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1892-2017

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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AFTER ALL MASSES THIS
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**FRIDAY, APRIL 28
FILM NIGHT
6:00PM HELLER HALL**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29
SCHOOL GALA & AUCTION**

Reflection:

How can you increase your peace by increasing your trust? As you contemplate this, pray, "Jesus I trust in you." (more details on p.8)

April 23
2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

John 20:19



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Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm
closed for lunch 12:45-1:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

12:00 noon and 7:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:30pm

Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon

Saturday: 8:30am

Federal Holidays: 6:30am, 8:30am

Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil

6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and

7:30pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm & 7:30-8:00pm

or by appointment

Eucharistic Holy Hour:

Sunday: 5:00pm

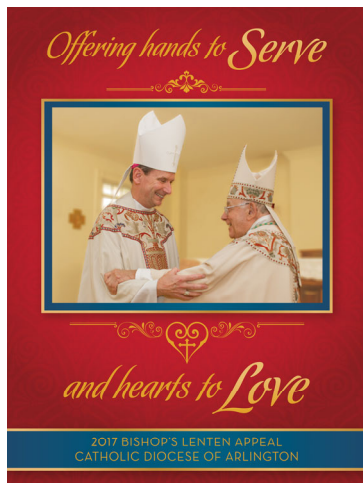
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

First Fridays :

Exposition: 9:00am - 11:45am

Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am



2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

Offering hands to serve and hearts to love

We are nearing our goal of \$285,000 for the BLA. Thank you to those who have already participated. We are asking every parish household to support the Bishop's efforts throughout our diocese, including St. James. A letter was recently mailed to families who have not yet pledged which seeks your support to the BLA this year. There are BLA envelopes at back of church that you may fill out and put in the basket or bring to the parish office. You also may go online to the diocesan website and make a one-time donation or a pledge that can be paid throughout the year. Please reflect on your blessings and consider joining in support of the BLA. Every pledge is important! Thank you!

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Bishops-Lenten-Appeal-2017/>

Thank you and God bless.

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*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am
 10 days before Sunday publication date*
**Via website form posted under
 Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.**
No emails please.

From Our Deacon



In this year's high school parish religious education program (PREP) we are seeking ways of finding the Catholic faith embedded in our culture. For the last half of the academic year, we've been watching the 2012 film, *The Hunger Games*, and then discussing the various Christian themes we discover in this fascinating fictional story by Suzanne Collins.

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy – God's boundless willingness to forgive. In Latin, mercy is called *miser cordia*, a term made up of two parts, the word for "pity" and the word for "heart." Thus, the word mercy implies holding pity in one's heart for someone...a word of compassion and love. And, as we celebrate the generosity of God's Divine Mercy, this feast day also challenges us to share God's mercy to those we encounter in our lives...for, as Jesus taught us, "blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Mt 5:7)

In the dark futuristic world of *The Hunger Games*, the main character, a 16-year-old girl named Katniss, selflessly volunteers to take her young sister's place in a televised state-run gladiatorial "game" where 24 teens battle with each other to the death. In our class, we noted the strong similarities between this fictional world and the ancient Roman Empire. Katniss finds herself, like the Christian martyrs thrown before the lions in the arena, facing an impossibly brutal and unjust situation. Her persecutors show her no mercy...she is caught up in a cruel system that objectifies her, denies her human dignity, and threatens her life.

Once the shock of her fate wears off, Katniss responds to this dire situation by reaching out and seeking to build relationships with others. She begins assisting the young baker's son from her district who was also selected for the Games, mercifully helping him to show his strength to the other competitors, building his reputation. She befriends a young girl from a neighboring district who ultimately becomes her closest ally in the Games. By choosing in this way to resist the violence and brutality of the Games, Katniss lovingly re-affirms her own human dignity and, in turn, elevates the dignity of those whom she befriends.

In our readings today, St. Peter warns us that, "for a little while [we] may have to suffer through various trials" so that our faith "may prove to be for the praise, glory, and honor" of Jesus Christ. Katniss' choice to show mercy in her trials, to hold pity in her heart for others, inspires not only the poor from lower districts to support her cause, but also many of the wealthy citizens from the Capitol. And, in the end, her mercy proves to be the "weapon" that destroys this culture of death. What a wonderful example of the power of Divine Mercy in action! May we each have the courage to bring this "weapon" to bear in the trials of our own lives.

If you are a high school student and would like to hear more, we'll be meeting on Tuesday evenings between now and mid-May to finish up *The Hunger Games*. Please consider joining us for some fun, faith, and fellowship! ~Deacon Ed

Young Adult Retreat

Register now for the 2017 Young Adult Retreat starting on Friday, May 12th and ending on Sunday, May 14th. The retreat, taking place at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, will be led by Fr. Mark Baron, titled, "100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima: what the Mother of God teaches us about following Her Son." For more details, go to <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/Young-Adult-Retreat-Weekend/> or email Brendan Gotta at yam@arlingtondiocese.org.

Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Easter

Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. +Robert Wodatch and Peter Wodatch

Sunday, April 23

7:30 a.m. +Lucille Cruz
9:00 a.m. +Lewis and Helen Starr
10:30 a.m. People of St. James
Noon +David Decker Elam
2:30 p.m. +Sergio Nicolas Rivero
7:00 p.m. +The Kramer Family

Monday, April 24

6:30 a.m. +Erin Hoag
8:30 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.
Noon +Geraldine Saunders

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 a.m. +Carmina Fernandez Young
8:30 a.m. +Edith Cook
Noon +Maria Baartz

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 a.m. +Janet Lessard Dunn
8:30 a.m. +John Donohue
Noon +Suzann Scheid Southworth

Thursday, April 27

6:30 a.m. +Mark C. LaVelle
8:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Bork
Noon +Suzann Scheid Southworth

Friday, April 28

6:30 a.m. +Vera Birnbaum
8:30 a.m. +Nicholas A. Mandrides
Noon +Robert E. Leidenheimer

Saturday, April 29

8:30 a.m. Maureen Pastina
5:00 p.m. 30th Anniversary Year for Rose and Stephen Piasecki

Sunday, April 30

7:30 a.m. People of St. James
9:00 a.m. +Judi Mecsecs
10:30 a.m. Rudy Family Intentions
Noon +Mary Benedetto
2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. +Lourdes Jimenes and Comostancia Canasta

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Tuesday: St. Mark
Friday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

Today's Readings

First Reading – All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm – Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading – God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel – The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Mark Alvarado Noah Rivas
Rita Carr
Gwyneth Eby

and the deceased of our parish family:

Sister Mary of the Joan Marie Fedora
Sacred Heart, IHM Arthur L. Sehrer, Jr.
Elena DePalma Ricardo Sunga

Pray for Those Serving Overseas

Please pray for those serving in the military and foreign service, especially **Col. George B. Walsh, USA**, and **Capt. Albert C. Young, USAF**. Send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org. Let us know when your loved ones return safely.



PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30am-12:00pm

Tuesday 2:30pm-8:30pm or by appointment

For inclement weather, St. James PREP follows the City of Falls Church Public Schools.

PREP RESUMES TUESDAY, APRIL 25

“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”

— James 1:22



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We continue to accept registrations for the 2017-2018 academic year. Please contact the School directly at 703-533-1182; ask for Mrs. Stirling or Mrs. Ivanauskas.



Scenes from Holy Week

Our Second Grade put on another wonderful representation of the Passion of our Lord. They did a fantastic job, making their parents and teachers proud!

Thank you to Ms. Milligan for all her work with the students.



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Save the date for our celebratory Mass & Reception with Bishop Burbidge on Sunday, May 21 at the noon Mass!

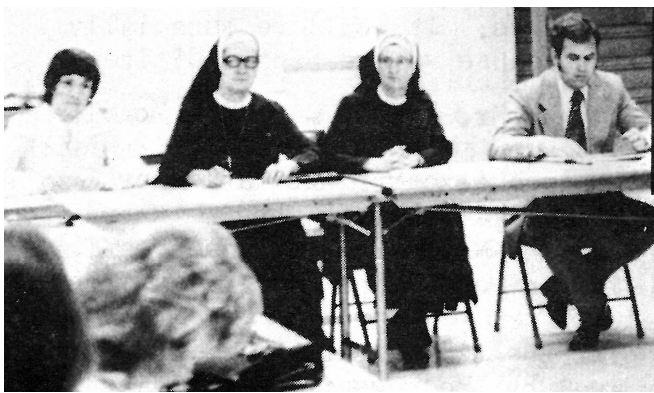
1892–2017 This year we are celebrating our 125th anniversary with events, our oral history project and a weekly history lesson in our bulletin! Return here to relive our growth from a small frame church to our present iconic building which is home to thousands of parishioners.

**We inadvertently skipped a few histories! Here are some interesting facts from the 1930s.
More history continued on page 7**

1930'S AND FORWARD - THE IHM COMMUNITY REACHING BEYOND

The early decades were busy years for the IHM Community at St. James Parish, teaching both at St. James School and Villa Maria Academy.

The Sisters also labored to carry the seed of Catholic education beyond St. James. Other Virginia missions in the ministry of the IHM Sisters began as the Sisters traveled to outlying areas to conduct Saturday Religion classes: St. Ann, St. Agnes, St. Charles and St. Thomas More in Arlington; St. John in McLean; St. Rita in Alexandria and further out to Herndon and Front Royal.



