in the Church's history that the first person Jesus appeared to when He rose from the dead was His own mother. Some of you might have visited the 15th century painting by Juan de Flandes in the National Gallery of Art that depicts this scene.

The great liturgical historian Dom Gueranger gives an account of a drama that indicates the strength of this tradition: "Up to the 19th century, in certain towns of Spain, two processions started from the principal church: in one was borne a statue of the Blessed Virgin, which was covered with a veil; in the other, the Blessed Sacrament was carried under a canopy. The two separated, and marched in silence through the streets, until the sun appeared on the horizon, when they met at an appointed place. The veil that covered the statue of the Holy Mother of God was then removed, and the whole people sang the anthem, *Regina Coeli, laetare, alleluia!* thus commemorating the joy experienced by Mary when She was visited by Jesus after His Resurrection, that same Jesus Who was there really present in the adorable Sacrament."

The appearance of the risen Christ to Mary is not in Scripture because it wasn't meant for public consumption. It was meant just for them. After all, it's the most reasonable thing in the world that Jesus' first concern would be to console the Immaculate Heart of her who had persevered in hope when all others had fallen away. It was private because it was personal.

In describing the meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross, Saint Alphonsus Liguori says, "Jesus and Mary looked at each other, and their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly." On Good Friday their encounter only deepened the sorrow they had for each other. Now, on Easter morning, they look at each other again, and their encounter brings consolation and joy to their hearts. Mary's Immaculate Heart understood Christ's suffering as much as any human person could. And likewise now that Heart rejoices more perfectly and fully than any other human person can.

Again we encounter the principle that what we find in Mary in a unique way is intended for all of us in an ordinary way. Because she suffered with Him perfectly, she now rejoices with Him perfectly. So also we who have deepened our sorrow in walking with Him during Lent and Holy Week have a correspondingly deep joy in seeing Him risen from the dead. Our Lady reminds us that Christ is risen from the dead for all of us. But also for each of us personally.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 26

Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00pm +Paul Butlak

Sunday, April 27

Sunday of Divine Mercy; Second Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Mary Ann Muratore

9:00am Xavier Marin

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Lourdes B. Cabral

2:30pm +Diana Canales Enciso

7:00pm +Rose Joseph Pottanat

Monday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon

6:30am +Bob Kahn

8:15am +Leslie Marie Malabrigo Montecillo

Noon Kane Family

Tuesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

6:30am +Dr. Joseph L. Gray, III

8:15am Michael Canady

Noon +Rizalina D. Farrales

Wednesday, April 30

St. Pius V

6:30am Colman Rowan

8:15am Thomas Canady and Juliana Haug

Noon +Deirdre Marie Cain Patterson

Thursday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

6:30am +Glenna Aylor

8:15am +Irene Markovich

Noon +Antonio Soriano

Friday, May 2

St. Athanasius

6:30am +Sister Marietta Murphy, IHM

8:15am +Lora Lee Francis

Noon +Lorna May Infante

Saturday, May 3

SS Philip and James

8:30am +Elizabeth and Robert Schoenberger

Mass for Third Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Liwayway C. Ranoco

Sunday, May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Victoria Prokopiak

9:00am +Frank Benedett

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +John Paul Garufi

2:30pm Sueli Terezinha Grebogi Pampuch

7:00pm +Annie Corrigan

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

"Many signs and wonders were done among the people..."

Psalms

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."
or "Alleluia."

Second Reading Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

"I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress..."

Gospel

John 20:19-31

"On the evening of that first day of the week,"

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

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Mary Ellen Blodgett

Betty Brunton

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Brendan Collins

Gene Columbo

Mona Demien

Regina DePalma

Roberta Dunn

Clare Dunne

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Silvia Guevara

Scott Herman

Laura Lareau

Alex Lohman

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Esther Olivos

Carter Parry

Colman Rowan

BJ Salinas

Kathleen Seroskie

Mary Ann Stasik

Robyn Stewart

Kathy Thomas

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Joan O'Connor

Andrew Rehkemper

Raja Ghattas Sayegh

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon, USN

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

COL Jay Hildreth, USA

CPL James Murray, USMC

2LT Paul Murray, USA

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

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

May Parish Speaker Series

“A Heretic, an Emperor, and the God-Man: the Story of the Council of Nicaea” **Guest Speaker: Steve Weidenkopf**

Monday, May 19th, at 7:00pm, Monsignor Heller Hall

Steve Weidenkopf is a lecturer and author on church history at the Christendom College Graduate School of Theology. He will speak on the First Council of Nicaea, convened by the Emperor Constantine in 325AD.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks.



