



Saint James Catholic Church

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Monday, December 18

7:00pm

Solemn Evening Prayer
with Father Oetjen
in the Church

Wednesday, December 20

7:30pm

Simbang Gabi Traditional
Filipino Christmas Mass
in the Church

Thursday, December 21

7:00pm

Holy Hour
with Contemporary Music
and Confession Available
in the Church

7:30pm

Young Adult Focus Group
in the House of Ministries

THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



DECEMBER 17, 2017

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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

Stewardship

With the market at record levels, you may make a gift of stock as a donation to our parish. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841-3896 or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx

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From Our Pastor



The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

It is no secret that I love this season. I love the way it makes me feel, the way it makes others feel: hopeful and in love with the Lord. It's also no secret that, even at 52 years old, I still enjoy a good Christmas carol, the beautiful lights and the odd chocolate-covered-*anything*.

More importantly brothers and sisters, the time of our vindication is at hand. We are but a week away from the birth of our Savior on whom the hopes of all are pinned. Today, *Gaudete* Sunday, the Prophet, Psalmist and Evangelist all exhort us to rejoice in this knowledge. For children, parents of children or anyone near children at this time (think our wonderful teachers), the excitement is almost too much to bear. Christmas is coming. But as the Grinch reminds us, Christmas is more than presents and sweets: the time for waiting, the time of darkness and sin is nearing its conclusion.

This time of year it is easy to wear our faith on our sleeve. We send cards, attend Mass more frequently, and light the candles of our Advent wreaths. It is easy to testify. It is easy to be "the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'"

But my friends, we must not limit ourselves to mimicking John the Baptist for only a few weeks a year. Now, more than ever, we need people who are willing to go against the grain — to "refrain from everything that is evil." We must be willing to stand up for the poor, the lonely, and the disadvantaged. We must allow God's spirit to infuse all that we are, all that we can be. Will you be that voice in the wilderness? Will you be willing to suffer sarcasm and insults to "prepare the way of the Lord?"

As we light the third candle today, let us pray to carry the light of this season beyond December 25th.

~Fr. Posey



It was a winter wonderland last Saturday as more than 300 people joined us for hayrides, a petting zoo and warm food by an even warmer bonfire. We couldn't have asked more as our grounds looked like a picture post card. Just a few photos from the event with more coming next week! Thank you to all who made this so much fun: our volunteer and staff elves and most especially Sara Tindall, Shane Briggs and our head elf, Maureen Hannan. They are definitely on the Nice List!

**Mass Intentions for the
Third Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. Gerald Atlee

Sunday, December 17

7:30 a.m. The Martelino and Guerrero Families

9:00 a.m. +Barbara Mellen

10:30 a.m. +Charles Scellato

Noon +Marie Quinlin

2:30 p.m. People of St. James

7:00 p.m. +Mrs. Koo Kiok Nio and
Mr. Giak In Tjeng

Monday, December 18

6:30 a.m. +Irene Smolczynski

8:30 a.m. +C. Anders

Noon +Frederick Wall

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 a.m. +Regina Klemkowski

8:30 a.m. +Carmina Young

Noon Robert Harper

Wednesday, December 20

6:30 a.m. +Robert Conway

8:30 a.m. +Ed Scheid and Suzann Southworth

Noon +Mahlon Frankhauser

Thursday, December 21

6:30 a.m. +Margaret Treanor

8:30 a.m. +Dr. Eusebio Benemerito

Noon +Frank Talbot, Jr.

