



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

September 8, 2024



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
2:30pm (Spanish), Noon,
and 7:00pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:15am, and Noon

Saturdays: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am and 8:15am

Holy Days: 6:30am, 8:15am, Noon,
5:00pm, and 7:00pm

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 the Worship menu on our website for more details, stjamescatholic.org/sacraments/.

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Sister Patricia Healey, IHM, Superior

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 the cry of the Earth—We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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On The Way

Anima Christi: Never permit me to be separated from Thee.

The morning prayer of Saint Philip Neri was a bit unusual: “Beware, Lord, lest Philip betray you again!” Well, that wasn’t the entirety of his prayer but an essential part. It was also typical of Neri. His appreciation of humor in the spiritual life was such that we should imagine him praying those words with a sly grin on his face. He could joke about his own weakness because he didn’t take himself too seriously and had complete confidence in God’s goodness.

That’s the spirit with which we should pray the *Anima Christi*’s next petition: *Never permit me to be separated from Thee*. It’s a curious thing to ask him because, well, only *we* can separate ourselves from him. As Saint Paul says, “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 35, 38-39). None of those things have the power to separate us from God...unless we allow them to. And, as Neri knew, we’re just the ones to do it!

Never permit me to be separated from Thee. As a negative statement, this expresses a healthy distrust of our own strength. We know that, left to ourselves, we will certainly betray him and separate ourselves from him. This knowledge is a salutary form of self-doubt. It is a humble acknowledgement of the truth that, without his grace, we cannot and will not remain faithful. It expresses what any serious Catholic has experienced: frustration with one’s weakness of will. We eventually come to the recognition that we cannot do it on our own, that more than human wisdom and human strength is necessary.

There’s a positive element to this petition as well. *Never permit me to be separated from Thee*. This petition proclaims a trust in God’s goodness and vigilance over us. He is the one who has both the love and the power to keep us close to himself. It’s a profession of faith that his grace can keep us united to him. It also implies a confidence in his grace to direct our will without violating our freedom. *Even though I might desire to be separated and chase after my own desires...may your grace keep me from it. May your grace restrain my rebellious will.*

This might seem an odd petition to pray after receiving Holy Communion. We have just received him...but we ask that we not be separated from him? It should remind us that in the reception of Holy Communion, we not only receive him but are also received by him and incorporated into his Body. It is through this union with him that we are saved.

Which also clarifies what sin does. When we sin, God does not turn away from us, separate himself, or withdraw his help (although scripture and tradition often use such images). It’s rather that when we sin, we cut ourselves off from him. We are the ones who turn away, seeking our own thing, and causing separation.

Perhaps a simple way to understand this petition is a common summertime scene: a father holding his son in his arms as he walks into the surf. The son sees the power of the surf and clings tightly to his dad: *Don’t let go*. He knows that without his dad he will be lost, but that in his father’s arms he’s secure and can enjoy the surf. It is that security and confidence in the Father that Jesus shares with us.

– Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 7

Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Gregory Breen

Sunday, September 8

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +James Dalby

9:00am +Lorna May and Carlos Infante

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Alfredo Loy

2:30pm +Alice Gogniat

7:00pm Andrew and Katherine Piraino

Monday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

6:30am +Joseph Patrick Liverman

8:15am +Lily and James Vamvakatis

Noon +Shirley Nokes

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am +Dudley and Debbie McDonald

8:15am Paul Whitehead

Noon +Patricia Massey

Wednesday, September 11

Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

6:30am Maeve Margaret Welch

8:15am David Whitehead

Noon +Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerdano

Thursday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

6:30am +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

8:15am +James Patrick

Noon +Patricia and Ralph Smith

Friday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

6:30am +Nelsa Duran

8:15am +Cheryl Marsh

Noon +Raul Gonzalez

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am +Julia and Helen Shynock

Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +John F. Kurtzke, Sr.

Sunday, September 15

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Jane and Michael Checkan

9:00am +File Kadeli

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Peggy Donovan Condon

2:30pm +Maria Guerrero

7:00pm Special Intention

Today's Readings

First Reading

Is 35:4-7a

“Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are...”

Psalm

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

“Praise the Lord, my soul!”

Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

“My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to...”

Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

“Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon...”

