



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

July 5, 2026



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046
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receptionist@stjamescatholic.org

Religious Education

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Sr. Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director
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Hispanic Apostolate

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Phone: 703-533-1182; Fax: 703-532-8316
Website: www.saintjamesschool.org
Mrs. Melissa Manaker, Interim Principal
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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/.

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.

The Pope's July Prayer Intention

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

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On The Way

Saint Francis of Assisi: Conversion

In 1205, Francesco di Bernadone was in crisis. His venture as a soldier ended badly and wounded him deeply. He had left the family home to live in poverty as a penitent in the nearby church of San Damiano. The townspeople thought he had gone mad. The situation couldn't last. His father decided to force the issue.

Pietro di Bernadone probably experienced a mixture of emotions: concern for his son's health, embarrassment about him, and anxiety about how his conduct might impact family finances. He brought Francis brought back to Assisi, locked him up in the family home, and later went to court with him over his claim to the family's wealth. That last action occasioned one of the most famous and poignant moments in Francis's life.

Francis appealed beyond the civil law to the Church. The bishop served as mediator and, recognizing Francis as a penitent in the Church, exhorted him to placate his father by renouncing all rights to his inheritance. Francis then removed his fine clothes, revealing a penitent's hairshirt underneath, and announced, "Until now I have called Pietro di Bernadone my father. But, because I have proposed to serve God, I return to him the money on account of which he was so upset, and also all the clothing which is his, wanting to say, from now on: 'Our Father who art in heaven,' and not 'My father, Pietro di Bernadone.'"

That definitive embrace of poverty was one of the most freeing moments in Francis's life. But he considered something else more important. All his life, Francis – the troubadour and bon vivant – had had a deep aesthetic sense. He was moved by beauty and experienced a visceral revulsion to all that was ugly, dirty, and poor. The sight, especially of lepers, disturbed him greatly. After his embrace of poverty, something changed.

He went and lived for a while in a nearby leprosarium, ministering to its residents. He himself regarded that time as his definitive turning from the world's riches, ambition, and fun to the true joy and beauty of poverty, penance, and service. One moment that shows Francis's conversion of heart was when he encountered a leper on the road. Rather than turning aside in disgust, as he would have done before, he was moved with pity and embraced him.

As he wrote later, "The Lord granted me, brother Francis, to begin doing penance this way: When I was in my sins, just to see lepers was very bitter for me. And the Lord himself took me among them, and I showed mercy to them. And on leaving them, what seemed bitter to me had turned for me into sweetness of body and soul. And afterwards I waited a little and left the world."

A final element in Francis's life at this time was his care for the church. As he was in prayer in San Damiano one day, our Lord spoke to him from the Crucifix, "Francis, rebuild my house, which you see is falling into ruin." In his simplicity, Francis did not presume our Lord meant anything more than to care for that little run-down church. He began to repair it with his own hands. When materials ran out, he would go into town and beg for money to purchase more.

Francis was not an organizer or a systematic thinker. He was simply responding to God's call as he could best discern it. Because he trusted in God's Providence, a profound and organic connection emerged between the various elements of his life: penance, poverty, service, and rebuilding. It was an attractive combination. His reputation spread throughout and beyond Assisi. He began to draw young men who wanted to share the radical life God had inspired in him.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 4

Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Leandro Jose G. Pampuch

Sunday, July 5

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Yaroslav and Yaroslava Stetsko

9:00am +Margaret P. Long

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Harry Burke

2:30pm +Christopher William Arias

7:00pm +Edward O'Laughlin

Monday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti

6:30am +Harvey Rosenblatt

8:15am Patrick Blake

Noon +Dominic Monahan

Tuesday, July 7

Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am Bridged Doherty

8:15am +Michael Ryan

Noon +Maria Leslie Cerna

Wednesday, July 8

Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am Bible Study Groups

8:15am +Michele Soyka-Horosko

Noon +Leon Humiston

Thursday, July 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

6:30am John and Alice McCann

8:15am +Julia and Helen Shynock

Noon +Emily Grace Vazquez

Friday, July 10

Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am +Scarlett and Jason Faulkner

8:15am Thanksgiving for the Apigo family

Noon +Michael Patrick Dimmick

Saturday, July 11

St. Benedict

8:30am +George C. Jennings

Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Eugene Kelly

Sunday, July 12

The Fifteenth in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Terry Cassell

9:00am +Margaret Maguire

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Ted Trott

2:30pm Angela Arauco

7:00pm Kate Doherty

Today's Readings

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

"Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion,"

Psalms

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

"I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God." or
"Alleluia."

Second Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

"Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh;"

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

"At that time Jesus exclaimed: 'I give praise to you, Father,...'"

Readings for the Week

Visit bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar for the daily readings, responsorial psalms, and gospels for the upcoming week.

