



Saint James Catholic Church

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Presentation of Candidates for
First Holy Communion
at 9:00 and 10:30am Masses

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

THE LIGHT IS ON

6:30pm – 8:00pm
Confessions & prayer in the church

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

A day of abstinence
and FIRST FRIDAY
Eucharistic Exposition – 9:00-11:45am
Benediction – 11:45am in the church

Middle School Fusion 6:30pm
Knecht Conference Room, Doors 8 & 9
Food Distribution 7:00pm
Knecht Gym (note the change)

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm en Español
7:30pm in English

Lenten Fish Fry

5:00pm – 8:00pm
Heller Hall, Door 13

Reflection Question:

What practical things could you do in
your life to embrace your sufferings?

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

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FEBRUARY
25
2018

From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

RECTORY:

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Hours:

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

Stewardship

2nd Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!” he answered.” - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Discipleship is not always easy, sometimes it leaves us uncomfortable and vulnerable – but always the richer for it. For all the many ways in which you give of yourself, thank you.



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From Our Pastor



"I believed. Even when I said 'I am greatly afflicted.'" Psalm 116

As a priest I have sat and prayed in hospitals, private homes, and the confessional for the relief of distress. Many have wondered about the redemptive power of suffering. In the midst of great trials some have even said to me that there is no point to pain, that

they can gain perspective in far easier ways.

I have to say, I understand their point. No one likes pain. There's a reason it's called "The Agony in the Garden." In His humanity Christ knew fear; he knew what awaited Him at the top of the hill.

Our reflection question asks us to embrace our sufferings. This doesn't mean holding on, but rather letting go: of pride, fear, recrimination, blame. It means, as CS Lewis described, giving up our sense of "self-sufficiency." We cannot do it alone.

Though God may never feel farther away during times of trial, it is precisely then He is closest to us. We just don't recognize Him. We need to see Him through the compassion of our loved ones. We need to see Him in the skills of those who care for us. We need to see Him in the Sacraments where grace is truly alive. We also need to BE Him for others. In that phone call; that text message; that visit or trip to the grocery store.

I've never actually made gravy but I have seen it done. What I have learned is that if you don't stir the ingredients properly the lumps from your roux remain. It's when you slowly incorporate everything into the mix, it becomes smooth. Bring God into your mix. Allow Him to enter into your life and ease your mind. This doesn't mean you won't have lumps or knots in your life. It doesn't mean that you will not know pain or sadness. With Him, though, you will know love and the power of faith.

~Fr. Posey



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Mary, Undoer of Knots

Pray for us

Mother of fair love,
I look to you.

Take into your hands
the ribbon of my life
and see the snare of knots
that keeps me bound
to sin, anxiety, and hopelessness.

I beg you, Mother, by your
powerful intercession
and long fingers
of love and grace,
undo the knots
in my heart and in my life.
Free me to love
as Christ loves.

Ponder the Theme: How can you work through the knots of your life instead of fighting them?



Weekly Reflection

Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/022518.cfm>

Reflection Question:

What practical things could you do in your life to embrace your sufferings?

Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Lent

Saturday, February 24

5:00 p.m. +Mary Fratta

Sunday, February 25

7:30 a.m. +Josephine and Nick Lutsch

9:00 a.m. Lance Burton

10:30 a.m. People of St. James

Noon +Robert O'Connor

2:30 p.m. +Conny Vilchez

7:00 p.m. +Lawrence and Mary Maher

Monday, February 26

6:30 a.m. +Siony Sarte

8:30 a.m. +Alejandra Zulueta

Noon +Marie Louise Chang

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 a.m. +Luke Garrison

8:30 a.m. +Eric Tuttle

Noon +Esther Arevalo

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 a.m. +Martin and Eugenia Urmeneta

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

Noon +Rev. John F. Kurtzke, Jr. CSC

Thursday, March 1

6:30 a.m. +Catherine Milligan

8:30 a.m. +Angel Zulueta

Noon +Elise Dunn

Friday, March 2

6:30 a.m. +Steve and Ligaya Valentin

8:30 a.m. +Ralph and Anita Boccucci

Noon +Lucie Dilger

Saturday, March 3

8:30 a.m. +Tom and Chita Clemens

5:00 p.m. +Bob Timlin

Sunday, March 4

7:30 a.m. Quinlan and Szewczuk Families

9:00 a.m. +Ann Saccomano

10:30 a.m. +Bernard Edwartoski

Noon People of St. James

2:30 p.m. +Maria Vargas de Torres

7:00 p.m. +Christine Baltrym

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.