Readings for the Week

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

Remember in Your Prayers

the sick of our parish family

Juan Alarcon

Joyce Babiak

Beatriz Basso

Cory Bautista

Betty Brunton

Carmine Carosella

Jane C. Checkan

Brendan Collins

Christopher Deloye

Mona Demien

Mike Dudzik

Roberta Dunn

Erik Funk

Katherine Garren

Laura Lareau

Alex Lohman

Jose G. Martinez

Nicholas McDonough

Mildred Melmer

Gloria Mora

Julie Neil

Rachel Noonan

Esther Olivos

Janet Owen

Jim Owen

Carter Parry

Phillip Perot

Thomas Rackowski

Conley Rohall

Russell Ross

Kathleen Seroskie

Robyn Stewart

Kathy Thomas

Julia Umana

Lauren Vinci

Liv Wash

Anne Marie Willis

Richard Ziegler

the deceased of our parish family

Anthony Antenucci

Judith Karinshak

Msgr. Frank Hendrick

Stephen Koehnke

Charles Daniel McMahon

Michael Sullivan

and those serving our country

This includes veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service. For changes or updates, email communications@stjamescatholic.org.

2nd Lt. Thomas Canady, USAF

SSgt Joshua Conrad, USAF

CDR Thomas Dixon

Lt. Mathew Hayes, USN

Retired

CPT William H. Johnson, USA

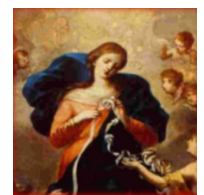
1st Lt. Charles Molineaux, USA



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.

- To sign up to be a praying member, visit <http://eepurl.com/gURddd>
- To submit a request to the Prayer Chain, email PrayerChain@saintjameschool.org



Parish Speaker Series Returns

Join us next **Monday, September 16th, at 7:00pm** in Monsignor Heller Hall for our guest speaker Tim Carney, an award-winning author, journalist, scholar, and speaker. He will talk about how to make America family friendly again. He has covered culture and politics for nearly 25 years. Mr. Carney has written a book on raising children in today's "Family Unfriendly" culture and how we can make it more manageable. Children are anxious. Parents are stressed. Birthrates are at record lows. The problem is our family unfriendly culture.

Our Hospitality Committee will provide light appetizers and drinks for the event.

Collection Counters Needed

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 share the burden of offertory stewardship.

If you are interested in volunteering, email Anita Clark at AnitaClark@verizon.net.

Sunday, September 15th, Road Closures

The Falls Church Education Foundation's *Run for the Schools* is scheduled for next **Sunday, September 15th. The race begins at 8:00am and clean up should be over by 10:00am.** Due to this event, there will be road closures that may impact getting to church. The police will begin blocking the route which goes down by Park Avenue at 6:30am.

Access to Saint James parking lots from Route 7 will **not** be impacted.

View the course map at <https://www.fcdf.org/run-for-the-schools.html>.

High School Theology

High School Theology classes will continue again this year from **7:00pm-8:15pm** on **Monday** evenings beginning **September 9th** in the school library (enter through Door #15).

These classes are for all high school students who are already confirmed and wish to deepen their knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith. Seminarian Teko Teko-Agbo, a seminarian for the Arlington Diocese, will be teaching the class. He is in his third year of theology at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Teko is originally from Togo and has an amazing story of coming to Arlington and the seminary.

Contact Sister Regina, dre@saintjameschool.org, if your son/daughter would like to attend.

Ecumenical Study and Planning Group

The Saint James Ecumenical Study and Planning Group invites you to join them as they read and discuss the encyclical letter *Ut unum sint* ("That they may be one") of Pope John Paul II.

The group will meet monthly on the **fourth Monday** beginning **September 23rd from 7:00pm-8:30pm.**

Email Julie Conroy, jmtconroy@gmail.com, for more information.

Special Religious Development Program

The Disability Inclusion Committee, in cooperation with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), is offering a Special Religious Development (SPRED) Program this fall for all Saint James parishioners who have children with disabilities (ages 5-18 years old) who have not yet received the sacraments.

We are looking for teenage and adult volunteers who would like to be partnered with a child during the class to assist with activities.

Classes begin next Sunday, September 15th, from 10:15am-11:00am.

Visit the PREP page under the Faith Formation menu on our website for more details.

Parish News (Continued)

Religious Education Begins Next Week

THANK YOU so very much to all those parishioners who have so generously volunteered their time and talent to teach and assist in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). If there is anyone who feels they might like to help in any way, but has not yet offered, please feel free to do so. We can never have too many volunteers! Every year, family emergencies can develop and there is always a need for someone to fill in, even if it is temporarily. If you feel that you would like to help out as a catechist, catechist's assistant, office personnel, safety patrol, or song leader, please do not hesitate to contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 ext. 103 or dre@saintjameschool.org.