Friday, December 22

6:30 a.m. +Bill Willis

8:30 a.m. +Gregorio Urmeneta and Felipe Brazil

Noon +Rachel Lareau

Saturday, December 23

8:30 a.m. +James and Martha Carney

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 24

7:30 a.m. +Paul J. Kemp

9:00 a.m. +Ed Scheid and Suzann Southworth

10:30 a.m. +Philomena Bernardone

Noon People of St. James

2:30 p.m. +William Alexander Andrew

5:00 p.m. James Fauntleroy

7:00 p.m. +William Troy

9:00 p.m. +Dan Pimenta

Midnight +Alice Stewart

**This Week's
Saints and Special Observances**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Saturday: St. John of Kanty

Today's Readings

First Reading – As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm – My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading – Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel – I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Maddie Cabatic

Ramona Jaeger

Michele Clair

Tina Ward

and the deceased of our parish family:

Peggy Dolan

Benjamin Tameh

Charles Kopinski

Albert B. Willson

Edward Longyear

Pray for Those Serving Overseas, Our Disabled Veterans, and Military Retirees

Please pray for those serving in the military and foreign service, especially **Justin Berg, James Hoy, Capt. Roger (Trey) DeGeorges III, 1st Lt. Joe Paoletta, USMC, Capt. Albert C. Young, and Michele Petersen.** Send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org. Let us know when your loved ones return.

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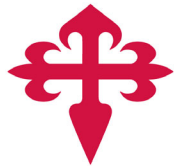
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

9:30am – 12:00pm

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

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

— James 1:22



Saint James Catholic School

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

December 8th we honor our Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is also the Feast Day of our wonderful IHM sisters. At Mass, Father Posey spoke of the love and care they have for each student. "They will always have your back." Former and current students presented roses to the Sisters after they renewed their vows. May God bless and keep all the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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Christmas Masses

Sunday December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent
(the 2:30 Spanish Mass
will be the last Sunday Obligation Mass)

5:00pm Children's Mass
7:00pm, 9:00pm and Midnight

Monday December 25
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 Noon,
2:30pm-Spanish Mass

**January 1, Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God**
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
6:30am and 8:30am



Pro-Life Committee

NOVA for Life is encouraging everyone to participate in a resolution to spend an hour in adoration and pray the rosary in silence before the Blessed Sacrament in intercessory prayer for an end to abortion, for the protection of the lives of the unborn and for the conversion of all those involved especially within our Diocese.

You may join prayer novenas through **Priests for Life** (www.priestsforlife.org) any time.

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

*The final results from the most recent **40 Days for Life** prayer campaign (www.40daysforlife.com) are in! During this tremendous witness for life, **693 lives were spared** from abortion and **16 abortion workers had a change of heart and quit their jobs**. Throughout the 40 days **100,000 people** prayed at **375 locations** across **24 countries**, representing **4,600 churches**.*

Preborn Baby Facts: At 16 weeks: The **body is fully formed**; the fingers and toes have fingerprints and nails; the baby moves about and makes facial expressions; the heart, circulatory system and urinary tract are fully functioning; the eyes are in proper position and the baby can see straight ahead.

Solemn Evening Prayer this Monday, December 18, in the Church

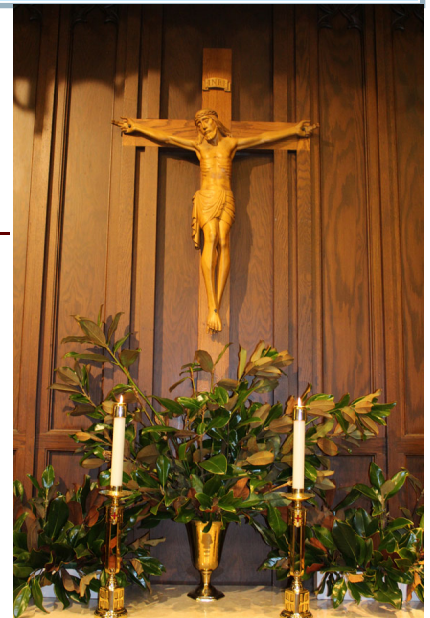
Join Father Oetjen for Evening Prayer on Monday, December 18, beginning at 7:00pm.

Simbang Gabi this Wednesday, December 20, in the Church

Please join us for a Filipino Christmas Traditional Mass on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30pm. Father Posey will celebrate Mass with a Filipino choir singing traditional songs with Mass participants. Then enjoy Filipino delicacies following Mass in Heller Hall!

Holy Hour in the Little City this Thursday, December 21, in the Church

Give Jesus your presence this Thursday night during our Contemporary Music Tri-Lingual Holy Hour in the Little City! (English/Spanish/Latin) 7:00-8:00pm. Confession Available!





YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

Want to get involved? Visit our website at
www.stjamescatholic.org/youth

or contact Fr. Oetjen at 703-532-8815 or
fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org.

Advent Recollection & Bowling – Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm

Join us for an evening of prayer and bowling. Step back from the busyness of schoolwork and get a brief moment of rest and recollection during the Advent season! The youth from Saint Thomas More Cathedral will also be joining us here at St. James.

4:00pm - Meet in the Knecht Conference Room (near the Gym) for icebreakers and a short talk

5:00pm - Holy Hour in the Church

6:00-8:00pm - Dinner and Bowling at Bowl America (140 S Maple Ave). Pick up at Bowl America.

This event is free for all parish middle school or high school youth. A permission slip is required for the bowling part of the evening: download from (<https://www.stjamescatholic.org/youth/upcoming>).

WorkCamp 2018

Registration is open for all high school teens who have completed freshman year of high school. WorkCamp involves spending one week with 800 other teens in the Arlington Diocese working on home projects to improve the situation of physically, mentally or financially challenged people. Adult volunteers are also needed. WorkCamp takes place in Fredericksburg, VA from June 23-29, 2018. If interested, please contact Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com, or Fr. Oetjen at fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org. For information visit www.stjamescatholic.org/youth/workcamp.

Interested in Volunteering?

If you're new to St. James Parish or a long standing member, and find that you have time to share your valuable talents and resources, we are looking for help! St. James has a number of ministries, projects, and activities where we need volunteers to participate or lead. If you're interested in giving of your time or have questions about our various groups, please contact the rectory at 703-532-8815 or send an email to: volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

Information Technology Volunteer Needed

St. James Catholic Church is looking for an experienced professional Information Technology (IT) volunteer to assist in the parish's automation review. As the parish and school continue to grow, there is a need to assess our current automation systems maintained for both areas, and what improvements are necessary to meet future demands. IT projects may range from simple data processing to extensive research, product review, systems analysis, planning, and implementation efforts. If you are interested in volunteering please send an email to: volunteer@stjamescatholic.org

Advent Resources on FORMED.org

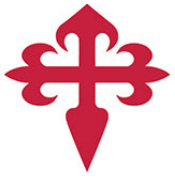
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1980 through 1990: Deacons and Expanding Ministry

Monsignor Heller had continued to live at St. James after his retirement in 1977. In September 1981, needing more assistance, Monsignor Heller moved to the Cardinal O’Boyle Home in the Archdiocese of Washington, where he died a year later.

Father Brooks welcomed the first permanent deacon to serve at St. James. A member of the parish along with his wife Nancy and their two children, Jim Fishenden was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1981, and he continues to serve here. Later, Deacon Tom Bello was ordained in 1987 and, after serving at the cathedral and at St. Anthony Parish, continued his ministry to the people of St. James until his death in 2016. Current St. James Deacon Ed Gliot was ordained in 2014.



Ministry to the ill, dying and bereaved flourished during the 1980s, with volunteers trained by professionals and assigned to bring the concern and comfort of the parish to those who were suffering. The minutes of every Parish Advisory Board meeting reported on assistance to refugee families by the parish. And the minutes also reflect robust and lengthy discussions on peace and nuclear disarmament in light of the U.S. Bishops’ 1983 pastoral letter, The Challenge of Peace.

The parish staff was enlarged with the hiring of a liturgy director, a director of adult education, a youth minister and a family life minister. A book of St. James Organizations and Ministries, prepared for the centennial year, lists 34 ways that men, women and children were working together for St. James.

Social Outreach Christmas 2017 Collection

Homeless Shelters in Need of Personal Care Items

The homeless shelters are in need of personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, soap bars, and bath gel. Both travel and family sizes are welcome. Boxes will be provided in the back of church to collect these items.

