



Saint James Catholic Church

1892-2017

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, August 20

Social Outreach Linen
Collection

Parish Library Open
10:00am – 2:00pm

Monday, August 21

RCIA Inquiry – 7:30pm
until 9:00pm

Friday, August 25

Diocesan Spanish Holy
Hour for Young Adults
8:00pm in the Church

Reflection: Consider the
deepest need in your heart
and devise a plan to pray for
it persistently.

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7

August 20, 2017

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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RECTORY:

905 Park Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046

Hours:

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

Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm

Phone: 703-532-8815

Fax: 703-533-7644

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” -
Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



CLERGY

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F., Pastor
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125th Anniversary Campaign, faculty and school support, alumni relations, marketing, planned giving and other charitable donation opportunities

*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 Pastor



Today's Gospel is hard; here Jesus seems uncaring, unfeeling at first. The disciples are annoyed by this pestering woman. Anyone who has ever babysat or had a child can relate to their exasperation. "I'm tired; I've been up all night. Leave me alone. Go away." Moreover, it seems as though Jesus is denying His mercy, keeping it only for the "lost children of Israel." But it is the Canaanite woman's recognition of Jesus as "Son of David," that turns His initial snub into an answer. She knows that Jesus came for the Israelites first but also knows that His salvation is for the entire world.

The preceding chapter is full of powerful emotion: John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin and herald, has been murdered. In his humanity, Christ just wanted to get away to mourn. To pray. To find comfort. He was instead met with 5,000 spiritually and physically hungry people. To them, He did not turn away but fed them, "his heart was moved by them." Again Christ heals and reveals the great power of faith.

But what if your faith is tested? What if you become afraid and begin sinking in the waters of grief, anxiety or despair? What if, despite constant entreaties, your faith is seemingly ignored? Saint Mother Teresa spoke openly of her "dark night of the soul" which lasted five decades. Though we are all called to sainthood, it is not easy to move in darkness, to keep that faith alive and in practice when you feel no one is listening, let alone answering.

The Canaanite woman persisted in her prayer, not for herself but for her daughter. She cried out for pity. Haven't we all been this woman at some point? Pleading: "LISTEN to me." Haven't we all been the recipient of this plea? From our friends, our children, our spouses? Sometimes these calls are quiet and we can barely distinguish them or even understand them.

We've all heard the oft-spoken phrase: "God always answers prayers, sometimes the answer is no." Prayers for good grades or a winning score. Prayers to meet that one special person; for that promotion; the longed-for child; the miracle cure. Though the answer may be an initial 'no,' I believe God directs us to a greater 'yes': to openness, to forgiveness, to humility, to a closer dependent relationship on Him. The life Christ calls us to is not easy, for we will "lose" at some point. We may find rejection in work, education or our personal lives. We will suffer that "dark night;" none of us are immune.

The Canaanite's great gift is her utter dependence on Christ directing her life. If we allow Christ into our lives, if we continue to reach out even when we feel He is pulling away, we open ourselves to grace. It is this grace which gives us the strength to break through the "silence." It reveals itself in community and sacrament, binding us to Christ and each other.

I encourage you to spend some time in daily prayer. It can be while you're on a morning run, or driving to work. It doesn't have to be an "official" prayer or devotion. Just talk to God as a friend. He is listening.

~ Fr. Posey

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 11: The Assumption

Discover Mary in a Whole New Way

Just in time for the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15, this beautiful and awe-inspiring Bible study from the St. Paul Center will make Marian doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way!

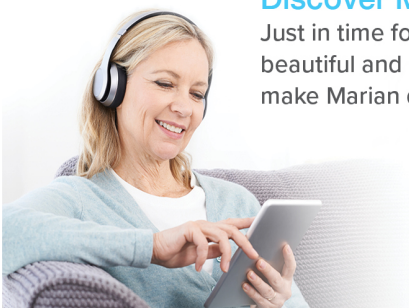
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Mass Intentions for the Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 19

5:00 p.m. +Rose and Zakhia Saade

Sunday, August 20

7:30 a.m. +Mildred (Mickey) Sawyer
9:00 a.m. +Patrick and Louise Connors
10:30 a.m. Lucille and Michael Maloney
Noon +Sidney Moore
2:30 p.m. +Belia Vergara Burgos
7:00 p.m. People of St. James

Monday, August 21

6:30 a.m. Fran and Jim Berkenbough
8:30 a.m. +Magda Boylan
Noon +Frank Gieger

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 a.m. Christopher Stephen Bukowski
8:30 a.m. +George Fingers
Noon +Rachel Lareau

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 a.m. Alexandra Bukowski
8:30 a.m. +Marietta Whalen
Noon +Louis L. Dougherty

Thursday, August 24

6:30 a.m. Christopher Stephen Bukowski
8:30 a.m. +Ann O'Hara
Noon +Donald Hanna

Friday, August 25

6:30 a.m. Christopher Stephen Bukowski
8:30 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.
Noon +Conchita Urmeneta and Aquilina Canuda

