



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

August 9, 2026



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Clergy

Very Rev. Paul D. Scalia, Pastor
Rev. Charles Pavlick, Parochial Vicar
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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

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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/.

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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 August Prayer Intention

For evangelization in the city—Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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On The Way

Saint Francis: Francis and Clare

In 1234 Saracen mercenaries in the service of Emperor Frederick II harassed the Italian countryside. In September of that year, they came to San Damiano, the little monastery of Clare of Assisi and her first nuns. Historians often depict this scene in dramatic terms: Clare standing on the ramparts, brandishing a large monstrance, while the infidels stumble over each other in panicked flight. The reality is both less and more; less dramatic, more powerful.

Clare's monastery and nuns were indeed defenseless. The Saracens had in fact entered the monastery property and were right at the doors. Clare herself was sick in bed. With the help of her nuns, she carried a small vessel holding the Eucharist to the doors. She placed the Blessed Sacrament on the floor, prostrated herself before it and prayed, "Lord, look upon these servants of Yours, because I cannot protect them." Our Lord responded, "I will always defend you!" Thereupon, the Saracens left both the monastery and the city of Assisi.

Now, no reflection on Francis would be complete without some words about Lady Clare, as he called her. That story is a good introduction to this extraordinary woman.

Chiara was born in 1194 into a noble family and was known as one of the most beautiful women in Assisi. During Lent of 1212 she heard Francis preaching at her church. She was so moved by his words and example that she began to meet with him for what we would call spiritual direction. The following Palm Sunday, she snuck out of her family's home with her sister and made her way to the Porziuncula, the primitive and foundational Franciscan church, where Francis and his companions were waiting. In a simple ceremony, Francis cut her hair, placed a veil over her head, and clothed her in a rough tunic like his own. Her following of Francis in poverty, penance, and prayer had begun.

Not surprisingly, Francis doesn't seem to have had a plan beyond that. So, Clare was first taken to Benedictine nuns until they could figure out a long-term solution. While she was there her father came and tried to drag her back home. That she resisted him and insisted on her call to the Franciscan life witnesses to her strength of will. Ultimately, she and her companions were given the church of San Damiano as their monastery. The world never saw her again. She lived there as superior, gathering a community around her and sending out sisters to begin new foundations, until her death in 1253.

If Francis's way of life was an enigma to the Church hierarchy, Clare's was perhaps even more so. There were plenty of women religious orders, but none that insisted on living poverty as radically as Clare. She fought tenaciously to defend in their rule of life the poverty Francis inspired her to live. To ease her conscience, Pope Gregory IX (a great supporter of Francis and Clare) once offered to absolve her of her vow of strict poverty. She boldly replied, "Holy Father, I crave absolution from my sins, but I desire not to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ."

Aside from their initial encounter in 1212, Francis and Clare had little communication beyond some letters. Which doesn't mean that they didn't look to one another for inspiration and prayer. Francis was always the lodestar for her ideal of poverty. And she must have been a consolation to him even as he saw his brothers relaxing that ideal. Shortly before his death, Francis returned to Lady Clare and her sisters for solace and peace. He stayed in a little hut near San Damiano, and it was there that he wrote his Canticle of the Sun and prepared for his *transitus*, his passing from this world.

— Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions for the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8

Mass for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Diane Paar

Sunday, August 9

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Mary and Rives Tilman

9:00am +Mary Winslow

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Nicole Flanagan-Ayers and Tara Flanagan-Koenig

2:30pm +Nicanor Rojas

7:00pm Albert Joseph Egana

Monday, August 10

St. Lawrence

6:30am +BettyJeanne Gowan and Aura Hernandez

8:15am +Danny Go

Noon +Mary Carol Winslow and Wilfrid Wilkinson

Tuesday, August 11

St. Clare

6:30am +George Denchy and Patsy Rigney

8:15am Christine Starr

Noon +Frances and Joseph Shantz

Wednesday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

6:30am +David Heekin

8:15am Jane Harvey

Noon +Nancy Fishenden

Thursday, August 13

SS Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus

6:30am +Eric Strickland

8:15am +Stephen McTeague

Noon +Joselito F. Dalangin and Elena L. Joy

Friday, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

6:30am +Nick Boyer

8:15am +Patricia Royals

Noon +Clare Hanley

Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am +Simone Cherian, Omana Jose, Thomas Coipuram, Sr., & Zacharia Coipuram

Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Michael A. Sullivan

Sunday, August 16

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Marilyn Quirk

9:00am +Barbara Lowe

10:30am Pro Populo

Noon +Carlos Turza

2:30pm +Amaurys Silveira Arias

7:00pm +Mary McCorry

Today's Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

"At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where..."

