



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

May 4, 2025



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. John Paul Heisler, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter M. McShurley, In Residence
Rev. Mauricio Pineda, In Residence
Rev. Raymond Emedo, In Residence
Deacon Marvin Muhat

Rectory Office Hours

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
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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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 May Prayer Intention

For working conditions—Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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On The Way

Figures of the Resurrection: Mary Magdalene

One of the most endearing and powerful appearances of the risen Lord is to Mary Magdalene. With his usual brevity, Saint Mark tells us, "When [Christ] had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." Saint John gives us more details, particularly about Jesus' appearance to Mary after she had returned to the tomb with Peter and John (see Jn 20:11-18). She serves as another example of how we should encounter and respond to the Risen One.

The first thing to note about the Magdalene is that Christ had delivered her from seven demons. As such, she was a woman with profound personal experience of Christ's saving power. She was deeply invested in Him. His death would have impacted her more profoundly than it did others. Mary Magdalene is traditionally called *The Penitent* because she never lost sight of how He had freed her from sin. Indeed, the more deeply we repent, the more we depend on Christ's power to save, and the more we mourn His suffering and death.

And the more we will seek Him. As Mary does. She goes to the tomb first to anoint His Body. She returns later with the two Apostles and remains there when they leave. Jesus Himself appears and asks, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?"

His two questions are good for us to reflect on. We weep because our sins have offended the One Who loves us infinitely. We weep because He didn't have to, but He took our sins upon Himself. We weep in sorrow – and thanksgiving. We seek the One who frees us from sin and restores us to life. We seek Him to know our salvation and to thank Him for His mercy.

The risen Christ comes to those who are invested in Him and who seek Him. He doesn't appear to those who sought His death. He doesn't appear to the indifferent. We seek Him because He has delivered us from our demons. The risen Christ comes to those who seek Him because they know in Him is freedom from sin and evil. Knowledge of what He has accomplished for us should prompt in us an alacrity, a desire to see him. Deeper penance always means deeper joy.

Then there's the awkward exchange between Mary and our Lord. Once she recognizes Him, she desires to embrace His feet. But He corrects her: "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father." This correction can sometimes be understood as a scolding. Its depiction in art sometimes looks like He's "giving her the Heisman."

Of course, it's nothing of the sort. Jesus wants Mary to understand that she cannot regard Him now as she once did. He is no longer in His earthly body. He has been raised in the spirit and His Body is destined for glory. More importantly, He now desires to be found in His mystical Body, the Church. This is how we too encounter the risen Lord – through His Church. In the People of God built into Christ's Body by the Eucharist, we know Him and His truth.

Finally, obedient to the Lord's command, Mary Magdalene returns to the Apostles and announces, "I have seen the Lord!" For this she is known as *The Apostle to the Apostles*, which is a complement to her other title, *The Penitent*. The two together indicate that our own repentance makes us evangelists. Or, rather, that only by repenting can we then announce Christ to others. We proclaim the risen Lord with conviction and authenticity only when we ourselves experience His power to save. Only those who repent of their sins can convincingly announce the risen Savior.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 3

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

Monday, May 5

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +James Ruddy

8:15am +Judith Elena Anson

Noon +Pat and Judy Krell

Tuesday, May 6

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +John J. Roache

8:15am Suzanne Trachtman

Noon +Ilona and Andy Prishack

Wednesday, May 7

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +Fr. V. Woynar

8:15am Shannon and Clare Rowan

Noon +Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nugent

Thursday, May 8

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am +June Franey Jennings

8:15am +Maria Sakata

Noon Thanksgiving for William Harshman

Friday, May 9

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

6:30am For the living and deceased members of
the Romano and Saffelle families

8:15am +William G. Teed

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara
Flanagan-Koenig

Saturday, May 10

St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster

8:30am +Robert J. Neville

Mass for Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm +Margaret Pereira and Catherine Walach

Sunday, May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am +Joan Herrera

9:00am +Shirley Grayson

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon Theresa and Michael Turnyanszki and
family, living and deceased

2:30pm +Cecilia Jimenez and Gert Simoms

7:00pm +Judith Elena Anson

Today's Readings

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

"When the captain and the court officers had brought..."

