



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

August 31, 2025



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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
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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: 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 September Prayer Intention

For our relationship with all of creation—Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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On The Way

Saint Augustine: The Weight of Love

Towards the end of his *Confessions*, Saint Augustine writes, “My weight is my love; by it am I borne wherever I am borne.” It’s a pithy phrase that captures both his life and his theology. More importantly, it captures the truth about who we are and why we exist. God created us to love, so we *will* love something. That capacity within us is meant to draw us, as if by gravitational force, towards God.

Pondus meum amor meus – My weight is my love. What we love governs how we think, how we invest our time and schedule our day, how we spend our money, and so on. We shape our lives according to what we love. That teaching doesn’t cease to be true when we love the wrong things. It simply means that our false love bears us towards the wrong things instead.

In all this, Augustine is simply teasing out Saint Paul’s teaching that “The greatest of these [virtues] is love.” It is the greatest because all other virtues support it. Love is, in turn, the “form” of the virtues – what gives them life, meaning, and direction. Courage doesn’t exist for its own sake but so that a man can continue to love in the midst of suffering. Prudence doesn’t exist for its own sake but so that we know how to love in specific situations. And so on, every virtue has meaning and direction only in relation to love. They are weighted by it.

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Lk 12:34). These words of our Lord indicate that same truth that Augustine gets at: what we treasure – what we give weight to – indicates what we love. But perhaps we can see it another way as well. Namely, that by treasuring something – by investing time, attention, and energy in it – we increase our love for it. This is commonly understood to have been Simon of Cyrene’s experience. He didn’t know or care for Jesus at first. But by investing himself in carrying the Cross he came to love Him.

Point is, we’re not helpless about our love. We can and should turn our love from what is false and harmful to what is true and good. When we change our investments (so to speak) from worldly matters to God and Godly things, then we grow in love of Him. Our love is purified and draws us in the proper direction, to God. Which leads to another wonderful quote from Augustine.

Dilige et quod fac vis – “Love and do what you will.” Now, that’s a seemingly licentious quote from an otherwise severe theologian. But Augustine doesn’t mean that good intentions are all that matters, and that everything’s okay just so long as you love. He was too familiar with the fickle human heart to make that mistake. Rather, Augustine’s point is about a transformation or purification of love.

Our love is not yet what it should be. We love God, sure...but not as absolutely and wholeheartedly as we should. Other loves creep in and divide our devotion. Which means that we can trust what we want. The divided heart often wants the wrong things. So, we cry out with the Psalmist, *Simplex fac cor meum!* (86:11) Make my heart simple, one, whole and entire.

Then, when our hearts are healed of false loves and directed to the good God, when our love is purified, when our weight is properly calibrated, then our wills is perfected and we can trust that what we want is accord with the true, the good, and the beautiful.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 30

Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Fr. Bill Wyndaele on his 90th birthday

Sunday, August 31

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Vilma and Joey "Jolly" Ofrecio

9:00am +Christopher Arias

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Deborah V. Apigo

2:30pm +Sixto Sergio Lobos Flores

7:00pm +Anton Partik

Monday, September 1

Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Ruben Reinoso

8:15am +Rita Meyer

Tuesday, September 2

Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

8:15am +Tom Palizzi

Noon Mary Ann Stasik

Wednesday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

6:30am +June and George Jennings

8:15am +Regina Conroy

Noon +Patrick Maguire

Thursday, September 4

Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Milly Lally

8:15am +Elizabeth Tomb

Noon Liam Burgess

Friday, September 5

Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Jessica and Danna Wood

8:15am +Terrell Blodgett

Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 6

Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

8:30am +Catalino Banez, Sr.

Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Teresita Bailey

Sunday, September 7

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Cardinal Josyf Slipyj

9:00am +Elizabeth and Robert Schoenberger

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara

Flanagan-Koenig

2:30pm +Ines de Flores

7:00pm +Alpidio Bulandres

Today's Readings

First Reading

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

"My child, conduct your affairs with humility,"

Psalm

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

"God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor."

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

"Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which..."

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

"On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the..."