Psalm

Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

"Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;"

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

"After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get..."

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

Jessica Toye Clark

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

Laura Lareau

Yolanda Machiado

Jose G. Martinez

Patricia McFarland

Mildred Melmer

Julie Neil

Gloria Mora

Francis Neumann, Jr.

Rachel Noonan

Kathy Oddenino

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

Yvonne Hamilton

Louise Terwilliger

Marie Agnes Kunec

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

Adult Faith Formation Classes

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program is available for adults who are not Catholic and wish to receive more education in the Faith, especially in preparation for the reception of the sacraments.

The program is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith with the intention of entering the Catholic Church.

The full OCIA program for the 2026-27 year begins on Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the IHM Conference Room at the school and continues weekly through April. We ask that people who intend to enter the Church attend the classes regularly, live in a manner consistent with the faith, and discern prayerfully their calling. If one cannot attend the regular classes on a consistent basis, please call the parish for other arrangements.

To register or speak with Father Pavlick about the OCIA program, contact him at 703-532-8815 or frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org.

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 full-time position includes a comprehensive benefits package including medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance coverage as well as 403b and pension plan.



**SAINT JAMES PARISH
IS HIRING**

Assistant Facilities Director

Full-time Position

Hours are generally Monday through Friday but the position requires on-call availability. 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 Blickendorfer at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.



Lay Dominicans

Is God Calling You to be a Lay Dominican

You are invited to join the St. Mary Magdalene Lay Dominicans for prayer, fellowship, and discussion on **Sunday, August 16th, from 5:00pm-6:45pm** in the Parish House.

Lay Dominicans are single or married members of the Dominican Order who have responded to a call to live the Dominican way of life in their own families and occupations. The Dominican charism is one of prayer, study, community, and apostolate. Of these, study is perhaps the most distinctive element, as Dominicans are constantly called to study scripture, the teachings of the Church, and contemporary issues in the light of Faith. We are life-long learners who put that thirst for Truth at the service of our apostolic efforts.

For more information, please contact Rose Folsom at InquiryVeritas519@gmail.com.

Seniors Young at Heart Ice Cream Social

Main Menu: Sloppy joes and ice cream with toppings for dessert

Each guest is asked to bring coleslaw, vegetables, salads, or cookies/brownies for six people. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

ACTIVITY: GAME NIGHT

RSVP by Monday, August 16th, to Kathleen at kmcphilomy2@gmail.com or Susan at jacksonsusan765@gmail.com

**Thursday, August 20th
5:00pm-7:00pm
Msgr. Heller Hall**

Parish News (Continued)

Parish Library Summer Reading Challenge Ends Soon

For those participating in the First Annual Saint James Parish Library Summer Reading Challenge, **remember the challenge ends next Sunday, August 16th.**

The reading log is available on the parish website, stjamescatholic.org/faith/parish-library/, or at the library open next Sunday, August 16th, from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Participants who meet the reading goal for the three age groups and submit their completed log will be entered into a prize drawing.

Please email your reading log to stjamescatholiclibrary@gmail.com or drop it off at the Rectory Office or Parish Library.




Inova Blood Donor Services

Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Arlington Council 2473



Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
5115 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA
 Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Main Hall.

Donors will receive a donor appreciation gift. *

Your single blood donation could save or improve the lives of two or more persons in need.



Book your appointment today!

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/KOC0913>

OR

Contact: Len Sese
 Email: lbsese@msn.com
 Phone: (703) 536-9656

Photo ID required. Allow 1 hour for your donation.

*While supplies last. Quantities are limited. Must complete screening process to receive giveaway.

Saint James Feast Day Celebration

On July 25th we celebrated our patron Saint, Saint James. Father Scalia celebrated the 8:30am Mass followed by a social on the lawn with coffee, donuts, and mimosas. We were blessed with perfect weather for the morning.



