



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

Sunday
December 1, 2019



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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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 and 8:30am only
Holy Days: 7:30pm Vigil
6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am
Eucharistic Holy Hour:
Sunday: 5:00pm
Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Friday: 11:15 - 11:45am
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30pm & 7:30 - 8:00pm and by appt.

RECTORY HOURS:

Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm (closed 12:45 - 1:30pm)
Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

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On The Way

The Four Last Things: Heaven

The “four last things” are typically listed as *death, judgement, heaven, and hell*. To end on a happier note, I have tinkered with order and saved the best for last: heaven. We all hope for heaven; but we know so little about it. *What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him* (1 Cor 2:9).

We know that heaven is perfect happiness. But most people think of it as an extension of *worldly* happiness, an infinite increase of what we like here. That is to confuse images and hints for the real thing. The good things of this world are a promise and foretaste of heaven...but heaven is not simply an endless supply of them.

No, heaven is infinitely greater than anything in this world. It is a participation in God's own life and therefore in His own happiness, the happiness with which He Himself is eternally happy. That is the inheritance promised to the children of God. The seed of that reality is placed in our souls at Baptism. Our life is the growth of that happiness — beatitude, as we call it. Heaven is its full flowering.

Obviously, this also means that we do not go to heaven unless we desire God's kind of happiness. This is not a capricious decision on God's part. It is simple fairness. Heaven would be undesirable for those who have not put on the mind of Christ and conformed their thoughts, wills, and desires to His. For the person who desires only worldly happiness, heaven would be miserable. No one who truly desires heaven will be denied it. Unfortunately, many people desire not heaven but an earthly imitation of it.

We again encounter the truth that we choose our own eternity by what we fashion ourselves to be throughout life. Our Lord's sober words apply here: *many are called, but few are chosen* (Mt 22:14). He desires to bring all of us into heaven. But He also desires that we desire heaven...that we long to be with Him.

Being with Him, we will also be with one another. *Here comes another to share our joy!* is how the souls in heaven greet Dante in *Paradiso*. There is no envy or jealousy in heaven. The introduction of each soul only increases the joy experienced by all the others. That perfect unity with one another is a dimension of the joy that we experience.

This series on the four (or five) last things has nudged its way from November into December and Advent. That is actually a happy coincidence. Advent is a time of beginning again. We begin the Church's liturgical year with the hope that by living again the entirety of our Lord's life with Him, we can conform ourselves more and more to His likeness. What better way to begin this effort than by focusing our thoughts and desires on that final destination He comes to bring us: Heaven. —Fr. Scalia

Stewardship

2019 Catholic Charities Annual Parish Christmas Collection on December 7 and 8

On Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, our second collection will be the 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Parish Christmas Collection. Please give generously.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington serve all who are in desperate need of love and professional care. In 2018, the charity served over 20,000 individuals, contributing nearly 1.2 million pounds, 600 tons, of food; made it possible for 2,735 families to avoid eviction and loss of utilities; provided over 800 uninsured patients with over 2,893 free medical visits; and offered over 9,727 mental health counseling sessions to people in need. Christ House, the charity's homeless shelter, provided over 18,000 meals to hungry individuals.

Your donation will matter and can help so many! \$500 will help a family, living paycheck-to-paycheck, pay rent and avoid eviction; \$100 will help a family keep their home's heat on for two weeks; \$50 will feed a family of three for one week, and \$25 will help a resident at Christ House afford the price of public transportation to their job or vocational school. No matter what you give, you are helping change lives, support families, and spread Christ's love at a time when the world so desperately needs it.

To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Arlington Diocese, visit: <http://ccda.net>.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

Notices from St. James

A Note About Mass and Event Parking

Please remember that parking on the residential side of Park Avenue is by permit only, and only then for residents of those houses. If you are attending Mass or other functions at St. James you may park on the rectory side of Park Avenue, or on N. Spring Street, in front of the Church, for a maximum of two hours, or in any of our school's parking lots. Avoid a ticket, park smart!

Recuerde que el estacionamiento en el lado de Park Avenue es sólo por permiso, y sólo entonces para los residentes de esas casas. Si usted es asistir a misa u otras funciones en St. James puede estacionar en el lado rectorado de Park Avenue, o en N. Spring Street, frente a la Iglesia, durante un máximo de dos horas, o en cualquiera de los estacionamientos de nuestra escuela. Evita un boleto, aparca inteligentemente.

For a map of the campus click:
<http://j.mp/33ZwyA7>

Para un mapa del campus, haga clic aquí
<http://j.mp/33ZwyA7>

A Note Regarding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—December 8

Please note that this year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Sunday, December 8, the Second Sunday of Advent. As such, the Feast Day is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. St. James will offer a Mass at 7:30pm on December 9, to celebrate the feast day.