Sister Marita William (second from left) with Maryanne Petersen (faculty), Sr. Mary Christopher, principal and Deacon Jim Fishenden, 1975)

In the parish itself, the Sisters began what is now our Religious Education Program. Their desire was “to help build a community of Faith, Hope, and love” (Philosophy statement for IHM Ministers of Religious Education) in the families of St. James Parish. The Sisters began to teach religion classes for students in the parish who attended the local public schools. In the 1960’s these classes would become known as CCD, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1968 Sister Marita William, IHM, was the first Minister of Religious Education to be assigned to St. James Parish. Dedicated parishioners volunteered to assist in teaching these classes and continue in this role today. This program today is known as PREP, Parish Religious

Education Program. It is administered by our Director of Religious Education, Sister Regina Rosarii McLallen, IHM and staff Pam Heid and Mary Alice Healey.

Presently, PREP serves over 500 students in K–12 in three sessions: two on Tuesday and one on Sunday for our Hispanic students who attend the Spanish Mass. Recently a program for High School students was formed under the direction of Deacon Edward Gliot.





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Are you an early riser? Or prefer the Saturday Vigil? No matter what Mass you attend please join us for our celebration after the Noon Mass on Sunday May 21st.

1940's - A TIME OF INCREASED GROWTH

The World War II years brought many families to the Washington area. Father Mullarkey realized the rapid growth that the Falls Church area was experiencing. Suddenly there was not enough room in the school with the growing number of families in the parish. To meet the immediate needs, every measure was taken to keep pace with the increasing number of children who sought admission to St. James School. First the stage in the auditorium was turned over to the Sisters for an additional classroom. Sister Severa was assigned to teach a 6th-7th grade class on the stage, behind which was located a small kitchenette. During this time of cramped quarters, it was common to hear someone ask her: "Sister, is that textbook stored in the oven or in the refrigerator?" Next the auditorium, the parish center for meetings and activities, was partitioned into several classrooms. Even these measures could not keep pace with the growing enrollment.

With this increasing appeal for admission of children to the school and conscious of the crowded conditions, Father Mullarkey oversaw the acquisition of additional land adjacent to the school at a cost of \$11,500. The land was immediately cleared. In 1944 Father Mullarkey celebrated his 25th Jubilee of Ordination and put War Bonds he received from grateful parishioners towards building two new classrooms. A new building, detached from the school, was erected with two new classrooms entered from the outside. The war years had come and it was difficult to obtain building materials such as steel and cement. But with considerable effort these two classrooms were completed and became the first classrooms of our present day school: the recently redesigned Computer lab and a Robotics lab established this year.



The Sisters of St. James School, 1942

Front center (l-r): Sisters Calista and Theresia
Middle row (l-r): Sisters Robertine, Mary Hugh, Dorothy, Bon Secours, Mother Clotildis (Principal) and Sr. Bernard Marie.
Back row (l-r): Sisters Mary Adelaide, Mary Christopher, Maria Carmen, Miriam Cephas and Maria Martin

Since their arrival at St. James in 1923, the IHM Sisters have held a beloved place in the heart of our parish. Found in the church history files was this charming story told by Kathleen K. Wells recalling memories for the parish's 100th Anniversary. Kathleen entered the first grade in 1923 when the IHM Sisters first came to St. James: *"The Superior I remember best was Mother Clotildis. Each of us has a favorite memory of her. Mine happened during the World War II years. Supplies were hard to obtain for the Sisters and the School. One day Mother Clotildis and a companion traveled to the Commissary at Fort Myer to obtain supplies. They were stopped at the entrance by an authoritative sergeant who told her everyone entering had to wear a uniform. Mother looked him in the eye and said in an equally authoritative voice, 'What do you think I am wearing?' She got in."*

Weekly Reflection

Adapted from *Opening the Word*, an Augustine Institute Program

available on FORMED.org.

Links & a summary of this week's video reflection are available at

www.stjamescatholic.org/light/weekly-reflections

April 23 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 118, 1 Peter 1:3-9,

John 20:19-31

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/042317.cfm>

Reflection:

How can you increase your peace by increasing your trust? As you contemplate this, pray, "Jesus, I trust in you."

Learn More About

Light Your Heart with the Word

We invite you to journey with us as we explore Scripture and the Mass. Prepare yourself for the Mass by reading and praying with the weekly readings either individually or with your families and neighbors, to understand the purpose and structure of the Mass and to embrace the Eucharist as the "source and summit" of our Christian life together.