1% of your day 14 minutes and 24 seconds

Read, Reflect, Respond, & Rest

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| Prepare | Begin with the sign of the cross. |
| Read | Read a Scripture selection slowly and attentively. |
| Reflect | Think about the meaning of whatever caught your attention. |
| Respond | Talk to God about the passage or anything else on your heart. |
| Rest | Spend a few minutes in restful silence with him. |

Learn more about our EC Reach More™ program that helps people grow in confidence to share their faith in natural, relational ways.

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Scan QR code
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abigart@stjamescatholic.org

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Begins September 22nd

Registration for Religious Education Classes

We are accepting registrations for new students for the 2026-2027 religious education program.

Tuesday classes are held at 4:45pm-6:00pm (afternoons) and 7:00pm-8:15pm (evenings). Please call 703-533-1182 x104 to make an appointment.

In addition to your child's birth certificate, you will need to provide the following:

- Baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at Saint James
- Tuition via check or cash
 - ⇒ \$150 for one child
 - ⇒ \$200 for two or more children
- Letter from the school or parish program if your child was in another Catholic school or religious education program

Catechists Needed

We are currently looking for dedicated, faith-filled people to teach in our Parish Religious Education Program on Tuesday afternoons (4:45pm-6:00pm) and evenings (7:00pm-8:15pm).

We also need assistants in both the afternoon and evening sessions. Or, if you would like to volunteer in other ways, let us know.

If you would like to share your faith with our young people as a way of actively participating in the Church's mission of evangelization, contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 x103 or dre@saintjameschool.org.

Sacramental Preparation for Children with Special Needs

The Disability Inclusion Committee, in conjunction with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP), is offering classes for all Saint James parishioners who have children with special needs (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 will be held on Sundays starting September 20th from 10:15am-11:00am.** Sessions will run from mid-September through early December and again in mid-January through May.

If you are interested in volunteering or registering a child, contact Tina Schellman at ntschellman@gmail.com or Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM, Director of PREP, at dre@saintjameschool.org.

Registration Forms (English and Spanish)

The registration forms and PREP calendars are on our website under the FAITH FORMATION menu as well as on the home page (click the **PREP Registration** button).

In order for your child(ren) to begin PREP classes on Tuesday, September 22nd, your registration form must be in the PREP Office no later than Friday, August 28th.

PREP Summer Hours Until Classes Begin

- Monday-Friday 9:30am-Noon or by appointment

Contact Information:

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

Late Registration Notice

The children of those families who register after August 28th will be contacted by the Religious Education Office as to when they will begin and where their classroom will be.

Requirement For All Adult Volunteers in PREP

Any adult volunteer 18 years or older that either works with minors or has substantial contact with children must complete a diocesan background check and a 4-hour Virtus class. Email Kara Rider, krider@stjamescatholic.org, for more information or to begin the process.

Grow in Your Faith This Coming Year

Saint James parish has a number of study groups that meet regularly for purposes of faith formation. 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 meeting has not been cancelled.



Tuesday

Saint James Fraternity, Weekly

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

The 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 on Tuesday mornings.**

Contact: Dony Mac Manus, donymacmanus@gmail.com

Wednesday

Men's Study, 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of the month

7:00pm-8:00pm; Parish House

Resumes September 16th. We will discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings.

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

Mothers of Young Children, First Wednesday of the month

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

The first meeting will be September 2nd and continue through June 2027.

We invite all interested to our study this year on *Mulieris Dignitatem: The Dignity and Vocation of Women*, by Endow groups (using the apostolic letter by Pope St. John Paul II).

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

Thursday

Co-ed study, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

9:30am-11:45am; IHM Conference Room

Our meet-and-greet and first meeting will be on September 3rd, the first Thursday. In our study this fall, we enter *The Bible and the Church Fathers* from the Saint Paul Center's *Journey Through Scripture*. It introduces us to the great heroes of the early church, the heresies they fought against, and how they read and interpreted the Scripture's relationship to Tradition, and particularly the sacraments. Join us in this 12-part series.

Contact: Estela Arciaga, estela2caa@icloud.com

Women's Bible Study, Weekly

7:00pm-9:00pm; IHM Conference Room

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

- **September 17th-December 10th**—St. Paul Center for Biblical study on *The Bible and the Sacraments*. These masterworks of God have been part of God's plan of our salvation from the beginning. Join us in this 11-part series.
- **January 6th-February 10th**—Ascension Press's *Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment*. This mini-study combines clear meaning, meaningful reflection, and practical application to help you understand what the Church teaches about heaven, hell, death, and judgment.
- **February 17th-May 18th**—*Lectio: Salvation New Life in Christ*—Augustine Institute's study on what salvation means. A thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical answer is provided in this 10-part series.