Mass Intentions For The First Week of Advent

Saturday, November 30

St. Andrew

5:00 p.m. +Robert O’Hara

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Brownie Klubek

9:00 a.m. +John F. Kurtzke, Sr.

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

Noon +Aldo D’Ernes

2:30 p.m. +Eloina Tapia

7:00 p.m. +Fr. J. P iwowarski

Monday, December 2

Monday of the First Week of Advent

6:30 a.m. +Eugene and Doris Carney

8:30 a.m. +Mary Jo Lamb

Noon +Frank Kevin Benedett

Tuesday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

6:30 a.m. +James Wilson

8:30 a.m. Santos and Garcia Families

Noon +Cosima Giglio

Wednesday, December 4

St. John Damascene

6:30 a.m. +C. Anders

8:30 a.m. +Helen Check

Noon +Bernard Crum

Thursday, December 5

Thursday of the First Week of Advent

6:30 a.m. +Ellen Lyons

8:30 a.m. +Frank Whitesell, III

Noon +Bruce Beam

Friday, December 6

St. Nicholas

6:30 a.m. +Jo Ann and Joe Tiller

8:30 a.m. +Helen Pawloski

Noon +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 7

St. Ambrose

8:30 a.m. +MaryJane Liverman

5:00 p.m. +Jim Bellor

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. +Mary Czosnyka

9:00 a.m. +Patrick Gibbon

10:30 a.m. +Molly O’Donohue

Noon +Jim Sober

2:30 p.m. +Sergio Rivero

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

Today’s Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

(“This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning...”)

Psalm: Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

(“I rejoiced because they said to me...”)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

(“Brothers and Sisters, you know the time...”)

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

(“Jesus said to his disciples...”)

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf.77]; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a;Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Mary Hurd	Rob Lemmers
Lenore Karnis	Ed Murphy
Laura Lareau	Robyn Stewart

and the deceased of our parish family.

and those serving our country:

Our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially:

Justin Berg	Michele Petersen
Veronica Elkins	Roger VanSanford
Major Alan Harvey	Major Albert C. Young



"Be doers of the word and not hearers only." James 1:22



Saint James Catholic School
EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY



St. James Catholic School children are blessed to be taught by the IHM Sisters whose charism is "Jesus is the Center and Mary is the Model"

Be On the Lookout For Your St. James Catholic School Annual Appeal Letter It Will Be in Your Mailbox Soon!

Be on the lookout for a letter from Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM and our Pastor Father Paul Scalia that will explain why support for our school's Annual Appeal is so critical as we strive to meet our goal of raising \$75,000 for the benefit of our teachers and students.

Since 1906, St. James Catholic School has tirelessly sought to preserve its mission of educating the whole child within the Catholic faith tradition by *promoting academic excellence, spiritual formation, and Christian service.*

We are the only school in the Diocese to be blessed with IHM Sisters whose charism of "Jesus as the center and Mary as the model" is infused into every aspect of how our students are educated and formed. The Sisters work closely with our dedicated teachers and parents to prepare our students to use their gifts and talents for the betterment of society.

But our wonderful IHM Sisters and teachers can't do this alone. They need your help. Your generous donations, no matter the size, assist us in covering the costs, outside of tuition, associated with running our school and providing our students with a first-rate Catholic education. It also provides additional funding for tuition assistance, making it possible for more children to attend our school. While we mold the spiritual, we live in the temporal--and that is why your gift matters!

We look forward to your prayers and support in helping us reach our \$75,000 goal. May the Lord bless you for your generosity!

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Novena Schedule; Advent Confessions; Christmas Masses

Novena to the Immaculate Conception—Saturday, November 30—Sunday, December 8

St. James will offer a Novena to the Immaculate Conception, nightly, in the Church, from Saturday, November 30 through Sunday, December 8. The Novena will ask Blessed Virgin Mary for her powerful intercession on our behalf, and for her wisdom and guidance as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We hope that you will be able to attend. The schedule for each night is:

Sunday, December 1 at 5:00pm

“Mother of Divine Grace” Fr. Robert Wagner

Monday, December 2 at 7:30pm

“Mother of Good Counsel” Fr. Stephen Vaccaro

Tuesday, December 3 at 7:30pm

“Virgin Most Powerful” Fr. Joseph Rampino

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30pm

“Seat of Wisdom”

Fr. Christopher Tipton

Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm

“Ark of the Covenant” Fr. Dort Bigg

Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm

“Tower of David” Fr. Paul Scalia

Saturday, December 7 at 7:30pm

“Help of Christians” Fr. Steven Oetjen

Sunday, December 8 at 5:00pm

“Queen Conceived Without Original Sin”

