



# Saint James Catholic Church

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### Sunday, March 12

Donut Sunday 10:00am –  
12:00pm in Heller Hall  
Work Camp Fundraiser  
Nail Sale After Masses

### Monday, March 13

School Closed

### Wednesdays During Lent

#### The Light Is On!

Confessions in the Church  
6:30pm-8:00pm

### Friday, March 17

Fry Me to Moon Fish Fry  
Heller Hall 5:00pm-8:00pm

### Reflection:

Choose an area in your life that  
needs to be “transfigured” by  
the power of the Holy Spirit  
and ask God to help you begin  
to work on that during Lent.  
(more details on p.7)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 12, 2017

*From the cloud came  
a voice that said,  
“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”*

*Matthew 17:5*

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### RECTORY:

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### Hours:

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

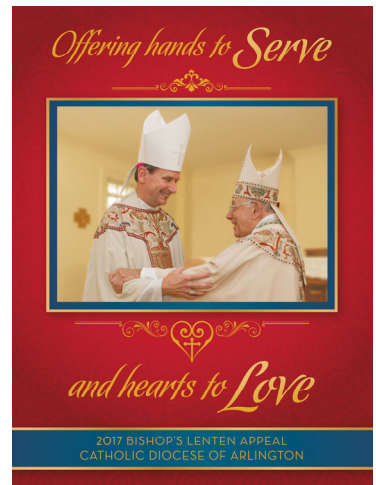
Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am

## 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal *Offering hands to serve and hearts to love*

The BLA is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. **Thank you to all who've already pledged or made a gift.**

For more information about these programs, please refer to the diocesan website: [http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Bishops-Lenten-Appeal/BLA-Supported-Programs-and-Ministries/#accordion-href\\_10](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Bishops-Lenten-Appeal/BLA-Supported-Programs-and-Ministries/#accordion-href_10)



### CLERGY

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F., Pastor  
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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. We have gathered to watch *The Fellowship of the Ring*, discussing the various Christian themes embedded in this popular story by the popular Catholic author, JRR Tolkien.

Now that we have finished our viewing of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, we were able to take some time to look back across the whole three-and-a-half-hour adventure to try to put the different Catholic ideas we discovered into perspective. One of the themes that really only stands out in retrospect is the importance of diversity in the story. As this Fellowship is formed, Mr. Tolkien chose to draw its nine members from the many different races and tribes of the land of Middle Earth. The group includes three humans (a royal steward, a mysterious wizard, and a rugged ranger of the north), four hobbits, a dwarf, and an elf.

Each are called and answer the challenge to help destroy the evil Ring of Power with their own unique gifts. Early on in the adventure, their differences breed distrust, discomfort, and outright discord. But, as the Fellowship faces different challenges and dangers on their mission, over many difficult miles, they come to respect each other, to defend each other, and by the end of the film, even to die for each other. Why, in this case, does the Fellowship of the Ring find strength in their diversity, when so often groups we encounter never seem to move beyond their individual fears and prejudices?

If we parallel the Fellowship with early Christians, we find an answer in the writings of St. Paul. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ" (Gal 3:24). The brilliance of Tolkien's diverse Fellowship is that, while they may all be very different in origin and station, all of these characters are committed to the single purpose of seeing the Ring of Power destroyed. This unity of mission allows them to bind together and overcome many daunting obstacles. As we journey through another season of Lent together, may we keep our focus firmly fixed on our common purpose as Catholics...to love and serve Christ as we find Him in the people we meet each and every day. Keeping focused on Christ, we may even find that those irksome differences which can breed distrust, discomfort, and even discord, can fade away like the mist and reveal genuine fellowship where we least expect it!

If you are a high school student and would like to hear more, we meet most Tuesday evenings during the academic year in the school library. This week, we have just started watching a new movie – the 2012 hit, *The Hunger Games*. If you've in high school and have been considering it, now would be a great time to join us for some fun, faith, and fellowship! Contact me or Sister Regina for more information.

Spend time with Jesus and Scripture during Lent:

### PRAYER

- Stop by church Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm as we create a prayerful setting with Gregorian chants and Lenten devotional materials. Confession will also be available.
- Participate in 40 Days for Life ([40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)) either on the sidewalks at 900 S. Washington Street or through personal prayer. Contact [stjameslife@gmail.com](mailto:stjameslife@gmail.com) for details.