Psalms

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

"I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels..."

Gospel

John 21:1-19

"At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples..."

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

Roberta Dunn

Julie Neil

Joyce Babiak

Clare Dunne

Esther Olivos

Beatriz Basso

Katherine Garren

Carter Parry

Cory Bautista

Anthony L. Gerena

Colman Rowan

Mary Ellen Blodgett

Silvia Guevara

BJ Salinas

Betty Brunton

Scott Herman

Kathleen Seroskie

Patricia Cavasina

Laura Lareau

Mary Ann Stasik

Jane C. Checkan

Alex Lohman

Robyn Stewart

Chloe Clagg

Yolanda Machiado

Kathy Thomas

Brendan Collins

Jose G. Martinez

Lauren Vinci

Gene Columbo

Mildred Melmer

Liv Wash

Mona Demien

Gloria Mora

Anne Marie Willis

Regina DePalma

Rachel Noonan

the deceased of our parish family

Joan O'Connor

Lonnie Jean Patch

Andrew Rehkemper

and please pray for all active duty military

1st Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

CPL James Murray, USMC

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

2LT Paul Murray, USA

FN Frank (FX) Giaccio, USN

Capt. Theresa Neubig, USMC

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

2LT Finn Roou, USA

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

May Parish Speaker Series

*"A Heretic, an Emperor, and the God-Man:
The Story of the Council of Nicaea"*

Join us on **Monday, May 19th, at 7:00pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall for our next parish speaker, Steve Weidenkopf. He 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.

Life Corner

40 Days for Life Campaign:

Thank you to those who came out to pray. Between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, 40 Days recorded 78 babies saved, 5 abortion workers quit, and 3 abortion centers closed. Prayers changed hearts and minds at numerous abortion sites throughout this campaign. Amen.



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

Adoration Ends Early

12:30PM-6:00PM

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 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)

May-The Month of Mary



**May Crowning
May 11th
10:30am Mass**

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

Join Us!

SENIORS YOUNG AT HEART

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH

5:00PM-7:00PM

MSGR. HELLER HALL

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FEST

Main Menu: Each guest is asked to bring a hearty sandwich cut in 4 to 6 pieces to share.

Chips will be provided along with strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Activity: Trivia Game

Bring \$5 to help cover costs.

RSVP by May 12th, to one of the following:

- Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com or
- Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School

July 14-18, 2025 - 9:00am-Noon



Registration Now Open!

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

Campers:
Rising K through 5

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



Visit StJamesCatholic.org for details

Register now through June 6th for Vacation Bible School. Scan the QR code or visit our parish website.

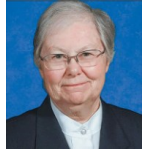
Do you have a child with special needs? We would love to help them join in the fun! Please reach out to Julie Marx, juliemarx14@gmail.com, to discuss options for accommodations.

Parish News (Continued)

Join Us for the IHM Sisters Jubilee Celebration

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.



Behind the Scenes—Saint James Operations Update Spring 2025

Rejoice in the resurrected Lord! We are now three-fourths of the way through our Fiscal Year 2025. Here are our fiscal year-to-date financial results in a nutshell:

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| • Offertory: | \$1,975,872 (vs. \$1,883,00 budgeted) |
| • Total Operating Income: | \$6,303,530 (\$6,108,800 budgeted) |
| • Total Operating Expenses: | \$6,111,487 (\$6,003,400 budgeted) |
| • Net Operating Income: | \$192,043 |

These figures do not include our spending on capital projects. So far this year, we have spent \$489,442 to complete the following improvements:

