



# Saint James Catholic Church

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**JANUARY 1, 2017**  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD

## THIS WEEK

### AT ST. JAMES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**  
RECTORY & SCHOOL CLOSED  
NO NOON MASS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**  
School Christmas Break ends  
PREP resumes

**FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**  
Exposition: 9:00am - 11:45am  
Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am

Food Distribution –  
7:00pm in Heller Hall

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7**  
Youth Ministry Ski Trip  
(Details pg. 5)

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can praying the rosary and other contemplative prayers fortify you to imitate the shepherds and share the Good News?



### 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

### 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: 7:30pm

### First Fridays :

Exposition: 9:00am - 11:45am  
Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am

## Stewardship Notes

**Happy New Year!** Thank you to everyone who donated their time, prayers and financial resources last year. We were able to bring Sacrament and community to those within our parish and beyond our campus because of you. Following IRS guidelines, we will mail tax letters to all those who made gifts of \$250 and above during the calendar year later this month. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Hughes at the rectory: 703-532-8815.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for our maintenance fund. Thank you for your generosity.

### CLERGY

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F., Pastor  
Rev. Brian Bashista, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Augustine M. Tran, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. José E. Hoyos, Spanish Apostolate  
Rev. Ghenghan Mbinkar, In Residence  
Rev. Gregory Thompson, In Residence  
Rev. Rosimar Dias, Sacramental Assistance  
Deacon James A. Fishenden  
Deacon Edward Gliot

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*Sacramental records, baptisms, registrations, address changes and room reservations*

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*Legacy of St. James 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 under Current Events or Parish  
Ministry Resources – no emails please*

## *From Our Pastor*

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In a small town in Iowa, a local write-up of a crime report said that three cars had collided at a four-way stop sign. Each of the drivers said that the person in the other car must have been distracted while driving. They all blamed the other people involved; but the fact of the matter is that none of them stopped when they should have. As we begin this New Year, it is a good idea to stop for a moment and make sure that our path is clear so that we can safely continue on our journey through life. When you are writing your New Year's resolutions, I would encourage you to stop and reflect on four important areas of your life: faith, family, friendship, and work.

What does it mean concretely to say that we have faith? Faith should be the foundation of everything we do. Is it? Do we go to Mass regularly and take advantage of the sacrament of Confession? Do we have a strong private prayer life? Do we seek to grow and enrich our faith through spiritual reading or by using the resources available on Formed.org and other similar sites?

When we speak of family, what do we really mean when we say that our family is important to us? Once I was visiting the Missions with a potential donor. We finished our business early, and when he realized that he could make it back in time for his son's game, he immediately drove five hours to the capital so that he could catch the first plane available. Do we spend time with our family? Do we share meals and support each other's activities? Is our family a priority, something for which we are willing to sacrifice?

The third area I would encourage you to think about is friendship. What does it mean when we say we value friendship? When I first went to the Missions, I didn't know much Spanish and I was in an isolated village with no running water or electricity. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, a car pulled up just before midnight. It was the Bishop, who had driven for hours in order to give me a birthday cake and let me know that he was thinking about me and praying for me during my difficult transition. Do we reach out right away when a friend is having a hard time? Facebook is a wonderful way to connect with people, but it cannot compare to meeting with someone face-to-face. Are we fully present to the people around us?

The final area to consider is work. What is our work ethic? Regardless of what our job is, at every moment we are called to do our best, witnessing our Christianity by the way we interact with people. How do we treat our coworkers? Do we participate in gossip? Do we have a positive attitude? Equally important to our behavior at work is our behavior at rest. To live a full life, work and rest must be in balance. How do we spend our leisure time? Do we just turn on the TV when we have a spare moment, or do we make our recreation truly re-creative, finding activities that will renew and refresh us? This can be as simple as going for a walk in the park or playing a board game with friends or family instead of a game of computer solitaire. How do we balance work and rest? Do we rest as well as we work?

As we begin this New Year, let us ask for the intercession of Our Lady, whose feast we celebrate today. May she help us stop and take stock of our lives, making and keeping concrete New Year's resolutions to improve each of these four areas. In doing so, we will be able to safely traverse the intersections of our lives so that we can one day arrive at our heavenly home. On behalf of my brother priests, Sisters, deacons and staff, I wish you a blessed and Happy New Year.