### FASTING

Fasting helps us refocus on God. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, all healthy Catholics ages 18-59 are required to fast and abstain from meat. Fasting means one main meal and no more than two small meals that together don't equal the main meal. Catholics 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout Lent.

### ALMSGIVING

Giving sacrificially during Lent connects us to those who are poor and helps connect our relationship with Jesus to our relationships with others. Our Social Outreach Committee collects food donations and offers opportunities to "Focus on Hunger" in our community. Operation Rice Bowl supports efforts to end hunger worldwide ([crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org))



## **Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Lent**

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### **Saturday, March 11**

5:00 p.m. +Patrick Wells

### **Sunday, March 12**

7:30 a.m. People of St. James

9:00 a.m. +Peter Bongiorno

10:30 a.m. +Donna Reyman

Noon +Marie Quinlin

2:30 p.m. A Special Intention

7:00 p.m. +Isabel Weirich

### **Monday, March 13**

6:30 a.m. +Richard Terwilliger

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Noon +Rachel Lareau

### **Tuesday, March 14**

6:30 a.m. +Linda Hughes

8:30 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.

Noon +Carolyn Taylor

### **Wednesday, March 15**

6:30 a.m. +Rolando Zulueta

8:30 a.m. Special Intention

Noon +John P. and Rita M. Braddock

### **Thursday, March 16**

6:30 a.m. +Angel Zulueta

8:30 a.m. +Bob Pitera

Noon +Geraldine Saunders

### **Friday, March 17**

6:30 a.m. +Bobby Toole

8:30 a.m. +Christina Dziubinski

Noon +Mary Ann Beauchamp

### **Saturday, March 18**

8:30 a.m. +Bill Childress

5:00 p.m. +Donald R. Penland

### **Sunday, March 19**

7:30 a.m. Ntengwe Bagenda Family

9:00 a.m. +Edward Kunec

10:30 a.m. +Giuseppe D'Erme

Noon +Bob Pitera

2:30 p.m. +Andres Ipanaque Bayona

7:00 p.m. People of St. James

## **Saints and Special Observances**

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Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;  
Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: St. Patrick

Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

## **Today's Readings**

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**First Reading** – The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** – Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** – God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** – Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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## **Readings for the Week**

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Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## **Remember in Your Prayers...**

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

Mark Alvarado	My Maier
Elena DePalma	Arthur Sehrer
Gwyneth Eby	Tina Ward

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

John Cavallaro	Miriam Kinner
Judith Cox	

## **March Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis**

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### **Comfort for the Afflicted.**

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



## **Pray for Those Serving Overseas**

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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](mailto:bulletin@stjamescatholic.org) and let us know when your loved ones return safely!



# Bless Our Confirmandi!

On Saturday, March 11, 2017

these young people received their final Sacrament of Initiation. Congratulations to them, their families, and the catechists who supported them on their spiritual journey.

Hudson Abbott  
 Dasha Aboudraa  
 Patrick Adiao  
 Doris Alvarez  
 John Armor  
 Anthony Assadzadeh  
 Michael Awad  
 Yzabelle Baquilod  
 Isabel Barrett  
 Gustavo Bayer  
 Anand Beh  
 Francesca Bellora  
 Hunter Benson  
 Allyson Bruno  
 Kathy Cabrera  
 Catherine Carroll  
 Meghan Carroll  
 Martin Casserly  
 Chloe Clayborne  
 Andrea Collazo  
 Abigail Connors  
 Patrick Darnell  
 Stephen DeCelle  
 Bruno DelMoral  
 Caroline DeLuca  
 Caroline Dommel  
 Andrew Donnellan  
 John Christopher Duran  
 Gabriela Fernandez-Ochoa  
 Lauren Fitzpatrick  
 Grace Forsyth  
 Grace Foster  
 Ian Fry  
 Clarice Garcia  
 Julia Ghiselli  
 Julia Gibson  
 Liam Gilmartin  
 Joseph Gonsalves  
 Cristina Granados  
 Michael Gutowski