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

Mona Demien

Julie Neil

Joyce Babiak

Thomas Duncan

Rachel Noonan

James Banks

Roberta Dunn

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Katherine Garren

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Anthony L. Gerena

Colman Rowan

Betty Brunton

Silvia Guevara

BJ Salinas

Patricia Cavasina

Scott Herman

Kathleen Seroskie

Jane C. Checkan

Laura Lareau

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Lauren Vinci

Grace Coipuram

Jose G. Martinez

Liv Wash

Brendan Collins

Gloria Mora

Anne Marie Willis

John Cormany

Mildred Melmer

the deceased of our parish family

Nancy Jean Fishenden

Diane Emily Paar

and please pray for all active duty military

2nd Lt. James Canady, USAF

Cpl. James Murray, USMC

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

2nd Lt. Joseph Murray, USMC

Lt. j.g. William Conroy, USN

2nd Lt. Paul Murray, USA

Cmdr. Thomas Dixon, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

2nd Lt. Finn Roou, USA

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

1st Lt. Mario Suarez, USAF

Col. Jay Hildreth, 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

PREP Late Registration Notice

In order for your child(ren) to begin all Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) classes starting Tuesday, September 23rd, your registration forms were due in the PREP office this past Friday, August 29th.

- Returning families must re-register every year.
- The children of those families who still need to register should contact the PREP office as soon as possible at 703-533-1182 x104.

2025-2026 Altar Servers and Training

Boys in grades 4-11 are invited to become altar servers. If you are interested in serving at the altar and joining in this sacred brotherhood, visit *Liturgical Ministries* under the *WORSHIP* menu on our website or scan the QR code to complete the online interest form and to sign up for training if you have not done so yet. All servers, new and returning, must attend one of the sessions below to serve. If you have not registered, please do so soon.



- **Tuesday, September 16th, 4:00pm-5:00pm**
- **Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00pm-8:00pm**

For questions about altar servers, contact Father Pavlick, 703-532-8815 or frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org. For questions about training, email our Youth Ministry coordinator at ym@stjamescatholic.org.

2025-2026 Parish Children's Choir

The Saint James Parish Children's Choir will resume weekly rehearsals starting **Wednesday, September 17th, at 6:00pm-7:00pm** in the school music room.

There will be two choir groups this year—a choir for grades 3-8 and a choir for grades 9-12. Each group will perform monthly at the 9:00am Sunday Mass.

To register or for more information, please contact Natalie Keffalas at nkeffalas@saintjamescatholic.org.

Parish Picnic Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars and join us for our annual fall parish picnic on **Saturday, October 4th, from Noon-3:00pm**. It is a parish community event with food, fellowship, live music, carnival games, moon bounce for the younger children, and an air extreme jumper for older children.

This event draws 700 parishioners and requires a lot of volunteers for setup, service, and cleanup.

If you would like to volunteer to help before, during, or after the picnic, we would greatly appreciate your time to ensure its success. Visit bit.ly/SJPicnic25 or scan the QR code. Email Susan Ramsel, sramsel@stjamescatholic.org, with any questions.

A PARISH/SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT

SAINT JAMES PARISH PICNIC



HOT DOGS HAMBURGERS PULLED BBQ PORK

CARNIVAL GAMES MOON BOUNCE AIR EXTREME JUMPER

IRISH/AMERICANA FOLK MUSIC ICE CREAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SETUP, SERVICE, & CLEANUP.

VISIT [BIT.LY/SJPICNIC25](http://bit.ly/SJPicnic25) OR SCAN QR CODE.



Parish News (Continued)

Life Corner

The Every Life is Worth Living Prayer—During the coming weeks, pray especially in gratitude for the precious gift of life we all share.



“...Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living...”

Prayer cards (in English and Spanish) are available at the front entrance of the church.

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

Youth Ministry Dodgeball and Doctrine

Middle Schoolers in grades 6-8 are invited to join Father Tim this year for dodgeball, pizza, and faith!

We will meet once a month on Sundays from 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Saint James School gym. Below is the schedule which is also posted on the Youth Ministry page on our website.