Remember in Your Prayers

The sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

James Banks

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Charles A. Burke

Jim Buscher

Christopher Butzgy

Patricia Cavasina

Jane C. Checkan

Chloe Clagg

Matthew Coffin

Grace Coipuram

Raul Crespo

Matthew Davis

Mona Demian

Charles Duggar

Thomas Duncan

Roberta Dunn

Dora Dee Estes

Liana Farrell

Katherine Garren

Anthony L. Gerena

Monica Giove

Scott Herman

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

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

The deceased of our parish family

James Roy Banks

Albert C. Camacho

Charles Borremeo Molineaux

Louise Terwilliger

Please pray for the members of our parish serving in the military both home and abroad.



Saint James Prayer Chain

Become a praying member of the Saint James Prayer Chain. We are dedicated to praying for the intentions of our parish families and their loved ones. For more information, visit the *Saint James Prayer Chain* page under Faith Formation on www.stjamescatholic.org.

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



Parish News

Apply Now—Assistant Director of Facilities

Saint James seeks an Assistant Director of Facilities. The position requires skills in various trades and a proven track record showing strong customer service orientation and the ability to help manage staff and contractors.

This position is full-time with full benefits. Hours are generally Monday through Friday but must be available other times on call. Some early morning, late night, and weekend hours are required. The pay range is \$25 to \$30/hour, depending on skills and experience. A diocesan background check will be required.

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



**SAINT JAMES PARISH
IS HIRING**

Assistant Facilities Director

- Full-time
- Requires skills in various trades
- Ability to manage staff and contractors
- Mon. thru Fri. and on-call availability
- Some early a.m., late p.m. and weekend hours required

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

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

Each talk will be followed with a period of Q&A and discussion.

We hope to see you there!

All talks will be held on Wednesday evenings on the following dates:

- July 22nd, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room
- July 29th, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room
- August 5th, 7:00pm, IHM Conference Room

Summer Reminders

Now that summer is here and family schedules change due to vacations and school being out, remember that “Just as your vacation takes planning and discipline to make happen, so also we must keep certain disciplines in our leisure so that we maintain our identity as children of God.” Below are some ways to maintain your identity as a child of God.

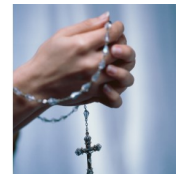
- **Mass.** In your travels, make sure you plan ahead so that you can make it to Mass every Sunday, wherever your travels take you. The site www.masstimes.org is a great resource to help find the most convenient Mass.



- **Confession.** Go to confession monthly...take your children...and then take them out afterward for dinner or dessert. Just as the 40 days of Lent lead into the 50 days of Easter, so our repentance should always lead to rejoicing!



- **Rosary.** At some point this summer, you will find yourself on a flight or long drive. Plenty of time to pray the Rosary! In fact, the time between when you take your seat on a plane and take off is about the time it takes to pray a Rosary. *So, make sure you have your Rosary with you, in your pocket or in your purse*, so that you can give that time of prayer to God whenever the opportunity pops up.



SUNDAY HOLY HOUR NOTICE



BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, OUR 5:00PM HOLY HOUR WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE AFFIRMATION OF LIFE, MARRIAGE, AND THE DEFEAT OF THE PROPOSED ABORTION AMENDMENTS.

Parish News (Continued)

Mass & Rosary with Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the **8:30am Mass** in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on **Saturday, July 18th at Saint James**. Following Mass, the Bishop will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary for the protection and sanctity of human life at a local abortion



FAITH Y FÚTBOL

SUMMER 2026

SOCCER **Middle School (Grades 6-8)** **PIZZA**

JULY 26TH 4:00-6:00PM
@ ROCKET FIELD

Join Father Tim for
games, food, & faith discussion
every last Sunday of the
month this summer



Creation Care Committee Summer Engagement Events

Open Garden—Sunday, July 19th

Please join us in the Parish Garden behind the Parish House for coffee and sweets **following the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses**. The garden is already taking off, and we are seeing the first signs of vegetables beginning to grow! Come and catch up with old and new friends, take pictures with our lovely wildflowers, and enjoy a relaxing morning surrounded by God's glorious nature.

5th Annual Science Night—Wednesday, July 22nd

Calling for Volunteers! Do you need community service hours? Rising juniors and seniors, as well as Virtus-trained adults, are needed to help at activity stations and orienting visitors to the garden. **No formal education in science is required.** We will prepare you just before the event. Please visit bit.ly/CCMScienceNite or scan the QR code for details or to sign up.

This popular summer evening is a favorite of kids from Pre-k to 5th grade. Enjoy hands-on educational activities, smell and taste our veggies and herbs, and get a little crafty all in one place! We will have tasty snacks, and you can also bring your own nibbles to share. **The event begins at 6:00pm in the Parish Garden.**

For any questions about these events, email maggie.lechleitner@gmail.com.

The 5th Annual Science Night at our *Giving Garden*

July 22nd | 6:00pm-8:00pm
Back of Parish House

*The Creation Care Ministry cordially invites
parents and kids (target audience 12 and under)
to an evening of exploration of the garden
ecosystem.*

Volunteers needed for the event.
Please visit
bit.ly/CCMScienceNite or scan
the QR code to sign up.