Hannah Heim  
 Luke Hennessey  
 Julia Hinrichs  
 Jonathan Ho  
 Gaarison Holran  
 Elizabeth Hughes  
 Michael Husk  
 Lillian Jones  
 Kevin Kanthraj  
 Nicole Kapitan  
 Brooke Kurtz  
 Charles Langan  
 Matthew Larrain  
 Nathan Legg  
 Thomas Leggett  
 Gabriella Lucchetti  
 Giorgio Luccioli  
 Ethan Magne  
 Fiona Maguire  
 Emily Mance  
 Lorenzo Marra  
 William Matia  
 John McKean  
 Alexander McKelway  
 Constance Meade  
 Grace Murphy  
 Joseph Musgrove  
 Sydney Elizabeth Muskett  
 Elizabeth Nguyen  
 Michel Nieves  
 Catherine Pacheco  
 Vincent Paldino  
 Shine Pang  
 Hunter Pena  
 Roman Pena  
 Rita Peterson  
 Caroline Poley  
 Anne Purtill  
 Isabella Quidgley  
 Sheily Rios

Simone Ritcheson  
 Maggie Robertson  
 Ella Rohall  
 Walter Roou  
 Coleman Schofield  
 Danielle Seay  
 Thomas Siracuse  
 Ian Stimson  
 Sophia Stimson  
 Lauren Strobel  
 Thomas Sweeney  
 Jocelyn Tapia  
 John Taylor  
 Brian Toman  
 Joseph Tramonte  
 Ashley Tran  
 Carlin Trevisan  
 Jacqueline Turner  
 Sofia Valinote  
 Jordy Vargas  
 Amanda Vasquez  
 Mira Vega  
 Nelson Velasquez, Jr  
 Brenna Walton  
 Erik Walton  
 Paul Weaver  
 Alexandra Williams  
 Renee Woody  
 Jessica Zolbe

## CAR RAFFLE UPDATE



We hope you were able to “visit” with one of the cars to be given away in our Raffle when it made a guest appearance on our church lawn last month. Please return your ticket stubs, any unused tickets, and your check for the tickets that you purchased or sold as soon as you can. If you have sold all of your tickets and need to replenish your supply, you are welcome to visit our Rectory office to pick up additional tickets for yourself or to sell to your friends, relatives, neighbors, or co-workers. Remember that the Car Raffle

gives the purchaser of a single \$5.00 ticket an opportunity to win a vehicle or a share of \$20,000 in cash prizes. The Raffle benefits our parish ministries. Last year, the Car Raffle earned \$12,000 for the parish. Please direct any questions to Rich Blickendorfer at 703-532-8815. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has participated already!

## *Diocesan Mass and Anointing of the Sick*

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will celebrate a special **Mass and Anointing of the Sick** of the Diocese on Saturday, March 18, 2017. All members (& companions) of the Diocese who are sick or physically/mentally challenged are invited to attend. The Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held at 11:00am in Annandale at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 3901 Woodburn Road. Lunch will follow for all attendees, provided by the Knights and Dames from the Northern Virginia Region of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta, Federal Association. There will be no charge for the lunch. Please RSVP to Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or [RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com](mailto:RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com) (with name, # attending and contact



## *St. James Seniors St. Patrick's Dinner*

All parishioners 55 and over are invited to a St. Patrick's Day party in Heller Hall on Thursday, March 16th from 5-7 pm. Put on your green and be Irish for the evening. Noelle Le will complete her childhood story of escaping Vietnam via boat to her arrival in Hong Kong and final journey to the USA. We ask that everyone bring a main course salad to share. Bread and beverages will be provided. Desserts are also welcome. Please RSVP no later than March 13 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768 or Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845. They can arrange rides if needed. Bring a friend.



**Tea Time: Saturday, March 25th**  
Missing Downton Abbey? All are invited to attend “Tea Time,” sponsored by Court Queen of Peace of the Catholic Daughters. Don your hat and gloves: Saturday, March 25th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in Heller Hall. Proceeds from this event will

help obtain fabric to sew diapers for children in Haiti and provide religious awards for the CDA Education contest sponsored in the area Catholic schools. For more info, contact Mrs. Marina Martini, 703-533-0296.

## **St. James Volleyball: Girls Grades 3-8**

If you are interested in playing volleyball this season, please email your name and grade level to Erin Connors at [sjsrocketsvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:sjsrocketsvolleyball@gmail.com).

Also, we are still looking for coaches. If you are interested in coaching, please email your name and the grade level you would like to coach. Practices will begin mid-March and games will take place on Saturdays and/or Sundays beginning April 1st. Watch the bulletin for more information!