Saturday, August 26

8:30 a.m. +Dasy Velasquez
5:00 p.m. +Dorothy Carwile

Sunday, August 27

7:30 a.m. Ntengwe Bagenda Family
9:00 a.m. +Bernard Prokopiak
10:30 a.m. People of St. James
Noon +Mark C. LaVelle
2:30 p.m. +Luis Enrique Ibanez Bautista
7:00 p.m. +Anthony D. Pessagno

Pray for Those Serving Overseas

Please pray for those serving in the military and foreign service, especially **Justin Berg, James Hoy, Michele Petersen, and Capt. Albert C. Young**. Send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org. Let us know when your loved ones return.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Pius X
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima
Thursday: St. Bartholomew
Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading – Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm – O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading – The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel – Jesus told the Canaanite woman of great faith, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Aida Bravo	Dorra Dee Estes
Maddie Cabatic	Tina Ward
Michele Clair	

and the deceased of our parish family:

Marina Rampazzo	Stephen Wisemiller
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PREP

Parish Religious Education Program
703-533-1182 x104, 830 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046
religioused@saintjameschool.org Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP

**Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am - 12:00pm
or by appointment**

New families are invited to register. Contact the Religious Education Office for more information.

Urgent Need for Catechists

We are in urgent need for catechists in our evening Religious Education classes (7:00 - 8:15pm) for Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4. If you feel called to share your faith and time with our youngest members please contact Sister Regina (dre@saintjameschool.org OR 703-533-1182 ext. 103) for more information. Our children depend on us to help form them in their faith so that they can develop a relationship with God that will sustain them throughout their life. Please consider this vital means of evangelization as you plan your schedule for this new school year. Our parish life will be richer because of you! Thank you in advance!

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

— James 1:22



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DATES!**

- August 23: PTO New Parent Wine & Cheese, 7:00-8:30pm
- August 25: Meet n' Greet/Uniform Exchange, 11:00-1:00pm
- August 25: Kindergarten Orientation, 1:00-2:00pm
- August 28: First Day for Kindergarten ONLY, 8:00-10:00am
- August 29: First Day of School ALL GRADES, 7:55-11:30am
- August 30: First Full Day, Grades 1-8; 11:30am Early Dismissal Kindergarten ONLY
- August 31: Full Day, Grades 1-8; 11:30am Early Dismissal Kindergarten ONLY
- September 1: Early Dismissal ALL STUDENTS



You're getting ready for Back to School and so are we! We're all looking forward to seeing you soon.



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Weekly Reflection

August 20

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7,
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8,
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32,
Matthew 15:21-28

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/082017.cfm>

<https://formed.org/study/5812813b90e3652419f41300/lesson/581274cf90e3652419f412ee>

Reflection:

Consider the deepest need in your heart and devise a plan to pray for it persistently.

Looking to Light Your Heart?

Start with Prayer!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of
your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the
hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Our parish Knights are helping Arlington's Missionhurst Order in fundraising to cover the tuition for 100 children at their St. Jean Bosco School in the mountain-village of Bois de Laurence, Haiti. It is a poor and remote region lacking any meaningful infrastructure or resources. Tuition for a student for one year is a mere **\$120**. Tuition provides school uniform, education, nutrition and spiritual development.



You can visit our Facebook page to see a video of the school and the children at [facebook.com/KofCEDW](https://www.facebook.com/KofCEDW)

Please visit our donation portal at: bit.ly/HaitiTuition to make a donation of \$10, \$120 or more today.

[In the "Optional Comments" section type: "Haiti"]

RCIA 2017 - 2018 "Inquiry"

7:30pm - 9:00pm Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9) Monday, August 21

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Journey of Faith begins with your questions. What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions?

Sessions for the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins this summer with an "Inquiry" period, when questions lead to exploration. Drop in - no obligation, no commitment.

Questions? Contact: Fr. Phillip Cozzi, (703) 532-8815 or fathercozzi@stjamescatholic.org.

Social Outreach Committee

SHEETS & TOWELS FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS

Please check your linen closet and see if you have any **gently used** towels (kitchen and bathroom) and sheets (especially twin and full size) that could be donated for local Homeless Shelters. The goal of the Homeless Shelters is to relocate families into apartments, where they will need their own sheets and towels. Also, some shelters provide access to public showers and need towels. The St. James Social Outreach Committee's Annual Linen Drive will take place from **August 19 - 27**. Bring your donations to place in boxes at the church entrances any time during this period. Thank you for your support. If there are any questions, please contact Susan Jackson at e-mail: bard_susan@msn.com or telephone 703-533-3482 or Marian Starr at mustarrpower@gmail.com.

English and Citizenship Classes

Starting on September 18th, we will offer English and citizenship classes on Mondays and Wednesdays here at St. James. Registration for classes will take place on September 11th and 13th from 7pm to 9pm in St. James' School (through door 16) English classes cost \$60, citizenship classes cost \$100, and they will go for 12 weeks. A text book is already included in this fee. We only accept cash or money orders. For more information please call Hogar Immigrant Services at (571) 208-1572.