Students are encouraged to sign up in advance at stjamescatholicchurch20.flocknote.com/signup/221138. Parents that are VIRTUS-trained are encouraged to chaperone.

If you have any questions, please email Father Tim at frbanach@stjamescatholic.org or Amy Bigart at ym@stjamescatholic.org.

Men's Bible Study makes its triumphant return on September 3. Join men from St. James as we study scripture and grow in faith. Wednesdays, Parish House, 7-8pm. Contact Pat Matheny at phdfishing@gmail.com with questions

Are you good with numbers?
Do you have some time once a week to volunteer?

The Saint James Collection Counters are looking to add members to their team.

Responsible stewardship demands that the weekly gifts from the faithful, which represent the monetary lifeblood of the parish community, be properly safeguarded, counted, deposited, and recorded.

Our Collection Counters team is a group of honest and fun individuals who share each other's company while they shoulder the burden of offertory stewardship.

If you can help out or have questions, email Anita Clark at AnitaClark@verizon.net

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2025

DODGEBALL & DOCTRINE

Date	Time	Event	Location
September 28	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
November 23	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
December 14	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball & Cookie Decorating	SJS Gym
January 25	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
February 22	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
March 22	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym
April 25	3:30 pm	BASH	Bishop O'Connell
May 31	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Dodgeball	SJS Gym

****GRADES 6-8****

Scan QR code to sign up or volunteer



Parish News (Continued)

Sunday, September 14th, Road Closures

The Falls Church Education Foundation's *Run for the Schools* is scheduled for **Sunday, September 14th**. The race begins at 8:00am and should be over by 10:00am. Due to this event, there will be road closures in Falls Church City that may impact getting to church. The police will begin blocking the route which goes down by Park Avenue at 6:30am.

Access to the Saint James parking lots from Route 7 will **not** be impacted. View the course map at <https://www.fcedf.org/run-for-the-schools.html>.

Spotlight on "Cheer Throughout The Year"

Several years ago, the Social Outreach Committee initiated a program to reach out to our parishioners who are not always able to join us at Mass on Sundays.

Four times a year, a committee member visits and brings a little helpful gift. With a prayer and a story or two, the member shares a sense of the parish community.



This is just one of the many ministries that Saint James parishioners are part of and that other parishioners could find helpful. Since the program began, over 200 visits have been made to our parishioners who are not able to easily join us on Sundays. To the right are three of our volunteers getting ready for their summer visits.

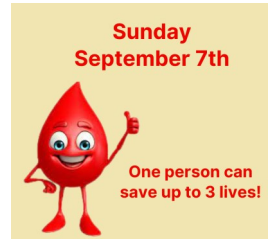


Please contact Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 if you or your loved one would like to know more about this program.

INOVA/Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Thank you to all the blood donors who continue to make our Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 2473 quarterly blood drives a success. Your act of charity continues to help INOVA replenish its low blood supply, which is shared with all area hospitals to save the lives of patients in need. The INOVA doctors and medical staff continue to be grateful for your charitable "Gift of Life."

All donors, new and returning, are invited to our blood drive next weekend **Sunday, September 7th, 8:30am to 2:30pm** in the Main Hall in Arlington. Walk-ins are also welcome!



To sign up for your selected time,

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

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

American Heritage Girls Information Night

American Heritage Girls is an organization dedicated to building women of integrity through faith, service, and fun. Throughout the year, girls will work on badges which teach them important life skills as diverse as outdoor survival and cake decorating, complete service projects including cleaning up the Saint James Cemetery and collecting food for local food banks, and participate in other fun activities such as camping and hiking. Girls, ages 5-18, will meet new people and form lasting friendships through numerous projects and activities that challenge them to become better people.

Registration is **Monday, September 8th, at 6:30pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall. For more information about registration, email ahgtroopva0681@gmail.com.

First Friday All-Night Adoration Join Him!



**7:30PM ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
TO
8:30AM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH**



Signup at <https://bit.ly/FriAdoration> or scan QR code

The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

September is the month the Church remembers the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Place yourself alongside her and each of her sorrows; then ponder her love. Make the First Saturday devotion on September 6th.