# FOLLOW ME

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John  
with Dr. Edward Sri

*Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer*

*— he wants you to be his*

*disciple and friend. Follow Me:*

**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**

*is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.*

Tuesdays, 4:45-6:00pm in Knecht Conference Room

March 14, 21 and April 4

(we skip a week for our Lenten retreat with Fr. John Riley)

We will watch two sessions of Dr. Edward Sri's presentation each evening. Each session is about 33 minutes.

Contact Lisa Helene Bacalski at  
lhelene@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815 for details.

## Weekly Reflection

Adapted from *Opening the Word*, an Augustine Institute Program available on FORMED.org. Register for free with our code: 8D46B7

### March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4, 3:1-7; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031217.cfm>

In this week's reflection, Martha Fernandez talks about "living in contrasts." Utilizing the imagery from Sunday's readings, we all live with and in light and dark. Matthew contrasts the brightness of the transfiguration with a cloud; with the awe and happiness felt by Peter, James and John replaced by their fear at the voice of God. There are times in our lives when joy intermingles with doubt and fear, as with the apostles. When the birth of a child is mixed with fear for their health. When the joy and certainty of our faith is surmounted by doubt. Yet our response should mirror Abraham's: to go, to listen, to respond. The Lord Himself tells us to "listen" Jesus. Allow His voice to enter into your heart so that, as Paul tells us, we will be able to bear the inevitable hardships of life and a life of Christian witness. Allow God's grace to be that cement which binds your life to His.

**Reflection:** Choose an area in your life that needs to be "transfigured" by the power of the Holy Spirit and ask God to help you begin to work on that during Lent.





## Pro-Life Ministry Update

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

**Unborn 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.

We help through *prayer*.

Please join us for the Lenten **40 Days for Life** campaign now happening in more than 340 cities and 30 countries. Our local campaign is in front of the Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 South Washington Street. For 40 days and nights, people of faith and conscience will stand in constant, peaceful vigil outside hundreds of abortion facilities ... to do the single most important thing we can do: PRAY. Learn more about and sign-up for our our local campaign at ([40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/falls-church](http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/falls-church)). You may also join prayer novenas through **Priests for Life** ([www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)) any time.

We help through *action*.

Tepeyac Family Center serves pregnant women of all races, creeds, and economic statuses, whether they can pay or not; a special aspect of their practice is to assist pregnant women in financial crisis. Tepeyac Family Center is **moving into expanded facilities** and needs funds to complete the project. Everything is required from stethoscopes to sponsorship of the waiting room. Interested in helping? Call 703-934-5552 or visit their website at [www.divinemercycare.org/tepeyacexpanding](http://www.divinemercycare.org/tepeyacexpanding).

### Social Outreach Committee

#### Focus on Hunger-Lenten Food Collection

*"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works."*  
Pope Francis

During Lent, food is being collected after all weekend Masses for selected food banks in our community including for our own food distribution program here at St. James. Today, food donated by St. James' parishioners will go to one of the local food banks, **Food for Others**, who serve the needy in Northern VA. **Food for Others** provides food to charitable organizations to restock their food pantries; it provides food for families referred by Churches, the county and other organizations; it also runs a daily food distribution program to the community. Volunteers are needed for numerous activities including collecting food from local stores, sorting and packing food at the food bank, or delivering to needy families. If you are home during the day and are looking for a volunteer activity, call Food for Others at 703-207-9173. Teenagers are also welcome.

*Thank you for your generosity to those in need!*



**LENTE FISH FRY FRIDAYS**  
**5:00pm—8:00pm**  
**Heller Hall**





This year we are 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** at the noon Mass!

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## 1923 - SISTERS, SERVANTS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM)

### ARRIVE AT ST. JAMES

A band of six IHM sisters departed from Immaculata, Pennsylvania for “Ole Virginny” headed by Mother Mary Josepha and Sisters Mary Selesia, Mary Grace Madeline, Mary Rosemary, Mary Cecil and Mary Frances Bernardine. Sister Mary Pierre left a day later. Laden with boxes and bundles they arrived at Union Station where the warmth of Father Van’s welcome must have surely compensated for the dark skies and torrential rain which greeted them as they detrained.

