



Saint James Catholic Church

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Wednesday, August 2
Charismatic Prayer Group
7:30pm in Knecht

Friday, August 4
Food Distribution
7:00pm in Heller Hall

Saturday, August 5
Young Adult Hike
See page 3 for details

Reflection: What can you do this week to seek God's wisdom in a particular area where you sense you need his guidance more?

*The
kingdom
of
heaven*

is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 30, 2017

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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

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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

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28.

We are all called to be stewards of God's gifts. We care for and protect the things He has given. Stewardship is not about ownership but about responsibility -- our responsibility to each other and to our heavenly Father. All that we are and all that we may become should be directed to God's saving plan. Thank you for playing an important part in His works.



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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 Seminarian



In the first reading Solomon is scared because of the responsibilities he faces as king. He is young and does not know how to rule, so he prays that he may be able to discern what God wants him to do as a leader. To quote Jesus' words from his parable, Solomon must first discern what the "pearl of great price" is, i.e. how to serve God and His people.

Discernment is a part of our everyday lives. Every choice is a reaction to God's call to holiness. We are all meant to be saints living lives of virtue and intense discipleship. Discernment is most often associated with a religious vocation: "he/she is discerning the priesthood, consecrated life, etc." Solomon is not speaking of vocations per se; rather he is asking for the practical understanding

to do his job well.

For us, when faced with myriad of daily options, we must strive to work and think with the Spirit of Truth and Life, the source of wisdom. Our choices originate with a desire. What makes us choose one option over another? Choices can be as base as fulfilling a human need (e.g. hunger) or a deeper longing with deeper consequences. For these we must ask ourselves if this need or desire builds up the Body of God, His church. Or more simply, are our desires a prompting of the Holy Spirit?

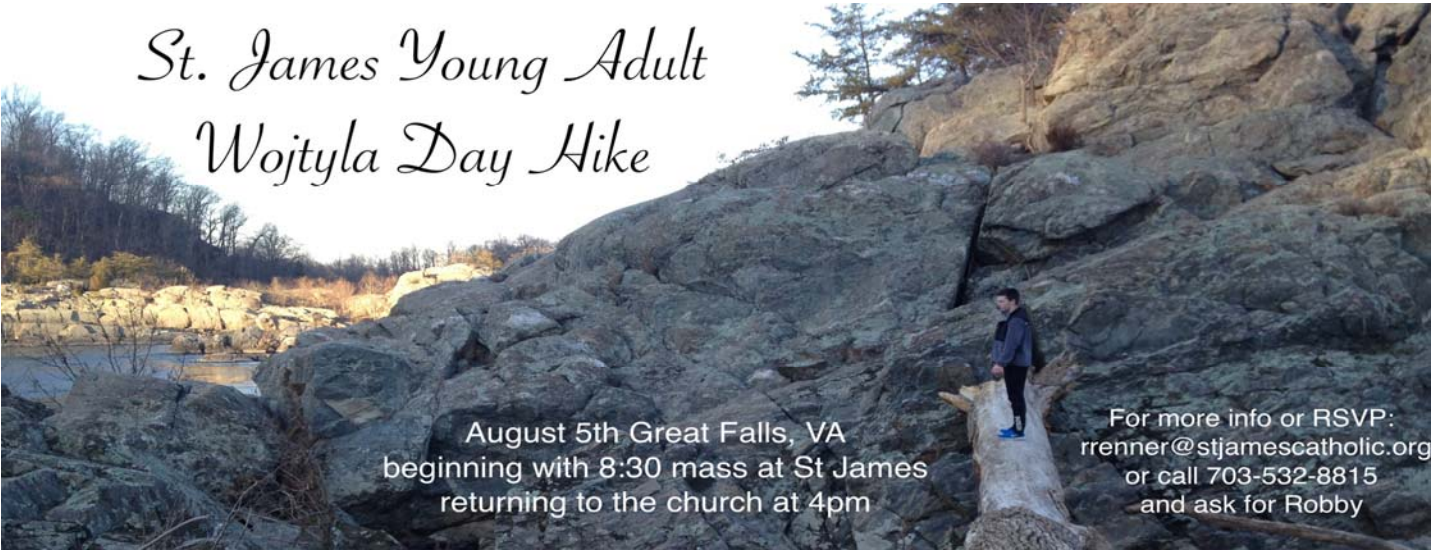
Of course, all decisions are not weighted the same. Choosing a hamburger over a hot dog is not the same as choosing to act as God wants. In the end, my choice should bring me peace, not regret or recrimination. It is akin to the scientific method. I had an attraction to do this thing; and now that I have taken a little step in that direction, what are the results? If the results are in line with what is true and brings me God's peace, then they are likely of God and I should continue. If the results are sinful and bring unrest to my heart, then I should stop.