~Father Posey

## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)**

5:00 p.m. +The McCarthys

### **Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary**

7:30 a.m. Ntengwe Bagenda Family

9:00 a.m. +Luis Francisco Quintero

10:30 a.m. +Kenneth Whitehead

Noon +Rachel Lareau

2:30 p.m. People of Saint James

7:00 p.m. +Jack Murn

### **Monday, January 2**

6:30 a.m. The Hofer Family

8:30 a.m. +Frances and Joseph Calio

### **Tuesday, January 3**

6:30 a.m. +Ruth Allen

8:30 a.m. +Janet Lessard Dunn

Noon +Dennis M. Braddock

### **Wednesday, January 4**

6:30 a.m. +Kevin Phillips

8:30 a.m. +Luis Garcia Junco

Noon +Edward Kunec

### **Thursday, January 5**

6:30 a.m. +Joseph Tachiki

8:30 a.m. +Hubert Nelson Hoffman and

Peggy Lois Hoffman

Noon +Leonard Andrukonis

### **Friday, January 6**

6:30 a.m. +Antoinette Loézeré

8:30 a.m. +Lydia Brancato

Noon +Jerome P. Braddock

### **Saturday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. +Grace McDavid

5:00 p.m. +Robert Toth and Cynthia Kaiser

### **Sunday, January 8**

7:30 a.m. +Mickey Cook

9:00 a.m. People of St. James

10:30 a.m. +Dr. Arthur Hauge

Noon +Mary Latino

2:30 p.m. +Humberto Daboin Gil

7:00 p.m. +Morta Vainoriene

## *Pray for Those Serving Overseas*

Please pray for those serving in the military and foreign service, especially **1st Lt. Michael J. Conrad, USA** and **Capt. Albert C. Young, USAF**. Send names to [bulletin@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:bulletin@stjamescatholic.org) and let us know when your loved ones return safely!

## *Saints and Special Observances*

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;  
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;

World Day of Prayer for Peace;  
New Year's Day

Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: St. John Neumann

Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday

Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First

Saturday; Julian Calendar Christmas

## *Today's Readings*

**First Reading** — The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!  
(Numbers 6:22-27).

**Psalm** — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

**Second Reading** — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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## *Readings for the Week*

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## *Remember in Your Prayers...*

### **the sick of our parish family,**

Mark Alvarado

Tom Gavin

Fr. Brian Bashista

Scott Klein

George Carson

Rose & Carmine Mattiello

Elena DePalma

Ivette Valenzuela-Yu

Kevin Fletcher

### **and the deceased of our parish family**

Catherine Lillis

Richard Terwilliger Eric Tuttle

# PREP

## Parish Religious Education Program

703-533-1182 x104 830 W. Broad St. Falls Church, VA 22046  
[religioused@saintjameschool.org](mailto:religioused@saintjameschool.org) Website Shortcut: [j.mp/StJamesPREP](http://j.mp/StJamesPREP)

### 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.

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— James 1:22



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SAVE THE DATE: Catholic Schools Week:

January 29-February 4 OPEN HOUSES:

Sunday, January 29th

10:00am-12:00pm Heller Hall

Tuesday, January 31st 9:00-11:00am

School Library



703-533-1182

[www.saintjameschool.org](http://www.saintjameschool.org)

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

**Upcoming Opportunities: URGENT —SIGNUP DEADLINE APPROACHING**

**Check out our website [www.stjamescatholic.org/parish-ministries/youth](http://www.stjamescatholic.org/parish-ministries/youth)**

January 7—Ski Trip to Round Top; January 11— Christ House Volunteer opportunity

February 17-19—Retreat at Mt. St. Mary; June 24-30—Workcamp



**Stay in the loop!**

Contact Fr. Tran at [frtranforyouth@gmail.com](mailto:frtranforyouth@gmail.com) to sign up!  
Please visit the St. James website under Youth Ministry

## Pro-Life Ministry Update

In a prior bulletin article, Fr. Posey encouraged each of us to participate in activities that promote and defend all life. "We do this because our support must go beyond just telling people not to abort, but to be there to help the person choose to give birth: through prayer, encouragement and practical assistance."

We help through *prayer*. You may join prayer novenas through *Priests for Life* ([www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)) any time.

We help through *action*. The St. James Pro-Life Committee meets for action planning the *first* Thursday of each month (this is a change from the past). The next meeting is Thursday, **January 5, 2017** at 7:30 PM in the Knecht Conference Room.

Mark your calendar for Friday, **January 27, 2017** for the annual **March for Life** in Washington, DC. The antiabortion demonstration has been held uninterrupted for more than 40 years on (or close to) the anniversary of the historic 1973 Supreme Court decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade* legalizing abortion.

Thank you to all those who purchased wreaths and candles during our annual greens sale. We raised nearly \$1,100 for A Woman's Choice pregnancy help center ([www.awomanschoicecenter.com](http://www.awomanschoicecenter.com)).

**Unborn Baby Facts:** At fourteen weeks old an unborn baby weighs about 3 ½ ounces and is about 4 ½ inches long. The baby **may make sucking motions** with his mouth - this gets him ready to nurse when he is

## Join our Oral History Project!

Whether you love asking questions or have a great story to tell, we welcome all parishioners, former parishioners and alumni of our school and religious education programs. You can choose to be interviewed by a family member, friend or even one of our young confirmandi. Interviewers can take notes and/or record audio and video files for our archives. Your story will become part of our future. The upcoming holidays are a great opportunity to talk to family members. We hope you'll participate. Questions? Contact Lisa Helene Bacalski at 703-532-8815 or [lhelene@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:lhelene@stjamescatholic.org).