Registration

We are accepting registrations for new students. Classes are held on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm). Please call 703-533-1182 ext. 104 to make an appointment.

Children who are not registered yet will not begin PREP classes until October 1st. **Contact the Religious Education office this week to get your child(ren) registered.** Required forms and calendars are posted on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu.

Life Corner

"Children truly are the family's greatest treasure and most precious good. Consequently, everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God's love."



Pope Benedict XVI made the above statement at an address at a Meeting on Family and Life Issues in Latin America, December 3, 2005.

Pray a Hail Mary this week for our government leaders that they will vote for laws to protect life from conception to natural death.

To get on the parish email list for Life News, email stjameslife@gmail.com.

An Invitation to Widows

Perhaps you wish to live this time of your life in the light and strength of the Resurrection. If you seek a deeper commitment to Christ while remaining in your daily life of family and work, there is a group known as the Community of Our Lady of the Resurrection, an international association of widows who have made a commitment to Christ, to pray for families and couples, and to explore our individual missions.

There will be an information session (including refreshments) on **Friday, September 20th, at 12:30pm** in the Parish House.

For more information, contact Sandy Crowley at 703-893-0017 or thecrowleys1@aol.com.

Altar Server Training Sessions

Attendance at one of these training sessions on a Tuesday is needed to begin or to continue serving as an altar server here at Saint James Church. All servers, new and returning, must attend one of the four sessions listed below.

To register your son for a session, email Amy Bigart, abigart@stjamescatholic.org.

- **September 10th or September 17th**
⇒ **5:00pm-5:45pm or 7:00pm-7:45pm**

Join The Seniors Young at Heart

Dinner: Fried chicken. Apple crisp and ice cream for dessert. Guests are asked to bring a salad or vegetables for six.

Speaker: Falls Church Police Dept. will discuss personal safety.

RSVP to one of the following:

- Susan Jackson,
jacksonsusan765@gmail.com
- Kathleen McPhilomy,
kmcphilomy2@gmail.com

Thursday, September 19th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Msgr. Heller Hall

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Second Collection

This weekend, **September 7-8**, 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.



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

Please keep all of our PREP teachers and children in your prayers.

The Nun Fun Run

Thank you to everyone who participated in this weekend’s Nun Fun Run in support of Camilla Hall—the Convent Home and Healthcare Center for our beloved IHM Sisters. It was a wonderful event.

Whether you were a donor, a runner, a cheerleader, or all three, please know that your support has made a difference and is greatly appreciated.

There is also still time to give! As we close out our centennial year in honor of the IHM Sisters, please consider giving to this important cause. To donate, please scan the QR code or use our one-time gift link via Faith Direct, <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA50/7745>, and write “Nun Fun Run” in the note box. You can also write a check to “St. James PTO” with “Nun Fun Run” in the memo line and mail it (or drop it off) to the attention of Kathleen Anderson at 905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046.



Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Photos from the first Nun Fun Run September 17, 2005





St. Lucy Food Project FOOD DRIVE

Serving **50%**
more clients than last year
Source: Catholic Charities tracking systems




203,040
individuals in the diocese
don't have enough to eat.
Source: Feeding America Aug. 2021



Sponsored by:
Saint James Social
Outreach

Saturday
September 21st
10:00AM-2:00PM

Spring Street
(in front of Saint James Catholic
Church)

Drive up;
Pop your trunk;
We do the rest!

**Blue Bag Distribution-After
Mass Sept. 14th-15th, Return
filled on Sept. 21st!**

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

- Jam and Jelly*
- Peanut Butter*
- Cooking Oil*, Sugar, Flour, and Masa
- Spices (salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, cinnamon)
- Canned Chicken* and Tuna*
- Rice* and Dried Beans: 1-2 lb. bags
- Canned Corn* and Green Beans
- Canned Fruit*
- Tomato products* **NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!**
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Cereal*/Oatmeal packets
- Canned Pasta* and Pasta Sauce
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Mac and Cheese*
- Pasta*

*Most Needed

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Grow in Your Faith

Join A Bible Study or Faith Formation Group

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 in September. Some meet year round; others run from September-May or June. This information is also available on the parish website under the Faith Formation menu. If you are interested in joining a group, contact the leader of that group.

NOTE: All groups welcome new members but you are encouraged to contact the group leader before attending for the first time to ensure that meeting has not been cancelled.