Our decisions then should lead us to greater love, for our God and for others. In Gethsemane Christ prayed to understand the will of God and for the strength to see it to its conclusion. Christ's love for His Father and for us entailed great responsibility; upon His shoulders he bore our sins unto death.

If we are to imitate God's love, we must also take on some responsibility. We do that by helping the Church with our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Not just one-time acts of kindness, but consistent and faithful efforts. Once we discern that attaining our good desires brings love and peace to our hearts and to others, we will truly understand that this is the ultimate way to live. Our desire to serve should be realized. Then in the communion of saints in heaven as we rest in peace, we can say, "I helped earn that pearl of great price by a gift of myself."

~Robby Renner

St. James Young Adult Wojtyla Day Hike



August 5th Great Falls, VA
beginning with 8:30 mass at St James
returning to the church at 4pm

For more info or RSVP:
rrenner@stjamescatholic.org
or call 703-532-8815
and ask for Robby

Mass Intentions for the Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 29

5:00 p.m. +Robert Pribbenow

Sunday, July 30

7:30 a.m. +Henry Mahoney

9:00 a.m. +Carol Belin

10:30 a.m. +John Shea

Noon People of St. James

2:30 p.m. Charles and Teresa Kopinski

7:00 p.m. +Katherine McKeon

Monday, July 31

6:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Jennings Family

8:30 a.m. +Caring Vallangca

Noon +Kathy Mae Gieke

Tuesday, August 1

6:30 a.m. +June Franey Jennings

8:30 a.m. +Teodosia and Herculano Urmeneta

Noon IHM Profession Band of 1957, Living and Deceased

Wednesday, August 2

6:30 a.m. +George C. Jennings

8:30 a.m. +Kenneth Whitehead

Noon +Special Intention

Thursday, August 3

6:30 a.m. +Michael P. Walsh, Sr.

8:30 a.m. +Flora Lopez

Noon +Matthew Eames

Friday, August 4

6:30 a.m. +Alfred Verrier

8:30 a.m. +John A. Moriarity

Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary of Copacabana, Bolivia

5:00 p.m. +John F. Corrado

Sunday, August 6

7:30 a.m. +Peter C. Munley

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

10:30 a.m. +Edward Kunec

Noon +Carmen Terry and Three Sons

2:30 p.m. Rodrigo Coimbra

7:00 p.m. Vanda and Jonas Butkai

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: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli;

St. Peter Julian Eymard

Friday: St. John Vianney; First Friday

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading – Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalms – Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading – All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel – The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Aida Bravo	Shannon MacMurtrie
Maddie Cabatic	Kathy Patterson
Michele Clair	Joan Nelson
Maria Hamnes	Tina Ward

and the deceased of our parish family:

John H. Day	Bernard Edwartoski
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Food Drive for the Father McKenna Center in Washington D.C.

On the weekend of August 12 and 13 there will be a table set up outside of all Masses to collect food for the Father McKenna Center in Washington D.C. The Father McKenna Center serves about 30,000 meals a year in Ward 6 of Washington D.C. The collection is designed to collect certain items of food that are hard for the McKenna center to obtain during the summer months. These items include canned fruit, canned meats, hearty soups, syrup, and squeezable jelly. This project is being run by Edward Vasquez, a graduate of St. James Catholic School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 681 and will serve as Edward's required Eagle Scout Project. If you would like to donate, then please drop off food at the table outside of Masses that weekend. Thanks for your generosity.

Social Outreach Summer Food Distribution

Thank you to all our parishioners who regularly donate food for our food distribution program. On Friday, August 4, we will be offering a modified food distribution to those in need in our community. We need cereal (e.g. Cheerios), soups, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, one lb. bags of white rice, one pound bags of pinto or black beans, etc. All donations are appreciated.

Marriage Encounter Weekends Coming Soon

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart . . ." Help encourage our own understanding hearts by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Sep 15-17, 2017 in Herndon, VA and Oct 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at 703-646-1521 or applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org.



Bishop Burbidge invites all altar servers in the diocese to join him at the

Altar Server Picnic

Tuesday, August 8
Lake Fairfax Park, Reston, Virginia
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Call your parish office for details. If a group is not attending from your parish, you may call the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514, or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Please be sure to mention the server's name and parish, the adult attending, and your phone number and email.