**We look forward to
seeing you!**

**Hands-On Exploration
& Experimentation!**



*The world is charged with
the grandeur of God.*

- G.M. Hopkins

Parish Library Reading Challenge

Parish Library Summer Reading Challenge

Join us for the first-ever Saint James Parish Library Summer Reading Challenge now through August 16th! Readers of all ages are invited to participate. **It's not too late to start!**

Simply borrow books from the Saint James Parish Library collection, read them, and record each title on your reading log. The reading log is available on the Saint James website, stjamescatholic.org/faith/parish-library/ or at the library open July 12, July 19, August 2, and August 16 from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Participants who meet the reading goal for their age group and submit their completed log will be entered into a prize drawing. Please email your log to stjamescatholiclibrary@gmail.com or drop it off at the Rectory Office or Parish Library.

Reading Goals (Age-Appropriate)

- **Pre-K – Rising 5th Grade:** Read 7 books (*pre-readers may have books read to them*)
- **Rising 6th–8th Grade:** Read 5 books.
- **High School and Adults:** Read 3 books

The parish library is open the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 10:00am-2:00pm except in July. **We will be closed this holiday weekend but open the 2nd and 3rd weekends in July in support of the reading challenge.**



The poster features a red cross icon at the top left. The text reads: **PARISH LIBRARY JOIN OUR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!** Below the text are four book covers: 'Tell Me about the Catholic Faith', 'SAINTS and ANGELS', 'THE LITTLE FRIAR WHO FLEW', and 'MOTHER TERESA'. At the bottom, a red oval contains the text: **Library is Open Jul 12, Jul 19, Aug 2, & Aug 16 10:00am-2:00pm**

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 Frances Wilson al 703-626-7771 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/, 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.



The end of the school year was a busy one for our students. Many grades went on field trips that were not only fun but educational. Our second graders visited the Children's Science Center Lab inside of Fair Oaks Mall.



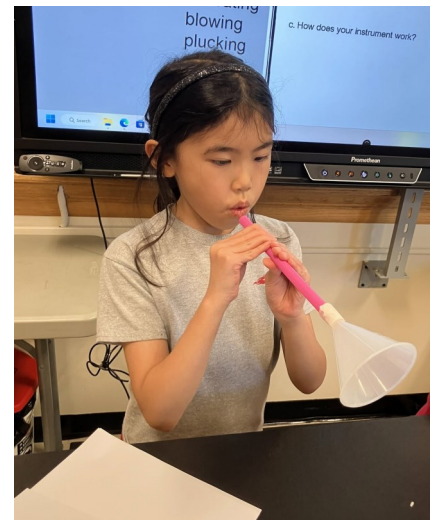
Students worked together to design a structure that could withstand an earthquake.



Students learned about different machines.



Students built instruments to study properties of sound.



Saint James School and PREP Summer Hours

SCHOOL

- Monday-Thursday 9:00am-Noon
- Closed Fridays
- Office closed: June 29-July 10

Contact Information:

- 703-533-1182
- office@saintjameschool.org



PREP

- Monday-Friday 9:30am-Noon or by appointment
- Office closed: Friday, July 3rd

Contact Information:

- 703-533-1182 x104
- religioused@saintjameschool.org

Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

Park Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Soak City Hours: 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

July 29, 2026

**The day will begin at 9:00 a.m.
with Mass celebrated by
Bishop Burbidge at
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception in Fredericksburg**

**For more information, please contact
Cristina at (703) 841-2559 or
cristina.catterton@arlingtondiocese.org**



**Sponsored by the Office of
Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries**



Tickets are \$40



Parish Calendar

Monday, July 6

7:00pm-9:00pm	Presidio #2 Legion of Mary	IHM Conference Room
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Tuesday, July 7

7:00am-8:00am	Saint James Fraternity	Parish House
7:00pm-8:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Msgr. Heller Hall
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	IHM Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Wednesday, July 8

12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church

Thursday, July 9

10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church

Friday, July 10

11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
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Saturday, July 11

7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church

Sunday, July 12

10:00am-2:00pm	Parish Library Open (see page 6)	Parish House
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

Life Corner

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



Commit to build the culture of life and safeguard the future of Virginia: Join the Catholic Diocese of Arlington in protecting human life and upholding the truth about marriage.

The "Catholics Vote No" campaign invites you to pledge to vote no on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage on the ballot September 18-November 3, 2026. Visit catholicsvoteno.com, arlingtondiocese.org/vote, or scan the QR code to learn more, access resources, and pledge to vote. Encourage your family and friends to pledge.

Join the Virginia Catholic Conference. You can stay informed on legislation which affects us as Catholics on both the state and federal levels. Visit vacatholic.org, click on "Join us!" to receive email or text notices on proposed legislation in the VA State legislature and US Congress.

To protect human life & the truth about marriage

CATHOLICS VOTE NO

on the

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

Pledge to Vote: CatholicsVoteNo.com

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

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