



# Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

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

703-532-8815

## May 3, 2026



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

#### 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

#### Rectory Office

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

## Saint James Catholic Church Rectory Staff

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703-532-2388

**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](mailto:receptionist@stjamescatholic.org).

### The Pope's May Prayer Intention

**That everyone might have food**—Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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## On The Way

*The Apostles: John the Apostle*

“The disciple whom Jesus loved...” Saint John uses that phrase several times in his Gospel...about himself (*Jn 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7; 21:20*) It sounds rather odd – as if he’s the *only* disciple whom Jesus loved. And, even if that’s the case, it’s probably impolite to say so. But as we will see, the phrase isn’t arrogant or rude. In fact, it reveals a great deal about John’s discipleship and what it has to teach us.

Tradition has it that John was the youngest of the Apostles, most likely in his late teens to early twenties. That would explain why he outruns middle-aged Peter on Easter morning (*Jn 20:4*). To convey his youth, Christian iconography often depicts him without a beard. (Contrary to Dan Brown’s silly assertion in *The Da Vinci Code*, the beardless figure at the Last Supper is John – *not* Mary Magdalene!)

We have already learned a great deal about John by way of our reflections on Andrew and James. Like Andrew, John was first a disciple of John the Baptist, one of those to follow after our Lord at the Jordan (*Jn 1:35-39*). Now, John the Baptist’s preaching was not for the faint of heart. That John was one of his disciples already tells us something about his zeal. Like his older brother James, John promptly left everything (including their father Zebedee) and followed Jesus when called (*Mt 4:21-22*). That tells us something about his strength of will. To understand John, his life, and his writings, we need to keep in mind this zeal and strength of will.

With Peter and James, John was part of the inner circle of the Apostles. He is with them and our Lord at those privileged moments: the raising of the daughter of Jairus, the Transfiguration, and the agony in the garden. He has that same strong character of his brother. Jesus nicknamed them “Boanerges” – Sons of Thunder (*Mk 3:17*). With James, he asks for special seating in the kingdom (*Mk 10:35*) and, on another occasion, permission to call down fire from heaven on an uncooperative town (*Lk 9:54*) – that last request meriting a rebuke from our Lord.

In the Church in Jerusalem after the Ascension, John is always at Peter’s side. With Peter he heals the paralytic in the Temple and then stands with Peter before the Sanhedrin (*Acts 3-4*). Together they give that beautiful response to the Sanhedrin’s command not to speak of Christ: “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (*Acts 4:19-20*). Indeed, that line has the ring of John’s boldness. The last mention of John in Acts of the Apostles is when, again with Peter, he goes to instruct and confirm the new Christians in Samaria (*Acts 8*).

Most scholars claim that John wrote his Gospel somewhere between 90 and 100 A.D. But strong arguments are also made for a much earlier writing. However we date it, his Gospel is markedly different from the others. Perhaps he possessed something of a contrarian temperament or maybe (typical of younger brother!) he just had to take a different path than his elders. Or maybe he felt a need to contextualize the brashness and pugnacity the other Gospel depict. Yes, he was one of the Boanerges. But Jesus didn’t love him any less on that account. Whatever the case, John’s narrative doesn’t follow the same format of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. He wasn’t telling a different story but drawing out different points, including what it means to be a beloved disciple.

– Fr. Scalia

## Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week of Easter

**Saturday, May 2**

*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

**Monday, May 4**

*Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

6:30am +Matthew Klana

8:15am +Victoria Prokopiak

Noon +Terrell Blodgett

**Tuesday, May 5**

*Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

6:30am Scott Brader

8:15am +Zacharia Coipuram and Thomas Coipuram, Sr.

Noon Suzanne Trachtman

**Wednesday, May 6**

*Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

6:30am +Jim Paradiso

8:15am +Alicia R. Humphrey

Noon +Judy Hickel Helzer

**Thursday, May 7**

*Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

6:30am +Roland de Marcellus

8:15am +Leonard and Helen Nugent

Noon +Margaret P. Long

**Friday, May 8**

*Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

6:30am Living and deceased members of Romano  
and Saffelle families

8:15am +June Franey Jennings

Noon +Maria Sakata

**Saturday, May 9**

*Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

8:30am Special Intention

*Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

5:00pm +Kevin Kraus

**Sunday, May 10**

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

7:30am +Joy Aster Temme

9:00am Meaghan Segal

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Robert Joseph Neville

2:30pm In Thanksgiving for Ruby Gonzalez Serros

7:00pm +Maria Veldeki

## Today's Readings

**First Reading**

**Acts 6:1-7**

"As the number of disciples continued to grow,"

**Psalm**

**Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." or  
"Alleluia."

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

"Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human..."