Contact: Patti Valancius at 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

The co-ed Bible study resumes on Saturday, September 5th. Join us to read and discuss the Scripture readings for the next Sunday mass. This is a great opportunity to prepare for the Sunday celebration of the Sacred Mysteries. We meet in the Parish House kitchen (the back part of the house) from 10:00am-12:00pm. Enter via the back door. Parking is available in the lot to the right of the house.

Contact: Jeremy Dow, colworn@gmail.com

Stewardship—The Gift of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Mission Cooperative Plan Second Collection August 8-9

Each year, our diocese's Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) assigns a Catholic mission to each parish. This year, our Mission is the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, which consists of 20 parishes and 3 missions. A large part of their diocese, including Black River, was decimated by Hurricane Melissa in late October 2025. This Category 5 Hurricane caused severe damage and flooding to the island. People lost their homes and businesses and were left without food, water, electricity, and medicine/medical care—the basic essentials of life.



This weekend, Father Gary Wiesmann will speak at all the masses about the Mandeville Mission—its purpose, its people, and its programs—and how our brothers and sisters in Christ are coping in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. Evangelization is the primary goal of the Diocese of Mandeville. Approximately 50% of the people are illiterate and catechesis is time consuming and personal. In addition to providing spiritual formation and access to the Sacraments, the Mandeville Mission also provides for basic human needs for the young and the elderly, such as food, clothing, shelter, and healthcare.

To learn more about this mission, visit <https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/diocese-of-mandeville-jamaica/>. To donate, visit <https://bit.ly/MCPJamaica> or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your generosity and support of this mission. Your gifts and prayers are greatly appreciated!



Gentleman in his post-hurricane makeshift house

Important Reminders for Parishioners

We will welcome our students and faculty back to a new school year starting Thursday, August 20th. We want to remind parishioners to please drive carefully since students will be arriving in the mornings starting around 7:30am and dismissed in the afternoons at 3:10pm except for Wednesdays which are 2:10pm dismissals.

Wednesday and Thursday Adoration Afternoons

- Starting the week of August 24th, parishioners should avoid parking in A Lot during the times listed below which include ~30 minutes before and after dismissals due to the line of cars and presence of children in the parking lot. This is for the safety of all our students and faculty at dismissal.
 - ◊ The dismissal time frame is 1:30pm-2:30pm on Wednesdays
 - ◊ The dismissal time frame is 2:30pm-3:30pm on Thursdays

We appreciate the support of our parish and thank you in advance for following the requested safety guidelines above.



Saint James School Summer Reminders

SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS

- Monday-Thursday 9:00am-Noon
 - Closed Fridays

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Visit www.saintjamesschool.org for

- 2026-27 School supply list
- Summer work for rising K-8

SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUG
20

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
11:10AM DISMISSAL

AUG
21

SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL
11:10AM DISMISSAL

AUG
24

EXTENDED DAY BEGINS
PRESCHOOL BEGINS

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STUDENT PICTURES

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NUN FUN RUN
7:00AM-9:00AM

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!

Youth Ministry



Graduating 5th and 8th graders! You are entering middle and high school!



Join Youth Ministry! Sign up with Flocknote to learn about Youth Ministry Events for 2026-27.



Contact Youth Ministry with any questions at ym@stjamescatholic.org



FAITH Y FÚTBOL

SUMMER 2026

SOCCER

Middle School

PIZZA

OUR FINAL SUMMER EVENT
AUGUST 30TH
4:00-6:00PM @ ROCKET FIELD

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



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

2026-2027 Altar Servers

Boys in grades 4 through 11 are welcome to become altar servers. If you are interested in serving at the altar and joining in this sacred brotherhood, visit the *Liturgical Ministries* page under the *WORSHIP* menu on our website, bit.ly/2627AltarServers, or scan the QR code to complete the online interest form.

The training sessions will explain the basics of this wonderful mission in divine worship. All servers, new or returning, should attend one of these sessions. **New servers are encouraged to attend the September training.**

Attendance at one of the sessions is needed to begin or continue serving as an altar server here.