GRAND OPENING

PARISH LIBRARY

Sunday, April 30

10:00am-2:00pm

Blessing of the Library

10:00am

Light Refreshments

House of Ministries 913 Park Avenue

Open First & Third Sundays from 10am-2:00pm

Embrace the Light

Join our Easter reflection email series as we journey together towards Pentecost. Parishioners, staff, sisters, deacons and priests of St. James will share their experiences as disciples in the context of our Sunday readings.



Sign up at <http://bit.ly/EasterReflections> or use the QR code.



FILM NIGHT FRIDAY

April 28

Lord of the Rings

in the School Library (Door 17)

Doors open 6:30pm, film starts at 7:00pm

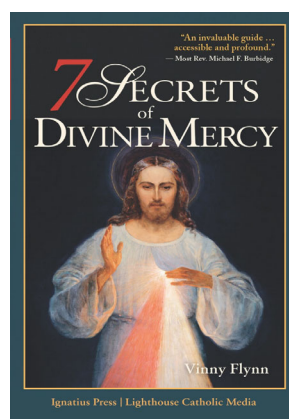
Please note, this film is rated PG-13.

Embrace Divine Mercy

7 Secrets of Divine Mercy

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Pro-Life Ministry Update

On two separate days, more than 30 people came out for the mid-point rally and 50 people joined Bishop Burbidge to pray the rosary during the Lenten **40 Days for Life** campaign (www.40daysforlife.com). The Lent campaign is now finished and as of April 7, there were **400 babies saved**. An update on other successes from this campaign will be forthcoming.

You may also join prayer novenas through Priests for Life (<http://www.priestsforlife.org>).

We help through *action*.

The St. James Pro-Life Committee **meets** the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Preborn Baby Facts: At eighteen weeks old an unborn baby is 10 inches from head to foot. The baby now has special areas in his brain for each of the **5 senses** (smell, taste, hearing, vision, and touch).



Saint James School Gala & Auction This Weekend!



Proceeds generated from this event are used toward education and enrichment resources for the students and teachers. Your generosity also helps support technology improvements, equipment, and instructional materials to enhance the religious and academic curriculum.

The success of this auction solely relies upon the involvement of our tremendous community. For questions, please contact Mary Beth DeLuca, wolfedeluca@me.com, Elizabeth Hart, Elizabeth_hart@verizon.net, or Laura Tramonte, btramonte@verizon.net.

American Heritage Girls Donut Sales This Weekend After Masses!

The St. James American Heritage Girls will be selling boxes of fresh Krispy Kreme donuts and homemade baked goods after the Sunday morning Masses this weekend. Look for their tables outside.

Social Outreach Committee

Throughout Lent, our Social Outreach Committee has provided information about local organizations that fight hunger and opportunities to volunteer. Read the recaps at www.stjamescatholic.org/lent/focus. Want to learn more? Contact Janet Qualters at janet.r.qualters@gmail.com or attend the next Social Outreach Committee meeting on Thursday, May 11 at 7:30pm in Knecht Conference room.

Thank you for your generosity.

Do Not Leave Your Personal Property Unattended

Thefts have been reported at a nearby parish. The thieves took cash out of unattended purses during Communion. To remove temptation, please do not leave your personal property unattended. Thank you!

April Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

The universal prayer intention is: That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.
His intention for evangelization is: That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, April 23 Divine Mercy Sunday – AHG Donut Sale After Masses

12:00pm – 1:45pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8&9
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Scripture Study (Co-ed)	School Library – Door 16
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Hispanic Community PREP	School – Door 16
3:30pm – 6:30pm	Hispanic Charismatic Young Adults	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary Statue
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hispanic Community Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour	Church

Monday, April 24

Following 8:30am Mass	Rosary	Church – Convent Side
11:30am	Rosary	Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Class	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, April 25

9:30am – 11:30pm	Scripture Study (co-ed)	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School Door 16
7:00pm	High School PREP	Library – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, April 26

9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study (women)	Knecht Meeting Room – Doors 8 & 9
9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study (women)	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Class	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, April 27

6:00pm	Upper Room (Young Adults)	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Scripture Study (women)	School Art Room – Door 17

Friday, April 28

11:15am – 12:00pm	Confessions	Church
6:30pm	Film Night	Library – Door 17

Saturday, April 29

3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confession	Church
7:00pm – 11:00pm	School Gala & Auction	Heller Hall & Gym
7:30pm	Confession	Church

Connect with friends. Connect with God. St. James Youth Ministry

Coming Up:

April 29-30, 2017 -- WorkCamp Bake Sale after all Masses!

April 29, 2017 – Junior High BASH at St. John Paul the Great HS. Dumfries, VA

Ongoing: HS PREP returns on April 25 at 7:00pm in the school library, Door 16. Check out Catholic themes in *Hunger Games*. Contact Deacon Ed: dcned@stjamescatholic.org

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