This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

Today's Readings

First Reading – The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms – I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading – God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel – This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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Readings for the Week

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 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): 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...

the sick of our parish family:

Andrea Andrade	Virginia Holmes
Maddie Cabatic	Ramona Jaeger
Anna Dziubinski	Marie Kunec
Dorra Dee Estes	

and the deceased of our parish family:

Patricia Anne Pollock

IF GOD IS FOR US,
WHO CAN BE
AGAINST US?

— ROMANS 8:31B

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Ready, Set, Lent!



On Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, our PREP and SJS students prepared for the Lenten season through conversation, crafts, Mass, and yes, some king cake!



"Be doers of the word, and not just listeners"
 — James 1:22

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Undo the Knots in Your Life



Lent 2018 at St. James

FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross
6:00pm Español,
7:30pm English
in the church

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays
5:00pm – 8:00pm
in Heller Hall

THIRD

THURSDAYS

February 15
and March 15
Holy Hour
7:00pm in the church

WEDNESDAYS

The Light is On
Prayer & Confessions
6:30-8:00pm in the church
www.thelightison.org

Midday Reflections

Daily in your email inbox at 12:00pm.
Fr. Posey's reflections on undoing the
knots in our lives every Sunday, plus
reflections on the daily readings
Monday through Saturday from *The
Word Among Us*. Sign up at
www.stjamescatholic.org/lent or
<http://bit.ly/Reflections2018>

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In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his
family, people forced to flee violence,
searching for stability. How are we
called to welcome the stranger in our
midst? How can you support those,
worldwide, who are forced to flee their
homes to find safety or better
opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org
to learn more.

The Bracelet Project Returns

Pick up a bracelet from our church
vestibule as a visual reminder to bind
yourself to Christ, not the knots that
tangle up your life.

Focus on Hunger-Lenten Food Collection

On the first Friday of the month 125-150 families come to pray together and receive groceries from St. James Parish. Several years ago, the Social Outreach Committee became aware of many needy families living within a 10-minute walk of St. James Church. A census conducted by committee members determined that their chronic need was food -- especially at the beginning of the month when rent was due. The monthly food distribution was begun to partially address this need. Today, the families who are in need live throughout the Falls Church Area. Volunteers are always welcome to help, including those who speak Spanish or English.

Contact Janet Qualters at janet.r.qualters@gmail.com or at 703-573-9170 if you are interested in helping.

Thank you for your generosity.

*I see Jesus
in every human being.
I say to myself,
this is hungry Jesus.
I must feed him.*

Mother Theresa

40 Days for Life

Please join our Pro-Life Committee for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign (www.40daysforlife.com), at 351 locations in 25 countries. Our local campaign will be in front of the Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 South Washington Street. Join us anytime on **Wednesdays** or whenever possible. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/falls-church.

The St. James Pro-Life Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room. The next meeting will be on March 1. Email stjameslife@gmail.com for details or to join the mailing list.



Preborn Baby Facts:

At eighteen weeks old a preborn baby is 10 inches from head to foot. The baby swallows amniotic fluid, which is good for digestion and prepares the baby to swallow milk after birth.

Every Friday during Lent
5:00pm – 8:00pm
in Heller Hall

*Betta not
miss it!*



St. James Parish

It's O-Fish-ally Lent!
9th Annual Lenten Fish Fry - 2018

Parish News

Volunteer at Our St. Patrick's Day Party for Local Seniors – March 10th

The St. James Outreach Committee will be hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day Party for our local seniors at the Falls Church Winter Hill Apartments Club House on Saturday, March 10th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. As usual, we will provide a potluck lunch so main dishes (hot and cold), salads, and homemade desserts are needed. Finger foods work well. In addition, we could use a few helping hands for set-up (10:00 to 11:00am), serving (11:00am-12:00pm) and cleanup (12:30 to 1:00pm). If you would like to help, please call Mary Ann Parker at 703-241-9128 or email at maparker4@verizon.net. *Thank you!*

WorkCamp Fundraiser Next Weekend

Youth Group members attending WorkCamp in June are raising money for construction supplies for the projects as well as for their food and lodging. They have painted stones with Lenten reminders for you to keep in your pockets. Volunteers will be passing them out to you after Mass the weekend of March 3-4 for a freewill donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Adult Confirmation Opportunities This Spring

If you are a baptized Catholic who received First Communion but have not had the chance to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to partake in this grace-filled Sacrament. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Adult Confirmation Masses this spring on Sunday, May 20 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 2:30pm and Sunday, June 10 at St. Andrew the Apostle in Clifton. For more details, contact Fr. Cozzi at 703-532-8815 or fathercozzi@stjamescatholic.org.