- Replace the Middle School heating/cooling system
- Replace the School fire alarm system
- Replace the Rectory roofs
- Renovate the Convent chapel
- Seal and re-stripe the main parking lot ("A Lot")
- Renovate the School library (PTO-funded)
- Replace heating/cooling units that failed: Knecht Conference Room and the School Art Room
- Renovate the Church confessionals (to meet new diocesan requirements)



Convent chapel before (top) and after (bottom) renovation



Also "behind the scenes," we have had two major examinations this year: our biannual financial audit by an independent accounting firm engaged by the Diocese; and our School "DFE" accreditation review, which we have every five years. We have no secrets at Saint James! Our auditors and reviewers know just about everything, and God knows the rest. *Lord, you have searched me and known me!* (Psalm 139).

If you have any questions or comments regarding parish operations, feel free to contact Rich Blickendorfer at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

Parish News (Continued)

Spring Has Sprung—Come Plant with Us

Please join the Creation Care Ministry team **Monday, May 5th, 5:30pm-7:30pm**, to help plant our 2025 crop in back of the Parish House. Produce from the parish garden goes to support Food Distribution at Saint James and other local parishes. Children are welcome!

Focus areas for this season include:

- **Improving Soil Health**
 - ♦ We will accomplish this by tilling (aerating the soil to permit moisture and air to permeate), adding nutrients and compost, and rotating plantings in the various beds.
- **Food Distribution**
 - ♦ Planting peppers, tomatoes, chard, and other highly desirable vegetables that grow abundantly to best serve the people who benefit from our food distribution.
- **“Three Sisters” Native American Farming Technique**
 - ♦ Experimenting with the “Tres Hermanas” (aka the “Three Sisters”) Native American farming technique that maximizes the symbiotic relationship of squash, corn, and climbing beans when planted together.



If you have any questions or if you plan to attend, email Maggie Lechleitner at maggie.lechleitner@atkn.com in case we need to reschedule due to a rain delay. We will also post updates on the parish social media platforms.

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

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 in 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.



Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Special Parish Needs Collection May 10-11

Next weekend is our annual ***Special Parish Needs collection***. This collection is used by our Pastor for the area of greatest need in the parish. All 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 various disaster reliefs, supporting a local homeless shelter in the winter months, and yearly collection of Lenten and Advent gift cards to assist local shelters.



Members of our Social Outreach Committee with Father Scalia

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.

To make a one-time gift via Faith Direct, visit membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/28720. Thank you for your support.



Diocesan Retired Priests Collection May 17-18

In two weekends 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. Currently there are approximately 200 priests, 26 are retired and 17 who will retire in the next 10 years.

Many elder religious worked for years for little to no pay, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.



Please consider donating to this important collection at membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/1486. Thank you for your kind support!

Parish Calendar

Monday, May 5

6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice—Group B	Church
7:00pm-8:15pm	High School Theology	Parish House

Tuesday, May 6

7:00am-7:45am	Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90	Parish House
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP Classes	School
7:00pm-8:45pm	Mothers of Young Children	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, May 7

10:00am-11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room
12:30pm-6:00pm	Adoration ends early	Church
6:30pm-8:00pm	First Communion Practice—Spanish PREP	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 8

10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
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	Social Outreach Committee	Knecht Conference Room
7:00pm-9:00pm	Women's Bible Study	School Reading Room

Friday, May 9

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, May 10

10:00am-11:00am	First Communion—Group A	Church
10:00am-12:00pm	Co-ed Bible Study	Parish House
1:00pm-2:00pm	First Communion—Group B	Church
3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall

Sunday, May 11

	May Crowning (see page 5)	
11:30am-1:30pm	Young Professionals Brunch	Parish House
4:00pm-5:30pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	Parish House
5:00pm-6:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

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Each month, there is a theme and a liturgical calendar to connect you with related resources available. Simply log in and click Community or visit their Monthly Features page. There are programs for youth as well. This is a great way for all family members to learn more and strengthen their faith.