All servers must be accompanied by adults.



Thank you for your patience during the replacement of our pew seats and kneelers. Aren't they beautiful? Next up is wall repair, crack filling and repainting in the Church. Thank you for your continued flexibility and understanding. We are also very grateful for your prayers and generosity, which make these improvements possible.

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 call the religious ed office to register. Contact the office for more information.

Interested in sharing your faith with others? We are looking for catechists and assistants for the **EVENING** program in grades 1,2,3 and 4. Please contact Sister Regina Rosarii if interested.



THANK YOU to all who made VBS 2017 a BLAST! Coordinators, volunteers, captains... all brought the warmth of faith and fun to our children. Special thanks to Sister Regina, Pam Heid and Mary Alice Healey for all their work.

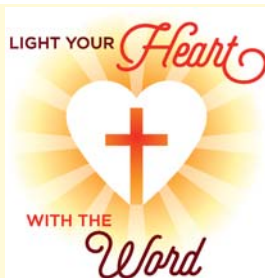


Weekly Reflection

July 30

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/073017.cfm>



Reflection: What can you do this week to seek God's wisdom in a particular area where you sense you need his guidance more?

Pro-Life Ministry Update

There are ongoing opportunities for prayer and sidewalk counseling each weekday morning (8:00am - 12:00pm) at the Falls Church Health Center, 900 South Washington Street. Please join us.

NOVA for Life encourages everyone 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 also join prayer novenas with Priests for Life (<http://www.priestsforlife.org>).

Participate in the monthly tri-lingual Rosary (English/Spanish/Latin) the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in front of the Falls Church Health Center. We will be praying for the closing of Falls Church Center, an end to abortion, the protection of the lives of the unborn and for the conversion of all those involved. We hope to see you there!

The next meeting of the St. James Pro-Life Committee is Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room.

On July 15, St. James parishioners joined with St. Michael's parishioners to place flags to bring awareness to the abortion victims in our area. Pink and blue flags were placed to remember the 1613 babies aborted at the S. Whiting Street abortion clinic.



Preborn Baby Facts: At week 28, an unborn baby has only has about 12 weeks to go until birth! The baby keeps gaining weight to prepare for life outside of the womb, and her head is growing very quickly to make room for her rapidly-growing brain!

RCIA 2017 - 2018 "Inquiry"

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

St. James Bible Study Programs 2017-2018



<u>Group Day/Time/Location:</u>	<u>Study:</u>
1. Sunday 1:30pm-3:30pm (co-ed) St. James Library /start 9-10-17	Lectio:Peter/Ephesians/Gospel of John
2. Monday 3:20pm-5pm (teachers) School classroom/start TBD	Epic: Early Church History/Lectio:Peter
3. Tuesday 9:30am-11:30 am (co-ed) Knecht Conf. Rm /start 9-19-17	Prophets/ Biblical Walk through the Mass
4. Wednesday 9:15am-11am (women) Knecht Conf. Rm /start 9-20-167	Wisdom/James
5. Wednesday 9:30-11:30am (women) Knecht Meeting Rm/start 9-13-17	Bible and the Sacraments/Walking towards Eternity Part 2
6. Thursday 7pm-9pm (women) School Art Rm. /start 9-14-17	Epic: Journey through History/ Priest, Prophet, King
7. Fridays (Women and Children) Members Homes	Ignatius Bible Study

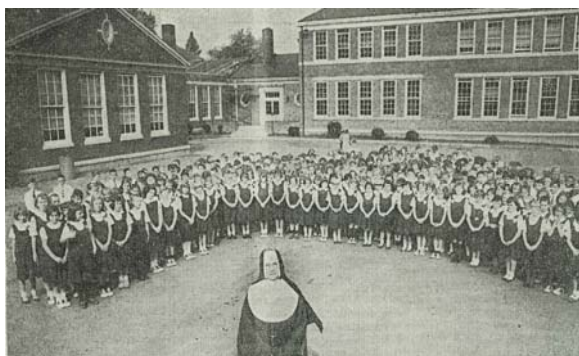
New members are strongly encouraged to join! Or start a new group!