**Gospel**

**John 14:1-12**

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.'"

## Readings for the Week

Visit [bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar](http://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

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

### The deceased of our parish family

Laurent Beaubien

Patricia Colevas

Henry John Gordon

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

- Sign up to be a praying member at <http://eepurl.com/gURddD>.
- Submit a request to [PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org](mailto:PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org).



 **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

  
Exploring the Nature of God

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

**Registration closes June 19**

Registration closes sooner if spots are filled.  
Visit [www.StJamesCatholic.org](http://www.StJamesCatholic.org) for details.



“ We hope to spot you there! ”



**Seniors Young at Heart**



**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 [kmcphilomy2@gmail.com](mailto:kmcphilomy2@gmail.com).

**Join Us!**

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

**First Holy Communion Rehearsals**

**GROUP B**

- Monday, May 4, 6:30pm
- Thursday, May 7, 6:30pm
  - Adoration ends at 6:00pm

**Spanish PREP**

- Wednesday, May 13, 6:30pm
- Wednesday, May 20, 6:30pm
  - Adoration ends at 6:00pm both days

**Spanish PREP First Penance**

- Wednesday, May 6, 7:00pm
  - Adoration ends at 6:30pm
  - Confessions are suspended



**Saint James First Holy Communion**

**Saturday, May 2nd**  
**Group A-10:00am**

**Saturday, May 9th**  
**Group B-10:00am**



**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.**

## Life Corner

**Stop the Abortion Amendment – JUST VOTE NO**—Virginia’s current laws already protect women’s healthcare in the state, including protections for miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, and serious complications. Under current state law, Virginia is sadly one of the few Southern states where abortion is permissible throughout most of a pregnancy; though during the third trimester, law does become stricter. The proposed abortion amendment adds nothing to women’s rights to protect their health. Some current Virginia laws and this proposed VA Constitutional amendment are in opposition to our Catholic faith which teaches us to respect the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. The passage of this proposed abortion amendment will permanently enshrine abortion rights into the Virginia State Constitution. Defeating this amendment will prevent the Virginia state constitution from being an instrument to permanently legalize abortion in the state. More on this issue in the coming weeks.



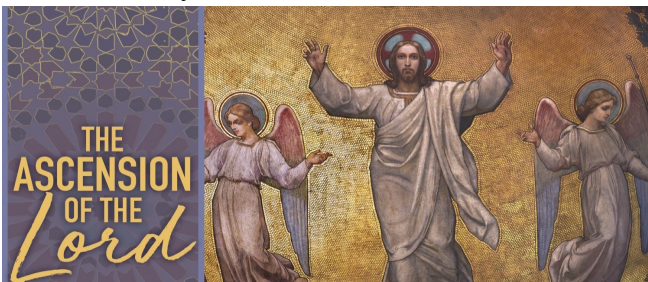
The question on this issue will be on the November 3rd ballot, with early voting beginning on September 19th.

## Holy Spirit Novena

Saint James will prepare for Pentecost on Sunday, May 24th, by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts beginning on **Friday, May 15th, through Saturday, May 23rd**. 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 daily Novena at [bit.ly/HolySpirit7GiftsNovena](https://bit.ly/HolySpirit7GiftsNovena).

## Ascension Thursday, May 14th

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be transferred from Thursday, May 14th, of the sixth week of Easter to the seventh Sunday of Easter on May 17th.



## Falls Church Homeless Shelter Thank You

I want to say “Thank You/Gracias” to our parish community for your support of the Falls Church Homeless Shelter during the 2025-2026 open season. Your donations of food for lunch and Friday dinners, money, and volunteer time made this another great year for the shelter and our residents. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus—Arlington Council 2473 for the delicious Thanksgiving lunch and to the Saint James Fish Fry team for dinner two Fridays during Lent.