Around the Diocese

Citizenship Application Workshop March 3 at St. Anthony, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington offers citizenship application workshops throughout the year to help immigrants through the process. CONTACT US TO PRE-REGISTER: (571) 208-1572 or hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop. ¿Quiere hacerse ciudadano? ¡Aplica ahora! Venga a un taller para aplicar para la ciudadanía ofrecido por las Caridades Católicas, Hogar Immigrant Services. CUANDO: el 3 de marzo, abierto 10 am - 1 pm. DONDE: la escuela católica de San Antonio de Padua PAGO: \$110, efectivo o crédito. CONTACTENOS PARA PRE-REGISTRARSE: (571) 208-1572 o hogarimmigrantservices.org/taller.

Office of Catholic Schools Annual Teacher Job Fair March 10 at Paul VI

The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair at Paul VI High School, 10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030, on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00am to 11:00am. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience. For more information visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catholic-Schools/Careers/ or call 703-841-2519.



Save the Date!
K4J VBS
JULY 16 – 20, 2018

Stay tuned for
more details!

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES



Visit our website at www.stjamescatholic.org/youth or contact Fr. Oetjen at 703-532-8815 or fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org

WorkCampers! Join us Sunday, February 25 5:00-6:30pm in Knecht
We continue our preparation for WorkCamp with prayer, study of Catholic Social Teaching and continued work on our fundraising.

FUSION returns on Friday, March 2 at 6:30pm!

All Middle School students are welcome to join us in Knecht Conference Room for an evening of prayer, service, and socializing!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

“Christ House Program is a great opportunity for many of us to directly get involved by donating our time and resources to help others in need.”

Judy Rybak, parishioner



“We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.”

—Pope Francis, 2017 World Day of the Poor



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (CCDA) seeks to implement the Church's mission of social justice in the Diocese of Arlington in ways that strengthen individuals, families, and communities. Catholic Charities extends its services and resources to all in need; convenes the Catholic community to fulfill the Church's mission of social justice; and advocates for social justice and seeks to empower others to do the same. CCDA fulfills its mission in numerous ways, including family counseling, adoption services, immigration services, jobs ministry, prison ministry, food pantries, and family transitional housing. For more information, visit www.cdda.net.

- The St. Lucy Project, with 3 food pantries and a refrigerated truck, provided nearly 1,000,000 pounds of food to the hungry and needy in our diocese.
- Christ House Men's Shelter and St. Margaret of Cortona Family Transitional Housing sheltered and empowered 100 men, women and children. The men and women received counseling, case management and employment skills necessary to re-enter society.
- 86 cents of every dollar goes directly to serve the needy



2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

- More than 18,000 meals were shared with the hungry.
- Served 1,035 individuals through pregnancy and adoption support programs
- Extended Emergency Assistance funds to over 1,174 people to help with rent, utility bills and medical needs.
- 10,200 mental health counseling sessions were provided to 1,297 individuals for a per session sliding fee scale.



“Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth.”
—1 John 3:18

LIVING *in faith*

+ **GIVING** *in gratitude*

+ **2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** **+**
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Please consider donating to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal at:
https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA/BLA/BLA_Home.aspx

To donate online, please have the BLA ID on the BLA envelope mailed to your home handy.

February Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, February 25 – Girl Scout Cookie Sales after Mass

9:00am & 10:30am	Presentation of 1st Communion Candidates	Church
12:00pm – 1:45pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School – Door 16
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Scripture Study (co-ed)	School Library – Door 17
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Holy Hour	Church
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Youth Ministry/WorkCamp Meeting	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Monday, February 26

3:45pm – 5:15pm	Teacher Bible Study	School Classroom
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English & Citizenship Classes	School
7:30pm – 9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, February 27

4:45pm & 7:00pm	PREP (Confirmation Practice in Church)	School – Door 16 & Church
7:00pm	H.S. PREP – Catholicism	School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, February 28

9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
9:15am – 11:00am	Scripture Study – Women	Knecht Meeting Room – Doors 8 & 9
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Light is On	Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Hogar English & Citizenship Classes	School

Thursday, March 1

9:30am – 11:30am	Scripture Study – Co-ed	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Scripture Study – Women	Art Room – Door 17
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Praise & Worship with Prayer	Heller Hall, Door 13
7:30pm	Pro-Life Committee	Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm	Young Adult Focus Group	House of Ministries, 913 Park Avenue

Friday, March 2

9:00am – 11:45am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
11:45am	Benediction	Church
11:15am – 11:45am	Confessions	Church
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Fish Fry	Heller Hall – Door 13
6:00pm	Stations of the Cross in Spanish	Church
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Middle School FUSION	Knecht Gym & Conf. Rm. – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm	Food Distribution	Knecht GYM (note change of location)
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross in English	Church

Saturday, March 3 – WorkCamp Lenten Rock Fundraiser following Vigil Mass

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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