Comenzando el día 18 de septiembre, ofreceremos clases de inglés y ciudadanía aquí en St. James. Las inscripciones para el nuevo semestre serán el lunes 11 y miércoles 13 de septiembre de 7 a 9pm en la escuela de St. James (entrando por la puerta 16). Las clases de inglés costarán \$60, las de ciudadanía \$100 y durarán 12 semanas. El libro de texto ya viene incluido en ese precio. Solamente aceptamos efectivo o giro postal. Si requiere más información, por favor llame a Hogar Immigrant Services al (571) 208-1572.

YOUTH MINISTRY OUTING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Nationals vs. Phillies
7:05 Game Time

Contact Fr. Oetjen
703-532-8815 or
fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org or
for more details visit
www.stjamescatholic.org/youth



Thank You!

The St. James group of teens attending WorkCamp in June and their stakeholder would like to say thank you to the parishioners of St. James for all their support to help make it happen. Your generosity during our Nail Sale, and again at the Bake Sale as well as the many prayers gave us so much encouragement and support. We also are grateful for the adult crew leaders, the contractors, the lunch committee, security support and most of all, Fr. Tran. We could not have done it without you! Thanks so much!





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. Visit the archive of articles at www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/125th-anniversary

1963 - A NEW CONVENT FOR OUR SISTERS

The original Villa Maria Convent needed to be enlarged and required extensive remodeling. Twenty-six Sisters were assigned to St. James School at this time. A new spacious brick building was completed in 1963, set back from Spring Street behind the original convent. This is the Saint James Convent today. The original convent was razed in 1964.



ORIGINAL VILLA MARIA CONVENT



CHAPEL SIDE OF THE ORIGINAL CONVENT



SAINT JAMES CONVENT COMPLETED IN 1963



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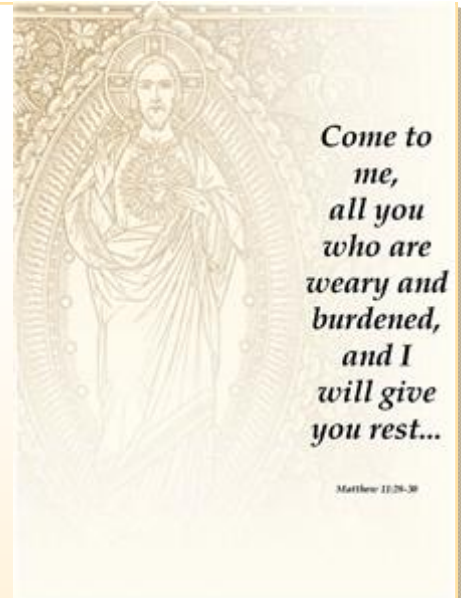
During the 1960's, the IHM Sisters found themselves being called to serve a growing number of new parishes being formed in Virginia. Many of the earlier IHM missions were now in parishes with Catholic schools. Additional lay teachers were hired to meet the growing demands at St. James School.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
The Journey of Faith begins with your questions

**What is faith? How does faith grow?
What do Catholics believe, and why is it
different from other faith traditions?**

**The R.C.I.A. "Catechumenate" period begins at St.
James on
Monday, September 11th**



The R.C.I.A. is for those who are not yet baptized and seek to become fully initiated Catholic Christians through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, as well as those who are already baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to enter full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Catholics who have been baptized, but have never received the sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Communion are also encouraged to participate.

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Monday Evenings
Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9)

For more information, please contact:

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Mr. John Yun, johnmyun@gmail.com, 703-346-9106 - Mobile**

All are Welcome
Todos son Bienvenidos
St. James Community Picnic
Picnic de la comunidad St. James
Sunday, September 10
Domingo 10 de septiembre
11:00am–5:30pm LOT B & Gym
FOOD FAMILY FUN DIVERSION FAMILIAR
GAMES MOONBOUNCES/TRAMPOLINES

To volunteer, contact Vivian Alfaro, valfaro@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815
Si desea ayudar como voluntario, favor contactar: Vivian Alfaro,
valfaro@stjamescatholic.org, or 703-532-8815

August Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, August 20 Social Outreach Linen Collection		
10:00am – 2:00pm	Parish Library Open	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
3:30pm – 6:30pm	Hispanic Charismatic Young Adults	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary Statue
5:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour	Church
Monday, August 21		
Following 8:30am Mass	Rosary	Church – Convent Side
7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA Inquiry	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
Tuesday, August 22		
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
Wednesday, August 23		
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
Thursday, August 24		
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Young Adult Focus Group	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
Friday, August 25		
11:15am – 12:00pm	Confessions	Church
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Spanish Holy Hour, for Young Adults	Church
Saturday, August 26 Social Outreach Linen Collection		
12:30pm – 3:30pm	Hispanic Baptism Seminar	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confession	Church
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Praise and Play Café	Cafeteria
7:30pm	Confession	Church

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