Adoration Ends Early

12:30PM-6:00PM

THU, MAY 1ST

WED, MAY 7TH

THU, MAY 8TH

WED, MAY 21ST

WED, MAY 28TH

**Due to First Communion
Practices**

Saint James First Holy Communion Saturday, May 10th

Group A-10:00am

Group B-1:00pm

(both events will be livestreamed)

Please pray that our young
communicants will grow in faith and in
love of the Lord and the Church and that
they will continuously receive the
Eucharist throughout their lives.



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

830 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 | 703-533-1182 x104 | Email: religioused@saintjamesschool.org

First Communion Practices

Group A

- Monday, April 28th, 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Thursday, May 1st, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Group B

- Monday, May 5th, 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Thursday, May 8th, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Spanish PREP

- Wednesday, May 7th, 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday, May 21st, 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday, May 28th, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Parish News (Continued)

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 beginning on **Friday, May 30th, through Saturday, June 7th**. Daily emails will be sent to those who have signed up for Father Scalia's email communications. You will also be able to pray the Novena daily by visiting ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309.

The link to the Novena will be posted on our website, www.stjamescatholic.org, once the Novena begins.

Life Corner

A Prayer for Life—Eternal God, You have revealed Yourself as the Father of all life. We praise You for the Fatherly care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your likeness and image.



Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion and save them from its destructive power. Bless our families and bless our land, that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the eternal Father. Amen.

Saint James May Crowning

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.



As a parish, we renew our devotion to Mary with a May Crowning on **Sunday, May 11th, at the 10:30am Mass**.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR A FUN EVENING OF SOCCER

DC UNITED VS. COLORADO RAPIDS

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD
7:30 PM

TICKETS: \$22 EACH

FOR TICKETS, EMAIL YM@STJAMESCATHOLIC.ORG





Campers:
Rising K-5

Registration
is now open!

Volunteers Needed:
Adults and
Rising 6th-12th
Graders

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

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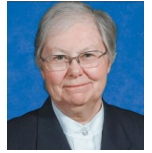
Registration is now open! Do you have a child with special needs? We would love to help them join in the fun! Please reach out to Julie Marx at juliemarx14@gmail.com to discuss options for accommodations.

Parish News (Continued)

IHM Sisters Celebration Jubilee

On **Sunday, May 18th, at the noon Mass**, we will celebrate the Jubilee for three of our IHM Sisters: Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, Sister Elizabeth A. Goltman, and Sister Helen Dolores Gilroy. Following Mass we will have a reception in Monsignor Heller Hall. We hope you will join us as the Sisters renew their vows and continue serving the Lord and our community. We are so blessed to have them and the rest of the IHM Sisters.

Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, celebrates 50 years in her religious order. She is the Superior of the Saint James Convent as well as the Director of our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and has been at Saint James since 2013. Her first profession of vows was June 21, 1975, and her final profession was June 24, 1980.



Sister Elizabeth A. Goltman, IHM, celebrates 60 years in her religious order. She is a math teacher at Bishop O'Connell High School and now resides at Saint James. She moved to the convent last summer. Her first profession of vows was 1965, and her final profession was in 1970.



Sister Helen Dolores Gilroy, IHM, celebrates 70 years in her religious order and celebrated her 90th birthday in September. She still serves as an office assistant at our parish school and has been there for 13 years. Her first profession of vows was in 1955, and her final profession was in 1960.



The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

For centuries the Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, the Mother of God because all grace comes to us through Mary.

When Mary said yes to God she took on the co-redemptive role in Salvation History. We must never separate Jesus from Mary; we can go to Him only through her. Without the most Immaculate Heart of Mary, we would not have the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. She loves us with a perfect love and her love will never fail.

Ways to Honor Mary in May

- Pray the Rosary daily
- Start making First Saturday devotion
- Set up a Marian "altar"/table in your home, with a statue or picture of Mary
- Create an outdoor space with flowers in honor of Mary
- Read more about Mary's role in Salvation History i.e., St. Alphonsus Ligouri, The Glories of Mary, or True Devotion to Mary, St. Louis de Montfort



At Fatima, Our Lady said that the final attack of Satan will be against the family. Consider making the first Saturday devotion as requested by Mary at Fatima, starting May 3rd, the first Saturday of the month.