Tuesday

Saint James Fraternity, Weekly

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

Note: 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. Meet year-round.

Contact: Dony Mac Manus, donymacmanus@gmail.com

Mothers of Young Children, First Tuesdays (most months) 7:15pm-8:45pm; Parish House

First meeting is **September 10th (second Tuesday)**—*The Bible and The Virgin Mary*. All mothers welcome.

Contact: Liz Sites, elizabeth.o.sites@gmail.com, or Diem Tran at dmtran322@gmail.com

Wednesday

Women's Study, Weekly

10:00am-11:30am; Knecht Conference Room

Starting **September 18th**—*Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* from Ascension Press

Contact: Jane Harvey, harveyjmc@gmail.com

Men's Study, Weekly

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

Starting **September 4th**—Discussion of upcoming Sunday Mass readings that are sent to participants prior to the class. Meet year-round.

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

Thursday

Co-ed study, 1st and 3rd Thursdays

9:40am-11:30 am; Knecht Conference Room

Starting **September 19th**, "*Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*", Ascension Press

Contact: Estela Arciaga, estela2eaa@icloud.com

Women's Bible Study, Weekly

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

September 5-November 7—*Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You from "MIC"* (Marians of the Immaculate Conception).

November 14-January 23—*Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant* by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins from Ascension Press.

February 6-March 20—*The Mass* – a six-week study by Bishop Robert Baron, Word on Fire

Contact: Patti Valancius, pvalancius@aol.com or 703-887-6659

Friday

Men's Study, 3rd Fridays

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 Study, Every Saturday

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

Discussion of upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. Meet year-round.

Contact: Jeremy Dow, yeyuchushi@gmail.com

Visit <https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/bible-study-groups/>.



Youth Ministry



The Saint James Catholic Church Youth Ministry Program strives to foster the life of the Spirit in the development of the human person by:

- Assisting families in the responsibility of raising youth in the faith;
- Teaching youth to pray/encounter and;
- Connecting youth with their peers practicing the faith.

We value parent involvement in our activities.

VIRTUS trained adults are encouraged to chaperone or plan events.

Check out our website:

<https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry/>



Annual Parish Picnic

Youth volunteers are needed to hand out tickets, monitor games and clean up for service hours. VIRTUS trained adult volunteers are also needed to supervise the teen volunteers.

Sign up now!



SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY
MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

SPORTS ON ROCKET FIELD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4 PM- 6 PM

Youth & Chaperones RSVP on our website:
<https://stjamescatholic.org/faith/youth-ministry/>



SAINT JAMES YOUTH MINISTRY 2024-2025 CALENDAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

- September 22-Sports on Rocket Field
- November 17-Movie Night
- December 15-Dodgeball, Gym
- January 5-Epiphany Party
- February 16-Dodgeball, Gym
- March 16-Dodgeball, Gym
- April 6-Dodgeball, Gym
- May 10-BASH

**Most events are from 4:00pm-6:00pm.
Please check our website for more details.**

To RSVP, scan
our QR Code



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22



“Where We Ignite the Potential in Each Child.”

Each year, the PTO and the Gala Committee select a special project to fund for the benefit of the entire school. This year’s Fund-A-Cause (FAC) was for the school library, which was in need of an updated and refreshed look. The PTO leadership team worked tirelessly with Sister Kathryn and Beth Rayome to design the new layout. They found the contractors and negotiated the price quotes, selected paint colors and new carpets, and procured beautiful, “age-appropriate” furniture –shelving, tables, chairs–to go with the newly designated sections for elementary and middle school students. Most impressively, individual PTO members contributed "sweat equity" by removing and then reshelving the books, along with assistance from School staff members.

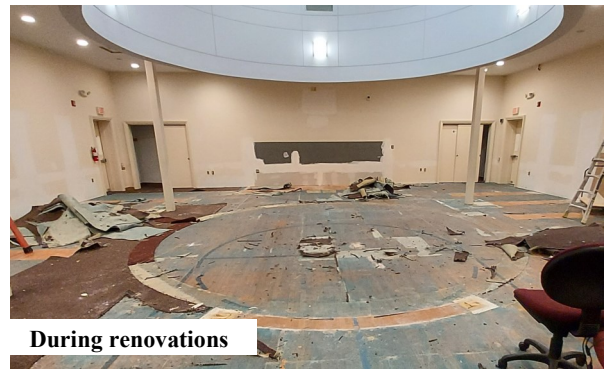


This project was full of wonderful surprises. For example, the original gym floor was discovered under the old carpeting. The library was the school gym until the Knecht gym was built.