Fr. Jamie Workman

2019 Season of Advent Confession Schedule

In order to help you spiritually prepare for the joyous celebration of our Lord’s birth, St. James will be offering these additional Confession times during the Season of Advent:

- **Thursday, December 19:** 7:00pm—9:00pm
(There will also be a Holy Hour starting at 7:00pm as an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration.)
- **Friday, December 20:** 10:00am—12:00pm
- **Monday, December 23:** 6:00pm—8:00pm
- **Tuesday, December 24:** 10:00am—Noon

Please note that we will still offer Confessions on our normal schedule of Fridays at 11:15am—11:45am, and Saturdays from 3:30pm—4:30pm and 7:30pm.

“Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy.”

St. Isidore of Seville

Christmas Masses

As Wednesday, December 25, The Nativity of our Lord, is a Holy Day of Obligation, St. James will offer Masses on the following schedule:

Tuesday, December 24: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, and Midnight

Wednesday, December 25: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, and 2:30pm
(Misa en Español).

Please note that we will not be offering a 7:00pm Mass on Christmas Day.

“May the joy of Christmas and the peace which the Birth of the Savior brings into the world be in your hearts forever.”

St. John Paul II

St. James Events and Happenings

St. James Pro-Life Committee Christmas Greens Sale—November 30 and December 1

Please support the St. James Pro-Life Committee today, after all masses, as they hold their annual Christmas Greens sale outside the Church. The sale benefits the A Woman's Choice Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Shelters in Falls Church and Herndon, Virginia. The following items will be available:

Wreaths- \$20.00 - \$25.00

Advent Table Wreath - \$10.00

Mixed Bunch of Greens - \$5.00

Candleholders & Candles also for sale

Santa Invites You To Breakfast and To Visit His Workshop on Sunday, December 8

Take time out of your busy morning on Sunday, December 8, to stop by the school between 8:30am and 12:30pm for a delicious pancake breakfast and a picture with Santa Claus. The breakfast will be served in the school's cafeteria (Door 18). After breakfast, stop by Heller Hall (Door 13) and visit Santa's Secret Workshop from 8:30am—12:30pm. There will be a selection of gifts, gift cards and books available for sale at Santa's Secret Workshop—direct from the North Pole to you!

St. James Seniors Holiday Luncheon—December 12

The St. James Seniors will be hosting their Christmas holiday party on December 12 at 1:00pm at the Olive Garden restaurant at Baileys Cross Roads on Route 7. Prices will depend on what is ordered from menu.

Please bring a wrapped and labeled clothing gift for an adult at a homeless shelter.

RSVP by December 11 to Marina Martini at 703-533-0296, Cae Gilley 703-533-3845, or Mary Anne Stallings 703-244-2610. Rides are available upon request.

Girl Scouts Selling Christmas Ornaments—December 15

The St. James second grade Girl Scout troop will be selling beautiful Saint James Catholic Church Christmas ornaments following the 9:00am, 10:30am, and Noon, Masses on Sunday, December 15. These shatterproof, acrylic, gift-boxed keepsake balls are \$10 per ornament. They will make great gifts and will look beautiful on your family's Christmas tree! If you cannot make it to those Masses, but still desire to purchase an ornament, please contact Kelli Edwards at kelli_annel@yahoo.com. We hope you will be able to support our Girl Scouts in this endeavor.

Bible Study Reminders

If you are in a Bible study group led by Jane Harvey, please note the following changes to your group's study hours:

- Wednesday, December 4:
9:15am-11:00am
- Wednesday, December 11:
9:15am-11:00am, last meeting of 2019

The Teen Bible Timeline The New Testament

**Are you having trouble seeing the
relevance of the Bible to your life today?**

**Did you miss the fall program on the
Old
Testament? No problem, join us as we start
the New**

All St. James Students Grades 9-12 are
invited for the second half of this Catholic Bible
Study!

Tuesdays through Christmas at 7:00pm

For More Information Contact Deacon Ed at
dcned@stjamescatholic.org

Knights of Columbus EDW Council Hosting New Year's Eve Gala

All are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve
at Arlington Knights of Columbus, 5115
Little Falls Rd., N. Arlington. Open bar &
hors d'oeuvres at 6:30pm, served 3-course
dinner at 7:30pm. Live band dancing from
9:00pm to 12:30am. Beer, wine, soda
included all evening. Door prizes,
champagne, and continental breakfast. All
for only \$120 per couple; \$60 per single. For
reservations, entrée selections, tickets,
directions, call 703-536-9656, ext. 311 by
December 23.