"I promise to assist at the hour of death, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall

1. **Go to confession and receive Holy Communion,**
2. **Recite the Rosary,**
3. **And keep Me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary,**
4. **With the intention of making reparation to Me. I promise to assist them at the hour of their death with all the graces necessary to save their souls."**

In the end, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph.

Youth Ministry

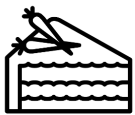
Cookies. Brownies. Cinnamon Buns. Cake. & More!



WorkCamp Bake Sale!

May 3rd and 4th
After Mass (until we run out!)

(Outside, by the church)



Thank you!



Donations welcome

All funds raised will defer the costs of camp

WorkCamp allows teens to help their brothers and sisters in need by making their homes warmer, safer, all the while sharing the spirit of Christ. This week-long overnight camp is transformative. Each parish is 100% responsible for supplying their own contractors, youth leaders, and all costs of participation. All donations are welcome (just use tagline Saint James WorkCamp 2025).

The words of our 2024 Participants

Inspiring Charity Prayer Jesus Courageous Spiritual
Enriching Proud Fellowship Hardworking
Fulfilling Persistence Community Holy Passionate
Love/Thy/Neighbor Intentionality Service Communication
Faith Friendship Beautiful Fun Positive
Focus/On/Others Appreciative Touched
Enjoyable Enthusiasm Motivating
Growth

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp/>


SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

WORKCAMP 2025 UPCOMING MEETINGS

JUNE 21-27

MAY 3-4 (SATURDAY & SUNDAY)
BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

MAY 18 (SUNDAY)
8:15PM IN THE PARISH HOUSE

MAY 24 (SATURDAY)
TOOL TRAINING

MAY 31-JUNE 1
(SATURDAY & SUNDAY)
BUCKET DROP FUNDRAISER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Diocese of Arlington Presents

BASH

Middle Schoolers (Grades 6-8)





WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 2025
3:30pm-8:30pm

WHERE: Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington

COST: \$15 per participant (youth and adults)

Questions: ym@stjamescatholic.org

Inflatable games, Vigil Mass, Pizza & Ice Cream
Message from Oscar Rivera. Scan QR code for permission form and to RSVP.

"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.

Recently, the students have had to put on their best smiles because the photographers were here for Clubs and Teams Picture Day. The students were dressed in their team jerseys and accessories. Our eighth graders donned their red or white graduation gowns for their graduation photo shoot. Lots of smiles for the camera.



Middle schoolers learn to play the guitar in music class.



Seventh grade boys basketball team



Our cheerleaders



Eighth grade girls basketball



Eighth graders walk over to the church with the faculty and Father Scalia for their class picture.

Parish Calendar

Monday, April 28

6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group A	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Adult Confirmation Class	Knecht Conference Room
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School Theology	Parish House

Tuesday, April 29

7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, April 30

10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Knecht Conference Room
7:00pm-9:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House

Thursday, May 1

9:30am-11:45am	Co-ed Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-6:00pm	Adoration ends early	Church
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice—Group A	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room

Friday, May 2

9:00am-11:45am	First Friday Exposition and Benediction	Church
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
1:00pm-2:00pm	Disability Inclusion Committee	Parish House
5:30pm-6:30pm	Food Distribution	Msgr. Heller Hall

Saturday, May 3

10:00am-12:00pm	WorkCamp Bake Sale (see page 7) Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall

Sunday, May 4

10:00am-12:30pm	WorkCamp Bake Sale (see page 7) Donut Sunday	Parish House
12:00pm-2:00pm	Hispanic OCIA	Knecht Conference Room
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church



Saint James Food Distribution needs your support for First Friday, May 2nd, distribution

Preferred Food Donations:

Rice (1-2 lb. bags)
Canned Hearty Soups
Mac 'N Cheese (small boxes)
Pasta (plain, boxes)
Cereal (boxes)
Canned Fruit

Beans (dried, 1 lb. bags)
Canned Meats (Chicken/Tuna)
Canned Tomato Sauce
Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti
Canned Green Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Jelly

All donations may be placed in the baskets in the church vestibules. We can accept only non-perishable items.

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 must be in original packaging)

Thank you for your support!