The new and improved library is beautiful, spacious and well stocked with over 17,000 books. With added online resources and books aplenty, it will be the ideal spot for research, writing, playing, collaborating, and reading. The larger open space will also be used to welcome speakers, groups, and visitors to our school.



After renovations



During renovations



2024-2025 School Openings

Saint James School has openings for this school year for **part-time extended day/recess staff**. Hours of employment are 10:30am-1:00pm and 2:45pm-6:00pm Monday through Friday and 11:00am-6:00pm on early dismissal school days. Duties include supervising students during outdoor recess and during indoor activities that include snack time, homework help, playing games, and arts and crafts. Applicants must have experience working with children and must be at least 18 years of age. Rate is \$17 per hour. This is a great job if you like summers as well as Christmas and Easter breaks off. To apply or obtain more detail about this position, visit the Arlington Diocesan website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/faculty-and-staff-openings-in-catholic-schools and type in “St. James” in the search area. If you have questions, email Principal Sister Kathryn, sisterkathryn@saintjameschool.org.



SAINT JAMES PARISH PICNIC

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
NOON-3:00PM**

HOT DOGS

HAMBURGERS

PULLED BBQ

**LIMITED VEGETARIAN
BURGER OPTION BY REQUEST**

SNOW CONES

POPCORN

RIP SAW

CARNIVAL GAMES

**Parish community event
Held rain or shine
Food will be in Msgr. Heller Hall**



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Parish Calendar

Monday, September 9

6:30pm-8:30pm American Heritage Girls Troop Registration Msgr. Heller Hall

Tuesday, September 10

7:00am-7:45am Saint James Fraternity-Exodus 90 (see page 8) Parish House
 10:00am-11:30am Well-Read Mom Book Group Parish House
 5:00pm-5:45pm / 7:00pm-7:45pm Altar Server Training (see page 5) Church
 7:00pm-9:00pm PREP Catechist Meeting Msgr. Heller Hall
 7:15pm-8:45pm Mothers of Young Children Study Group (see page 8) Parish House
 7:30pm-9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht
 7:30pm-9:00pm Legion of Mary Parish House

Wednesday, September 11

12:30pm-8:00pm Adoration Church
 7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions Church
 7:00pm-8:30pm OCIA Begins Knecht
 7:00pm-9:00pm Men's Bible Study (see page 8) Parish House

Thursday, September 12

10:00am-11:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle Knecht
 12:30pm-8:00pm Adoration Church
 7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions Church
 7:00pm-9:00pm Women's Bible Study (see page 8) School Reading Room
 7:00pm-9:00pm Social Outreach Committee Knecht
 7:00pm-9:00pm Young Professionals Church

Friday, September 13

11:00am-11:45am Confessions Church

Saturday, September 14

St. Lucy Food Bag Distribution after Mass (see page 11)
 7:00am-8:00am Hispanic Men's Prayer Group Parish House
 10:00am-12:00pm Co-ed Bible Study Parish House
 3:30pm-4:30pm Confessions Church
 6:00pm-8:30pm Hispanic Prayer Group Msgr. Heller Hall
 6:30pm-7:30pm Confessions Church

Sunday, September 15

St. Lucy Food Bag Distribution after Mass (see page 11)
 10:00am-2:00pm Parish Library Open Parish House
 10:15am-11:15am Special Religious Education (SPRED) Begins (see page 4) Knecht
 12:30pm-2:30pm Spanish PREP Catechist Meeting Msgr. Heller Hall
 3:30pm-5:30pm Hispanic Youth-Girls Parish House
 4:00pm-5:30pm Hispanic Legion of Mary Parish House
 5:00pm-6:00pm Holy Hour Church
 5:00pm-6:45pm Lay Dominicans Evening Prayer Parish House

Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage

Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to join him at the final celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington by participating in the Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., on **Saturday, October 5th, starting at 9:00am and ending around 3:00pm.**

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! There is no registration required to attend. **Saint James Parish will offer a chartered bus for our parishioners on a first come, first served basis.** The bus will leave Saint James at 8:00am and return around 3:30pm. The cost is \$29 per person. Email or call Susan Ramsel, sramsel@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815 x201, in the Rectory office.

The cafeteria at the Shrine will be available to purchase lunch. There will be local restaurants as well, or visitors can bring their own bagged lunch. Visit our home page for the full schedule, www.stjamescatholic.org.