“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.”**



At Fatima, Our Lady said that the final attack of Satan will be against the family. This September commit to make the First Saturday devotion as you remember Our Lady's Seven Sorrows.

In the end, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph.



Back by Popular Demand...

A Fall Prevention Presentation

Thursday, September 18th

5:00pm-7:30pm

Monsignor Heller Hall (Door 13)

Due to space limitations, attendees must RSVP by Monday, September 15th, for the dinner and/or presentation to Kathleen McPhilomy at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com.

The Saving Claire Falls Prevention Project starts with a groundbreaking documentary. The film explores the complex nature of aging, resistance to change, and all the relatable patterns that increase fall risk. The film explores Claire's attitudes and actions, the spiral after her fall, and the dramatic events that follow.

Dr. Sara Pappa from Marymount Center for Optimal Aging will lead a lively interactive discussion and Q&A with local experts on fall prevention!

The Seniors Young at Heart are presenting this meeting which is **open to all Saint James parishioners who may be a senior or have a senior parent/loved one** who could benefit from this presentation.

- **5:00pm-5:45pm – Pizza dinner and drinks will be provided**
 - Each guest is asked to bring a dessert or salad for six to complement the dinner.
- **5:45pm-7:30pm – Presentation and panel discussion**

Our Monthly Food Distribution Program

Please pray for the people in our community who are struggling with food insecurity. We serve over 150 families the first Friday of every month.

Food Donations—If you are able to contribute, please consider placing one of the non-perishable items (listed below) into the baskets at the back of the church which can be used for our **September 5th** Food Distribution. **Please donate only the items listed and not others.** Our inventory generally needs to be replenished monthly.

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

The Food Distribution preferred food items can always be found on our Social Outreach page under the SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP menu on our website, <https://stjamescatholic.org/parish-groups/social-outreach/#volunteers>, or scan the QR code. Parishioners may also make monetary donations to the Social Outreach Committee. Please note SOC on the memo line.

Volunteers Needed—Adult and teen volunteers are always needed to set up, fill and distribute the bag sets and crates, clean up, and help those who need groceries. There are shifts between 3:30pm-7:00pm. It is also a great opportunity for teens who need service hours.

Email Karen Bushaw-Newton, littlek@hxr.us, with any questions. Visit www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4AABAE23A64-57967208-saint#/ or scan this QR code to **volunteer for Friday, September 5th.**

Thank you for helping those in our community.



Saint James
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Food Distribution

List of donations needed by the First Friday every month.
Please donate only the items listed and not others.

Rice (1-2 lb bags)
Canned Chicken
Pasta (plain, boxes)
Cereal (boxes)
Canned Spaghetti

Beans (dried, 1 lb bags)
Canned Tuna
Mac 'n Cheese (small boxes)
Canned Green Vegetables
Peanut Butter

Canned Hearty Soups
Canned Tomato Sauce
Canned Fruit
Canned Ravioli
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.)

**THANK
YOU!**


Grow in Your Faith

Saint James parish has a number of study groups that meet regularly for purposes of faith formation. Below is a list of those open to new members this fall. Some meet year-round; others do not. This information is also available on the parish website under the Faith Formation menu or scan the QR code. **If you are interested in joining a group or have questions, contact the leader of the group.** All groups welcome new members but you are encouraged to contact the point of contact before attending for the first time to ensure that the meeting has not been cancelled.



Tuesday

Saint James Fraternity, Weekly

7:00am-7:45am; Parish House

Format is a short talk on prayer, mortification or apostolate, followed by an examination of conscience, and an opportunity to share your accountability in these areas with your peers. It will switch over to Exodus 90 for the first 90 days before Easter. They meet year-round.

Contact: Dony Mac Manus, donymacmanus@gmail.com

Wednesday

Women's Morning Bible Study, Weekly

9:30am-11:30am; Knecht Conference Room

We invite women of the parish to join this weekly study beginning **September 10th from 9:30am-11:30am** to read and discuss a study of the Book of James from Ascension Press and led by Jeff Cavins, "*James: Pearls for Wise Living*." Materials can be found on this link, <https://bit.ly/SJCWedStudy>, and participants will need to bring the workbook and a bible to each meeting. We will also watch the videos included at the end of the meetings.