Some sample questions to spark a conversation:

- What has been your favorite experience as a parishioner?
- How has Saint James walked with you on your spiritual journey?
- If you are new to the parish (here less than 2 years), what brought you here?
- If you've been a parishioner longer than 2 years, what keeps you coming back?
- What else about your experiences at St. James would you like to share?



## JOIN US FOR A MARIAN RETREAT

Learn more about how Mary can lead us closer to Jesus, and explore the Marian devotion of Saints Louis de Montfort, Maximillian Kolbe, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Pope John Paul the Great.

This small group format moderated by Jane Harvey will include opportunities for faith sharing, but no outside homework. Videos are available on [formed.org](http://formed.org) if you miss a week.

**Saturday Mornings**  
**9:30am-11:00am**  
**January 21-February 25**  
**(March 4 & 11 snow dates)**

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Contact Lisa Helene Bacalski at [lhelene@stjamescatholic.org](mailto:lhelene@stjamescatholic.org) or 703-532-8815 to RSVP or for questions.

# St. James Catholic Church

## Commemorative Plaques

### *Forgot someone at Christmas?*

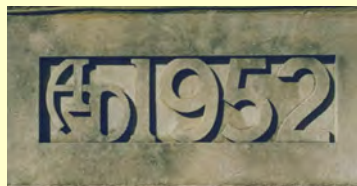
We still have a few left. On sale now at the Rectory and School, you can purchase one for \$20 each or the set for \$35. Proceeds from the sale of the Church plaque will go towards our general offertory fund; sales from the School plaque will benefit our Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund. What a terrific way to remember weddings, baptisms, or your years as a student. Contact the Rectory office with questions, 703-532-8815.



1892-2017

This year we will be celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> 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. Save the date for our celebratory Mass & Reception on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the noon Mass!

## ST. JAMES PARISH TO CELEBRATE ITS 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE BUILDINGS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH CORNERSTONE? (ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM)

On **Sunday, May 21, 2017**, St. James Parish will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its establishment as a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Richmond, the only Catholic diocese in Virginia at the time. Above are photos of cornerstones of buildings in the parish today. These sturdy structures have provided the places for the faith of parishioners to grow and express itself throughout the years. Over the coming months, you can look forward to learning about the history of St. James Parish in this weekly section of the bulletin. In addition to the interesting history of the parish's physical structures, you will read stories about the life of the parish through written records and oral histories of its parishioners. Truly, it is the resolute faith of generations of Catholics which have kept the foundation of St. James Parish strong and flourishing to this day.

ANSWERS: 1902 - THE STONE ST. JAMES CHURCH (MAIN CHURCH); 1905- THE ORIGINAL ST. JAMES SCHOOL;  
1948- CURRENT ST. JAMES SCHOOL REBUILT WHEN ORIGINAL SCHOOL WAS TORN DOWN;  
1952- TRANSEPTS WERE ADDED TO THE MAIN STONE CHURCH; 1963- NEW CONVENT BUILT FOR IHM SISTERS

## Pope Francis

### Evangelization: Christians at the service of the challenges of humanity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

## *This Week in Our Parish*

### **Sunday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

5:00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour Church

### **Monday, January 2 – No Noon Mass, Rectory Office closed**

Following 8:30am Mass Rosary Church – Convent Side

11:30am Rosary Church

### **Tuesday, January 3 School and PREP Resume**

9:30am – 12:00pm Scripture Study (co-ed) Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

4:45pm & 7:00pm PREP School – Door 16

7:00pm – 8:15pm High School PREP School – Door 16

7:30pm – 9:00pm Legion of Mary House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

### **Wednesday, January 4**

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

7:30pm – 9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

### **Thursday, January 5**

7:00pm – 9:00pm Scripture Study (women) School Art Room – Door 17

### **Friday, January 6 First Friday**

9:00am-11:00am Book Group (Women & Children) Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

9:00am – 11:45pm Exposition & Benediction Church

11:15am-12:00pm Confessions Church

7:00pm Food Distribution Heller Hall - Door 13 by Mary statue

### **Saturday, January 7 – Project Gabriel Collection at Vigil Mass**

3:30pm – 4:30pm Confessions Church

5:30pm – 9:00pm Hispanic Community Prayer Group Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary statue

7:30pm – 8:00pm Confessions Church



## **Give a Gift for Life**

Please give a *Gift for Life* January 7-8 following all Masses to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. One grateful mother wrote: "Gabriel Project is a wonderful organization. They helped me when no other place would approve me. Thank God, I found Gabriel Project. Because of them I was able to have wonderful doctors' appointments where I was treated with respect and dignity. Because of you all, I have a healthy baby boy! God bless you."

Donations also help Project Rachel provide healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One retreatant wrote: "Project Rachel and this retreat made me see God's love and mercy. He truly loves you and wants you to heal. This is a step in your healing and deepening your relationship

with God and your child. You will leave the retreat changed and full of Christ's light...thank you Project Rachel for giving me my life back."

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