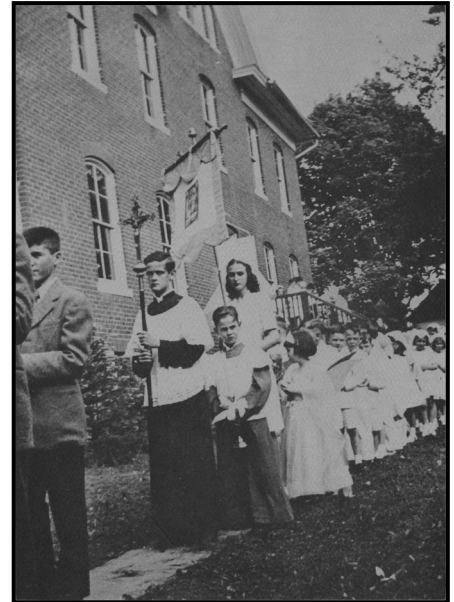
The following excerpts are from the First Annals of Villa Maria Convent: “The route led along Lee Highway, from which it branched off to Leesburg Pike. The first of the parish’s buildings to greet their eyes was St. James School, a three-story building of red brick, set back about sixty feet from the highway and surrounded by spacious playgrounds. The Sisters’ first visit was to our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Before His tiny altar-throne in the beautiful little church, they knelt to consecrate themselves once more to His service. A very substantial meal had been prepared at the Rectory, and if good appetites are the criterion of strong vocation, then there is little doubt of Virginia’s pioneer band wavering. After dinner the Sisters proceeded on a tour of inspection.”

The Sisters’ first days were spent unpacking furnishings for the Chapel and household effects for the convent. The convent was renamed “Villa Maria.” The convent was substantially built with fine quality woodwork, though improvements were needed to repair drainage and plumbing and replace appliances. In the basement were the kitchen, refectory, laundry, store room and boiler room. On the first floor were rooms suitable for a parlor, music room and classrooms. On the third floor could be found a community room, dormitory, a semi-private room and eight individual cells; a spacious attic was above. The “most beautiful part of the interior was the Chapel.”

The Sisters also unpacked a thousand volumes of books for the school library; fifteen typewriters, adding machines and a duplicator for a postgraduate secretarial course which was to be taught in the convent.

On September 17, 1923, the IHM Sisters opened St. James School with 92 pupils enrolled. On the same day Villa Maria High School opened in the convent with eight students who registered for advanced work. On April 23, 1926 Bishop Denis J. O’Connell transferred the deed for Villa Maria Convent to the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The high school fulfilled state and diocesan requirements and in 1925 received the coveted affiliation with The Catholic University of America. Both the school and high school progressed successfully with “the excellent teaching and great discipline given by the Sisters.”

The Sisters began many traditions still followed in our parish today -- Christmas Pageants, honoring our Blessed Mother in May, musical and theatrical performances enjoyed by both parents and parishioners. Father Van knew he brought the “most efficient and best Sisters of this country” to St. James Parish. Father Van said, “You parents and children are all there, without exception to back by facts, this pastoral assertion. Thanks to my Dear Sisters!” **Visit [www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/125th-anniversary](http://www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/125th-anniversary) for more great stories!**



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## *This Week in Our Parish*

### **Sunday, March 12 – Work Camp Fundraiser after Masses**

#### **Donut Sunday after 9:00am and 10:30am Masses**

10:15am – 11:15am	Baptism Class	Library – Door 16
12:00pm – 1:45pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 3:30pm	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
4:45pm – 6:45pm	Youth Group Meeting	Knecht Conference and Gym
5:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour	Church

### **Monday, March 13 – No School**

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, March 14**

9:30am – 12:00pm	Scripture Study (co-ed)	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP	School Door 16
4:45pm – 6:00pm	Adult PREP: Follow Me	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm	High School PREP	Library – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

### **Wednesday, March 15**

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
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Prayer & Confessions – The Light is On	Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English Class	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

### **Thursday, March 16**

5:00pm – 7:00pm	Seniors St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary statue
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Scripture Study (women)	School Art Room – Door 17
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Holy Hour	Church

### **Friday, March 17**

9:00am – 11:00am	Women's Scripture -Book Study	Church
11:15am-12:00pm	Confessions	Church
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Fish Fry	Heller Hall – Door 13 by Mary Statue
6:00pm	Spanish Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

### **Saturday, March 18**

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

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



**This Week: High School Youth Group** March 12 at 4:45 in Knecht Conference Room/Gym

Join the Middle School and High School Youth Group for an outing to Massanutten Water Park on March 25. To rsvp or for more information contact Erika McDonald at [emcdonald2006@gmail.com](mailto:emcdonald2006@gmail.com) by March 18

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