Contact: Mary Clare Murray, mcsmurray@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study, Weekly

7:00pm-9:00pm; Parish House

Resumes September 3rd. Discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings.

Contact: Pat Matheny, phdfishing@gmail.com or 571-338-9797

Mothers of Young Children, First Wednesday

7:15pm-8:45pm; Parish House

The Mothers of Young Children invite all interested to our bible study this year on St Paul Press' *The Bible and the Sacraments*. **Our first meeting will be October 1st** and will meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month in the Parish House through June.

Contact: Liz Sites, elizabeth.o.sites@gmail.com, or Bailey Mailloux, bailey.mailloux@gmail.com

Thursday

Co-ed Bible Study, 1st and 3rd Thursdays

9:30am-11:30am; Knecht Conference Room

Meets the first and third Thursdays of the month. **Starts September 4th** with the study of Ascension Press' "*Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*".

Contact: Estela Arciaga, estela2caa@icloud.com

Women's Bible Study, Weekly

7:00pm-9:00pm; School Reading Room

Meet three weeks a month with extra time off for holidays.

September 4th-November 6th - Ascension Press' "The Gospel of Luke" takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots of Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.

November 13th-February 19th - Augustine Institute's "Lectio Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism" - Dr. Tim Gray gives you a fresh perspective on Simon Peter in this 10-part series that is immediately informative and relative to our lives.

March 5th-May 13th - Augustine Institute's "Lectio Philippians: Life in Christ" - Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the lectio divina disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in this 6-part series.

Contact: Patti Valancius at PValancius@aol.com or 703-887-6659

Friday

Men's Bible Study, 3rd Friday

7:30pm-9:00pm; Parish House

Discussion of upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Meet year-round. Rotating book study.

Contact: Austin Middleton, austin_midd@hotmail.com

Saturday

Co-ed Bible Study, Every Saturday

10:00am-12:00pm; Parish House Kitchen

The co-ed Bible study **resumes on Saturday, September 6th**. Join us to read and discuss the Scripture readings for the next Sunday mass. We meet in the Parish House kitchen (the back part of the house) from 10:00am until 12 noon. Enter via the back door. Parking is available in the lot next to the house.

Contact: Jeremy Dow, colworn@gmail.com

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Catholic University Second Collection

Next weekend, **September 6-7**, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Located in the heart of the nation's capital, Catholic University, founded in 1887, offers graduate and undergraduate courses in more than 180 academic programs. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting edge research in multiple fields. It will also support their service-oriented cultural and community outreach and improve their campus environment.



Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1491>.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Second Collection

In two weekends, **September 13-14**, we will be taking up a second collection in support of our Parish Religious Education Program, affectionately known as “PREP.” Under Sister Regina Rosarii’s leadership, our PREP program continues to thrive with a team of dedicated catechists and assistants who diligently work to prepare our parish children to receive the Sacraments and increase their knowledge of our Catholic faith so that they may “know, love, and serve the Lord” more fully in this life. Please be as generous as you can and keep our PREP teachers and children in your prayers.



Sister Regina Rosarii, IHM,
Director of PREP

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in some capacity to support PREP, please reach out to Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 x103 or dre@saintjameschool.org.

To donate online via Faith Direct, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1490>.

Support the Annual Nun Fun Run—20th Anniversary!

Please join Saint James School for this year’s Annual Nun Fun Run! It will be held on **Saturday, September 20th, from 7:30am until 9:00am.**

The first race was held on September 17, 2005, in honor of the year-long Centennial Celebration of the school. This year we are celebrating 20 years of this race in support of Camilla Hall—the Convent Home and Healthcare Center for our retired IHM Sisters.

We hope you all come to this wonderful event to cheer on the runners and help raise money for our beloved IHM Sisters who have dedicated their lives to serving Our Lord and our children.

If you would like to register, purchase a t-shirt, or donate to this event, a link will be provided in our next bulletin.