Remember that even if the shelter is closed until November, you can still access our web page, <https://fcshester.org>, for updates on our activities and opportunities to support our cause with donations and the Amazon wish list. The shelter is open mid-November to late March. And be ready for the 2027 Shelter Gala!

Thanks,  
Luis Frontera  
Falls Church Shelter Board member

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON**  
WORKCAMP

# VOLUNTEER AT WORKCAMP 2026

## CONTRACTORS NEEDED

NO PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need.

**JUNE 20-26 IN QUICKSBURG, VA**  
DECKS, RAMPS, WINDOWS, FLOORS & MORE

If interested, please contact Andy at [workcamp@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:workcamp@stjamescatholic.org)

For more information, visit:  
[arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp](https://arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp)

# 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. All meetings will be in the Parish House.
  - \* Wednesday meetings will be at 7:00pm
  - \* Sunday meeting will be at 1:30pm
- **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	<b>Kickoff:</b> Understanding why "now is the time of St. Joseph".
Wed, May 13	Days 2–8	<b>Titles of St. Joseph:</b> Spiritual fatherhood and being a "Knight of Our Lady".
Wed, May 20	Days 9–15	<b>The Virtues:</b> Exploring Joseph’s prudence, fortitude, and obedience.
Wed, May 27	Days 16–22	<b>The Mirror of Patience:</b> Learning from Joseph’s hidden life and heroic patience.
Wed, June 3	Days 23–29	<b>Wonders of St. Joseph:</b> His role as the Patron of the Dying and the "Terror of Demons".
Sun, June 7	Days 30–33	<b>Consecration Day:</b> 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:

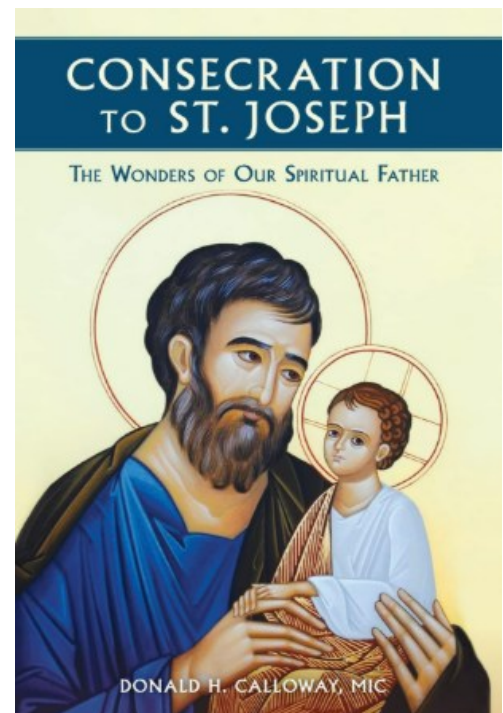
- **Images of St. Joseph**, <https://bit.ly/stjosephimages>: Inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (DC).
- **St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill**, <https://stjosephsdc.org>: A historic workers' parish in DC.
- **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, <https://stjosephva.org/>, (Alexandria, VA): A 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](mailto:mmuhat@stjamescatholic.org).



# Youth Ministry

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# DODGEBALL

**MAY 31** **2026**

**DOCTRINE & DESIGN**

**Knecht Gym** **4-6 PM**

TOPIC: FORMS AND CHALLENGES  
OF PRAYER

## WORKCAMP SCHEDULE 2026

✓	Teen & Parent Interest Meeting	🛠️	Thursday, October 23 at 7:30 pm Gym Conference Room	
	Saturday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 9:15 am Knecht Conference Room	🏠	<b>VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING</b>	✓
✓	Teen Meeting	👥	Sunday, January 11 at 8:15 pm Parish House	
	Sunday, February 22 at 8:15 pm Parish House	🌀	<b>TEEN MEETING</b>	✓
✓	Teen Meeting	🔪	Sunday, March 8 at 8:15 pm Parish House	
	Friday, April 3 Saint James Catholic Church	✝️	<b>VIA CRUCIS</b>	✓
➡️	<b>Tool Training</b>	🔨	Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 am B-Lot	
	Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 pm B-Lot	🚐	<b>DEPART FOR WORKCAMP 2026!!</b>	

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese.