For more information please contact the Coordinators, Donnamaria Duatschek at dmduatschek@gmail.com / 703-241-2616 or Jane Harvey at harveyjmc@gmail.com /703-819-5201

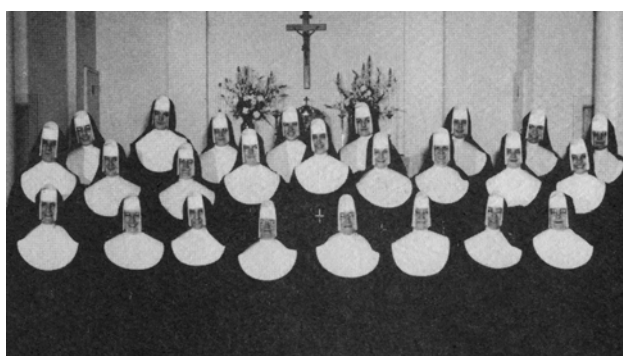
1950s - ST. JAMES SCHOOL

In 1956 the school enrollment rocketed to 2,297 students and remained over 2,000 into the 1960's, and there was still a waiting list. In order to serve the families of the parish, Mother Alice Marie, Principal (1957-1961), began conducting separate morning and afternoon sessions for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Classrooms of 60 or more students are remembered, and the faculty was composed of 31 IHM Sisters and lay teachers. Tuition was around \$25, and family rates were available for larger families. St. James School was the largest parochial school building in the state. Even with the large teacher-pupil ratio, Saint James earned top ratings in surveys conducted by the Diocese of Richmond. The large enrollment continued until the school applied for accreditation by the Virginia State Board of Education, which required a reduction in the teacher-pupil ratio. Consequently, enrollment leveled off.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was founded in 1953 and gives vital support to the school. The school bazaar, sponsored by the PTO, became a parish and community event and continues to this day.



MOTHER ALICE MARIE, PRINCIPAL (1957-1961)



IHM SISTERS OF THE 1950'S

Drop-off and Pick-up was different in the 1950s. One almost never heard the phrase "two-car family." Commercial buses helped meet the transportation needs of the school families. Buses lined both Spring Street and Park Avenue each morning and afternoon. As the primary grades (K, 1, 2) were in half day sessions, some buses needed to do two rounds each day. Students served as bus patrols and street patrols at various corners near the school to assist walkers. The Washington metropolitan community would host area patrols each year to a holiday movie outing in December and a Washington Senators baseball game at the former DC Stadium (RFK Stadium) in the spring. When enrollment leveled off in the 1970s, the school purchased and managed a smaller number of buses. Together with parent-provided transportation, these buses serviced the school until the early 1980s. By now two-car families were becoming more common and transportation became the responsibility of the parents.

Safety is always a primary concern for a school: In December 1975, Bus #3 driver Mrs. Patty Kane wrote to Officer Jones of the FC Police Department commending John Hall, John Shaw and Rocco Edivan for their "fine example of good patrols." A fire started in the school bus due to an electrical plug jarring loose causing "live-wires" to touch the plastic casing. The three patrols stayed "calm and collective in putting up flares and reflectors perfectly. One patrol was helping the children off and the other directing the children on where to go on the sidewalk. The third patrol took up his position in the front of the bus making sure everyone was out and assisted the small children to the rear....The situation was handled beautifully."



March 29, 2017 marked the day that Mrs. Janet Haines served the St. James School community as our crossing guard for 50 years. The entire school body, together with our priests and city officials, honored Mrs. Haines at a special program for her exemplary example of community service and caring for our children for half a century. When you see Mrs. Haines on the corner of Broad and Spring Streets, stop and express your appreciation to her for many years of dedicated service.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, July 30

3:30pm – 6:30pm	Hispanic Charismatic Young Adults	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary Statue
5:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour	Church

Monday, July 31

Following 8:30am Mass	Rosary	Church – Convent Side
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Tuesday, August 1

7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
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Wednesday, August 2

7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
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Thursday, August 3

7:00pm – 9:00pm	Catholic Committee on Scouting	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
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Friday, August 4 **First Friday**

9:00am – 11:45am	Exposition and Benediction	Church
11:15am – 12:00pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm	Food Distribution	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary Statue

Saturday, August 5

After 8:30am Mass	Young Adult Hike	Meet at the Church
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Confession	Church
5:30pm – 9:00pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary Statue
7:30pm	Confession	Church

July Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis is for Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

125th Anniversary Photos On-Line!

They're here! Pictures from our Anniversary Mass and Reception with Bishop Burbidge are available now. Click on this link: <http://danielson.zenfolio.com/p405948946> The password is stjames125. Take a moment to browse through; you may purchase or download your favorites! The gallery will be available for public viewing until August 5.

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