All funds raised will go to Camilla Hall.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Join us for the Nun Fun Run

Saturday, September 20, 2025
7:30am-9:00am



Sister Jeannine Dawson, IHM, runs across the finish line at the inaugural Nun Fun Run on September 17, 2005.

 Saint James
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Celebrate our 20th Anniversary!

Back-to-School Preparations

Just an important reminder for our parishioners that our students are back in school. We want to remind parishioners to please drive carefully since students will be arriving in the mornings starting at 7:30am and dismissed in the afternoons at 3:10pm.

For Adoration on Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons

Cars should avoid parking in A Lot at least 30 minutes before and after dismissals due to school carline and children in the parking lot.

- Wednesdays—Early Dismissal 1:30pm-2:30pm
- Thursdays—Regular Dismissal 2:30pm-3:30pm

We want to thank our many middle schoolers who helped organize and shuffle things around right before the teachers returned and school started.



FINISHING THE RACE

THE CATHOLIC APPROACH TO END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

THE CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF DYING, DEATH, & BURIAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00AM-NOON IN MSGR. HELLER HALL

MEDICAL, LEGAL, & PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

9:00AM-NOON IN MSGR. HELLER HALL

PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE: PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR

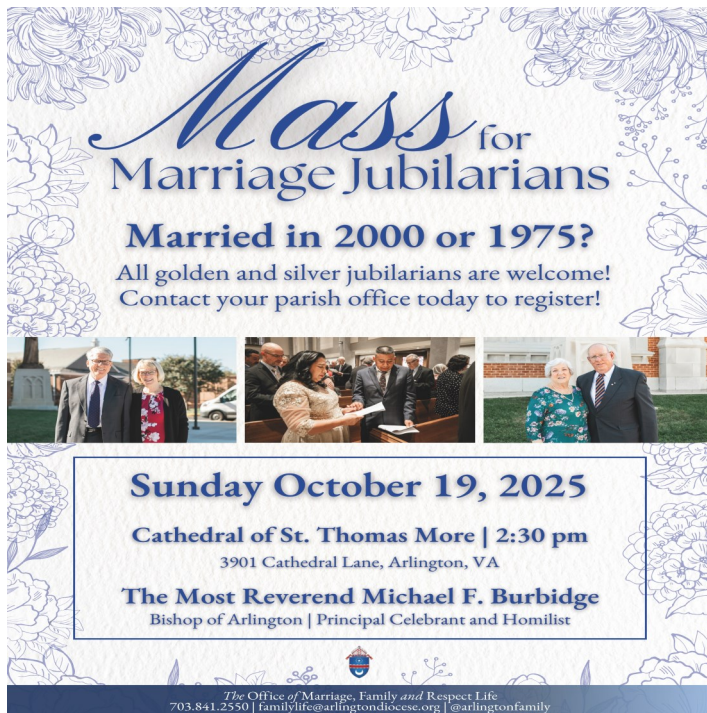
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

9:00AM-NOON IN MSGR. HELLER HALL

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Parish Calendar


Monday, September 1		
Labor Day Holiday. Rectory office closed. No Noon Mass.		
No open meetings scheduled		
Tuesday, September 2		
7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90 (see page 9)	Parish House
7:00pm-8:45pm	Mothers of Young Children (see page 9)	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, September 3		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Men's Bible Study (see page 9)	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	OCIA Begins	Knecht Conference Room
Thursday, September 4		
9:30am-11:30am	Co-ed Bible Study (see page 9)	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, September 5		
9:00am-11:45am	First Friday Exposition and Benediction	Church
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, September 6		
12:00am-8:30am	First Friday All-Night Adoration	Church
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study (see page 9)	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, September 7		
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



Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!
Contact your parish office today to register!



Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylfe@arlingtondiocese.org | @arlingtonfamily

If you are celebrating a golden or silver jubilee wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to the diocesan Mass for Marriage Jubilarians on October 19th at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

Register no later than September 2nd, by contacting Ginny Beauchamp in our parish office at 703-532-8815 or gbeauchamp@stjamescatholic.org.

Or visit our home page NEWS section at www.stjamescatholic.org to download the registration form to complete and return to our Rectory office.