Visit our website for more detail or email [workcamp@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:workcamp@stjamescatholic.org)

### Thank You for Supporting Our Bucket Drop

With grateful hearts, WorkCamp teens and adult volunteers extend our sincere thanks to all who generously supported our "Bucket Drive" fundraising campaign the weekend of April 18-19. **In total, we raised more than \$6,500 in donations!** This greatly helps offset the costs associated with helping fellow Virginians this summer including tools and building materials as well as housing, food and other necessities for volunteers.

Please continue to pray for our trip as we prepare for "Tool Training" later this month when teens will learn the basics of tool use and safety before putting our skills to work.



# Creation Care Ministry

## Spring Has Sprung – Come Plant with Us!

Please join the Creation Care Ministry team behind the Parish House on **Wednesday, May 6th, between 6:00pm and 7:30pm**, to help plant our 2026 crop. Here's what happening this season:

### New Additions

- Experimenting is fun, and this season includes garlic chives (which have beautiful flowers), blueberries, sweet potatoes, and bush watermelons for along the fenceline. We will also add marigolds and other colorful flowers along the edges of the beds to attract pollinators.

### The “Three Sisters” Return

- Return of “Tres Hermanas”, a.k.a. the “Three Sisters”, the Native American farming technique that maximizes the symbiotic relationship of squash, corn, and beans. This year we are using bush beans instead of climbing beans, for better balance.

Aspiring gardeners, green thumbs, and parents with children are welcome!

If you have any questions or if you plan to attend, email Maggie at [maggie.lechleitner@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.lechleitner@gmail.com) in case we need to reschedule due to rain. We will also post updates on the parish social media platforms and website home page.



# Arlington Diocese Festival



The Diocesan Festival returns on **Saturday, June 13th, 3:45pm-9:30pm.**

As in years past, the festival will open by giving thanks to God with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge, followed by live music, food and drink, amusement rides for children, local vendors, and so much more fun for the whole family.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least an hour ahead to allow time for parking and getting to the fairgrounds if you are attending the Vigil Mass that will start at 3:45pm. The event will end at 9:30pm after the fireworks.

The event is free but families must register to receive complimentary food at the following link, [arlingtondiocese.org/festival](https://arlingtondiocese.org/festival).

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

To donate to the collections below, visit <https://giving.myparishsoft.io//app/giving/FD-50> or scan the QR code. Then scroll down to select the fund. Thank you for your kind support!



## Special Parish Needs Collection May 9-10

Next weekend, May 9-10, is our annual *Special Parish Needs collection*. This collection is used by our Pastor for the area of greatest need in the parish. The money raised this year will be given to our vibrant Social Outreach Committee to continue its work on behalf of our parishioners and the broader Falls Church community. From the time of its founding in 1892, Saint James Catholic Church has always attended to the needs of the poor and suffering. Our Social Outreach Committee puts into action the Corporal Works of Mercy through food, clothing, and personal hygiene donations, monthly Food Distribution, supporting a local homeless shelter in the winter months, and yearly collection of Lenten and Advent gift cards to assist local shelters. To learn more about our Social Outreach Committee and ways you can help or volunteer, visit their web page under the *Service & Fellowship > Parish Groups* menu, [stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach](http://stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach).



## Diocesan Retired Priests Collection May 16-17

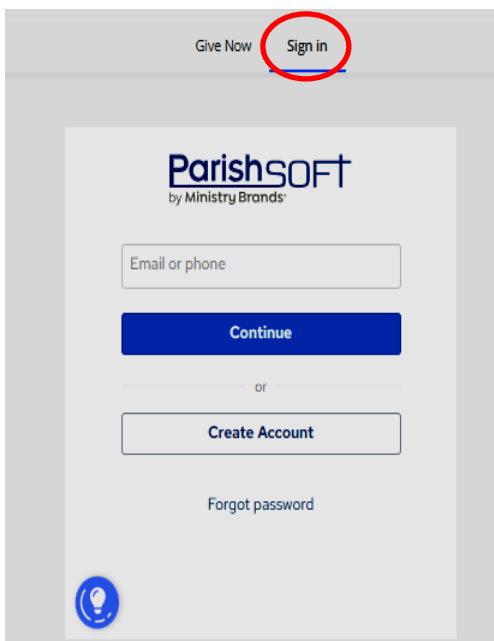
In two weekends, May 16-17, there will be a second collection for our diocesan retired priests. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church.

