



# Saint James Catholic Church

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to Saint James Parish, which for over 125 years has been at the heart of life in Falls Church. What began as a small mission church for Catholics in the area has grown into a parish of 3,000 families and a school of over 400 children. Despite these changes, we still feel like a neighborhood church, where you can find a place for worship, growth in faith, and service.

First, we seek to bring all people into *worship* of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That life of prayer and worship begins with Baptism and reaches its fulfillment in participation at Mass. We also offer many times for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession. Please see our bulletin or website for information on Mass times and the sacraments.

Second, we are a place to *grow* in faith. We are blessed by the presence and ministry of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who run our three-time National Blue-Ribbon school and our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). In addition, our parish has many bible studies and other formation groups dedicated to increasing in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Third, we are parish in *service* to the broader community. We come together as a community throughout the year - at our Parish Picnic, Annual Bazaar, Lenten Fish Fries, and other occasions. Our various groups, such as the Knights of Columbus and Social Outreach, help to serve those in our area who are in need.

We invite you to look through the materials in this packet, to see how you can get involved at Saint James - by giving praise to God, growing in your faith, and reaching out to others.

Through the intercession of our Lady and Saint James, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia Pastor