Adopt-a-Family Program

Parishioners can provide much needed holiday cheer by sponsoring a specified family and ensuring they have gifts and a holiday meal for Christmas. Many of these families were previously homeless and need to conserve their income for rent, food and other necessities. Please help us provide gifts and clothing for children, and something for parents. You may do this as a family, or ask neighbors or friends to join you. (We can match you with other giving families.) If you or a parish group would like to participate, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or 202-434-2116.

Alternate Gift Program

If you are looking for a unique way to give a gift at Christmas, consider making a monetary donation to St. James Social Outreach Committee and in turn be given a custom-made gift card that can be given to someone special on your Christmas list. Information on how your donation will be used appears on the back of the card. This makes a great gift for your friend and is a blessing for one of God's beloved. The card is also appropriate for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement or other special occasion. Call Vicky Schoenberger at 703-532-7783 or Lori Lisiecki at 703-532-5357.

Christmas Week at the Falls Church Emergency Shelter

From December 24 – 31, St James parishioners are responsible for providing some general supplies and breakfast: 2 boxes of cereal, gallon of milk, bread or muffins, an individually wrapped snack, and fresh fruit for 12 persons daily. If you can help for one or more days, please contact Janet Qualters at 703-573-9170 or janet.r.qualters@gmail.com.

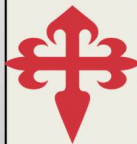
Christmas Collection for Ongoing Social Outreach Activities: You can make donations via Faith Direct by designating a monthly or one-time contribution, make out a check to St. James Church designated for Social Outreach programs, or place money in the Poor Box at the church entrance on the weekends. This money will be used to purchase groceries for the monthly Food Distribution, fund the Christmas party for families participating in the Food Distribution program, and pay for Meals on Wheels deliveries on Christmas Day.

The 2017 Saint James School
Annual Appeal

Helping to create masterpieces

One student at a time

Thank you for supporting our
students



Our Annual Appeal has raised close to \$20,000 to date. Please consider making a year-end tax deductible investment in our future. You can mail or drop off your gift at the rectory, or make a secure online gift at www.faithdirect.net Stocks and IRA roll-overs are also wonderful ways to support our school and avoid capital gains for you! Thank you.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 17

| | | |
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| 9:00am – 9:00pm | Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale | Broad Street Teachers Lot |
| 10:00am – 2:00pm | Parish Library Open | House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue |
| 1:00pm | Hispanic Catechist Meeting | School Room 17, Door 16 |
| 4:30pm – 6:00pm | Hispanic Legion of Mary | House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue |
| 5:00pm | Holy Hour | Church |

Monday, December 18

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| 3:45pm – 5:15pm | Teacher Bible Study | Room 19 |
| 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Hogar English Classes | School – Door 16 |
| 7:00pm | Evening Prayer | Church |
| 7:30pm – 9:00pm | RCIA | Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9 |

Tuesday, December 19

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| 9:30am – 11:30am | Scripture Study (co-ed) | Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9 |
| 4:45 & 7:00pm | PREP | School – Door 16, Church |
| 7:00pm – 8:15pm | H.S. PREP | School Library – Door 16 |
| 7:30pm – 9:00pm | Legion of Mary | House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue |

Wednesday, December 20

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Hogar English Classes | School – Door 16 |
| 7:30pm – 9:00pm | Charismatic Prayer Group | Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9 |
| 7:30pm | Simbang Gabi Mass and Reception | Church and Heller |

Thursday, December 21 – School Break

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| 10:00am – 11:30am | Confession | Church |
| 7:00pm | Holy Hour | Church |
| 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Confession | Church |
| 7:00pm – 9:00pm | Bible Study (women) | Art Room – Door 17 |
| 7:30pm – 9:00pm | Young Adult Focus Group | House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue |

Friday, December 22 – School Break

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| 10:00am – 11:30am | Confessions | Church |
| 7:00pm – 8:30pm | Confessions | Church |

Saturday, December 23

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|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 10:00am – 12:00pm | Confession | Church |
| 3:30pm – 4:30pm | Confessions | Church |
| 5:30pm – 9:00pm | Hispanic Prayer Group Santiago Apostol | Heller Hall – Door 13 |
| 7:30pm | Confessions | Church |



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