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.



## ParishSOFT Online E-Giving

If you would like to create an account, go to the ParishSOFT link above and choose ‘SIGN IN’ not ‘GIVE NOW’. Once you have created an account, always use your login, which is the email you used to set up the account, to make donations and view your giving history. For support, contact ParishSOFT Donor Support with the information listed below.



**A Simple Way to Give**  
Supporting our parish has never been easier.

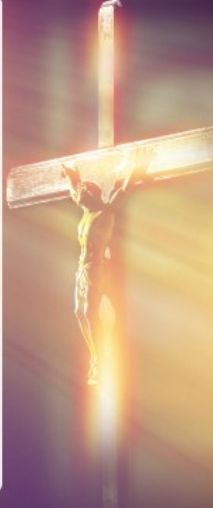

eGiving offers a simple, secure way to give to the ministries you value, whether you are attending Mass in person or away from home. Give from your computer, smartphone, or tablet, and choose a recurring gift or make a one-time donation.

Recurring gifts provide steady support and help ensure our ministries, programs, and services continue without interruption. Your generosity allows our parish to plan responsibly and continue our mission of serving the community every day.

Getting started is easy. Scan the QR code or text "Give" to 703-584-7023

For support or questions, reach out to ParishSOFT Donor Support at 866-930-4774 or [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com)

Thank you, and may God bless your generosity.



ParishSOFT  
by Ministry Brands

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.

Our 4th grade stepped back in time to the early 1700s and the American colonial period. The students dressed in period costumes and participated in activities during our annual Colonial Day. The activities included soap carving; making lemonade, applesauce, and biscuits; practicing calligraphy with a quill; candle dipping; cross stitch; and learning to dance the Virginia Reel. Pictures were taken of each student in the stockade. The grand finale was in the SJS “Old King James tavern” to drink lemonade and enjoy the biscuits, butter, and applesauce they made. A big thank you to all our parent volunteers that helped make this event possible.



## June 14 Blood Drive

### INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its next blood drive in 2026 on **Sunday, June 14th, from 8:30am-2:30pm** at the Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Your charitable act helps INOVA to replenish its "critically low" blood supply which is shared with all local hospitals for their patients in need. The patients in need, their doctors, and medical staff are truly grateful for your "Gift of Life." **We hope donors (new and returning) join us in June.**

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](mailto:bobpatmuschamp@yahoo.com)
- Visit <https://bit.ly/KOCBloodDrive> or scan QR code

Your single donation is a gift of life that could save the lives of up to three people. Our parish participation always helps to make these blood drives successful!

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

## 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/](http://stjamescatholic.org/hispanic-community/), y obtener más información, incluyendo próximos eventos, sacramentos, misas, servicios religiosos, confesiones y contactos ministeriales.



El boletín hispano quincenal también está disponible en la sección "Español" del sitio web de la parroquia.



## INOVA BLOOD DRIVE



Giving the gift of life in one of the greatest forms of charity!!

KOC 2473 Main Ballroom  
5115 Little Falls Road  
North Arlington

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
**8:30AM-2:30PM**



Register at  
<https://bit.ly/KOCBloodDrive>

## Parish Calendar

<b>Monday, May 4</b>		
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group B	Church
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity	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
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>		
<b>Confessions suspended tonight</b>		
12:30pm-6:30pm	Adoration ends early	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	Spanish PREP First Penance	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:00pm-9:00pm	Mothers of Young Children Bible Study	Parish House
<b>Thursday, May 7</b>		
9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Bible Study	Gym Conference Room
12:30pm-6:00pm	Adoration ends early	Church
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice Group B	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room
<b>Friday, May 8</b>		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
<b>Saturday, May 9</b>		
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
10:00am-11:15am	First Holy Communion Group B	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
<b>Sunday, May 10</b>		
11:30am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Coffee	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church



Next Sunday is  
Mother's Day