- Tuesday, September 15, 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Tuesday, January 12, 4:30pm-5:30pm (TBD)
- Tuesday, January 12, 7:00pm-8:00pm (TBD)

Email Colleen Sullivan, ym@stjamescatholic.org, with any questions. If parents have questions about their sons serving, email Father Pavlick at frpavlick@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

FELLOWSHIP, FAITH, & FOOD

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY, PRAYER, AND A SHARED MEAL

NEXT MEETING
WED.
AUG 12

2ND WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
7:00PM-9:00PM
PARISH HOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME

Vacation Bible School

Saint James had a record number of 102 campers for Vacation Bible School this year along with 51 teen and 22 adult volunteers. Campers had a fun, faith-filled week with the theme “Rainforest Falls.” The program invited kids to explore the nature of God and embarked on a wild, creature-filled adventure where they learned that God is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever. The campers also explored what it meant to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a refuge in life's storms.

Our teen coaches helped our campers begin every morning in the gym with skits and songs. Then the students rotated among the different stations for the morning. Students ended the week attending Mass and then performing the songs they learned during the week for family members.



Respect Life Group

Life Corner

KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE. The Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment will establish abortion as a fundamental right in the state constitution. The amendment is vague and thus dangerous as it opens itself to loopholes only to be settled by the courts in the future. Don't be misled by the question that will be on the ballot as it does not reflect the actual content of the proposed amendment.



Wording in the amendment: The Commonwealth shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right.

What are the dangers? In protecting this "fundamental right," there are no provisions in the amendment protecting parental rights in making decisions concerning the healthcare of their children. Thus, the need for parental rights is absent on the ballot question. Will abortion be an invasive medical procedure a minor could have without parental consent? Any erosion of parental rights should alarm parents.

Commit NOW to build the culture of life and safeguard the future of Virginia.



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



Guest Speaker: Olivia Gans Turner on Understanding Virginia's Proposed Constitutional Amendments on Abortion & Marriage

The Saint James Respect Life Group invites you to hear Olivia Gans Turner speak on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage. These amendments will appear on the ballot this coming fall, September 18–November 3.

**Monday, August 31st
7:00pm–8:30pm
Monsignor Heller Hall**



Olivia Gans Turner is president of the Virginia Society for Human Life, the nation's first state pro-life organization, founded in 1967 and affiliated with National Right to Life. A nationally recognized pro-life speaker, she has addressed audiences in all 50 states and more than 17 countries.

Following her own abortion experience in 1981, Olivia co-founded Women Exploited by Abortion, the nation's first post-abortion support organization, and later directed American Victims of Abortion. She also hosted EWTN's *When They Say, You Say*, based on the popular National Right to Life workshop.

The **Catholics Vote No** campaign encourages Virginians to learn about the proposed constitutional amendments and pledge to vote No. Visit catholicsvoteno.com or arlingtondiocese.org/vote or scan the QR code on this page to the left to pledge NO.

Reminders

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.

Parish Life News—Please email Rich Hunter, stjameslife@gmail.com, to be added to the Respect Life email group for parish updates on pro-life activities.

Parish Calendar

Monday, August 10		
7:00pm-9:00pm	Presidio #2 Legion of Mary	IHM Conference Room
Tuesday, August 11		
7:00am-8:00am	Saint James Fraternity	Parish House
10:00am-11:30am	Well-Read Mothers' Book Group	Parish House
7:30pm-9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	IHM Conference Room
7:30pm-9:00pm	Legion of Mary	Parish House
Wednesday, August 12		
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-9:00pm	High School Youth Group Meeting	Parish House
Thursday, August 13		
10:00am-12:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Parish House
12:30pm-8:00pm	Adoration	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Young Professionals Dodge Ball	Knecht Gym
7:00pm-8:00pm	Confessions	Church
Friday, August 14		
11:00am-11:45am	Confessions	Church
7:00pm-8:30pm	Hispanic Prayer Group Formation	Parish House
Saturday, August 15		
7:15am-8:15am	Men's Prayer Group	Parish House
3:30pm-4:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm	Confessions	Church
6:00pm-9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Msgr. Heller Hall
Sunday, August 16		
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
5:00pm-6:45pm	Lay Dominicans	Parish House

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.