Updates From The St. James Pro-Life Ministry

Get involved with the St. James Pro-Life Ministry and “take a stand for life!” The ministry will next meet on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9), all are welcome.

Upcoming Events

There will be a First Saturday Rosary on December 7 at 10:30am at the Falls Church abortion facility: 900 S. Washington Street, in Falls Church. One of our St. James priests will be leading it.

St. Leo Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030, offers a Holy Hour on the second Tuesday of every month. The next one will be held on December 10, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Attendees gather to pray for the healing of our culture and for those who hold the secret sorrow of abortion deep within their hearts, so that grace will break through. For more information, visit: <http://j.mp:2IXloTZ>.

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

Volunteers Needed!

Divine Mercy Care (DMC) has many volunteer opportunities this summer. DMC's mission includes advancing pro-life healthcare through programs that serve those in need (especially those with financial hardship). Learn more at www.divinemercycare.org.

For more information on these items, or the St. James Pro-Life Group, contact Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com.

Social Outreach Committee Christmas Activities 2019

Gift Cards for Families in Need — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 8 and DECEMBER 15

The St. James Social Outreach Committee is working with Catholic Charities to provide gift cards to families in need. We are asking parishioners to donate gift cards from various stores such as Giant Food, CVS and Wal-Mart to be used by families for purchases such as toiletries and food. Parishioners can give in various ways. They can purchase gift cards in Heller Hall on December 8 and 15. This purchase will be through St. James and benefit the school as well. Gift Cards can also be purchased separately and dropped off at the rectory. Any questions, please call Mary Ann Parker (at maparker4@verizon.net) or Amy Steinbicker (at asteinbicker@verizon.net).

Work of Human Hands Sale and Donut Sunday — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15

On Sunday, December 15 from 8:30am to 12:30pm the Social Outreach Committee will be hosting Donut Sunday with donuts and coffee in Heller Hall. Along with the reception there will be a Work of Human Hands Sale where you can buy delicious Divine Chocolate, fair trade coffee, and other fair-trade items that support artisans and farmers worldwide, a craft table for children to make Christmas tree ornaments, and more! Holy Spirit Gift Cards will be available with a donation to the Social Outreach Committee. These make excellent gifts for hard-to-buy-for people. Please come and join us!

Alternate Gift Program — SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 15

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. Check it out on Sunday, December 15 from 8:30am to Noon, or call Vicky Schoenberger at 703-532-7783 or Lori Lisiecki at 703-532-5357.

Christmas Gifts for the Homeless — DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 17

We support five homeless shelters in the area and at Christmas time provide NEW clothing to men and women. In particular, we are in need of: hoodies, jackets, shirts, socks, hats, scarves, other articles of warm clothing and undergarments. Boxes will be placed at the doors of the church to collect items through December 17. Shelters have expressed a need for thermal undergarments in sizes L to 2XL. If you choose to wrap the gift, please label for gender and size. PLEASE NO USED CLOTHING. For more information, call Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482, Marian Starr at 703-237-0285 or Caroline Sparks at 703-237-2074 or email maparker4@verizon.net.

Homeless Shelters in Need of Personal Care Items — DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15

Area homeless shelters need 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— NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH DECEMBER 17

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.

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 and fund the Christmas party for families participating in the Food Distribution.



Scouts BSA Troop 681
Annual Christmas Tree Sale



Please support BSA Troop 681 by purchasing a Christmas Tree from their annual Christmas Tree Sale—a real St. James tradition. This year's sale will start on Saturday, November 30 and will continue through Saturday, December 21.

Sale Hours

Wednesdays: 6:00pm—8:00pm

Thursdays and Fridays: 6:00pm—9:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays: 9:00am—9:00pm

The sale is located in the Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
Please Make All Checks Payable to "BSA Troop 681"

Fraser Fir 4;5" (Orange)	\$45.00
Fraser Fir 5;6' (Red)	\$70.00
Fraser Fir 6;7' (Blue)	\$85.00
Fraser Fir 7;8' (Yellow)	\$100.00
Fraser Fir 8;9' (White)	\$150.00
Noble 20-inch Wreath	\$25.00
Balsam 24-inch Wreath	\$20.00



Around Our Diocese

Pray with Bishop Burbidge for Miscarriage and Infant Loss

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for couples struggling with infertility, miscarriages or infant loss. The novena starts on Wednesday, December 4 and ends on Thursday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A concluding Mass will be offered by Father Richard Dyer at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 13304 Washington Blvd, Arlington, at 7:00pm on December 12. To receive the novena prayers, text "novena19" to 84576 or for emails, sign up at <http://.mp;32u8Daf> and select "Novena with Bishop Burbidge 2019" when prompted. To learn more email the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org

Give a Gift for Life Help the Gabriel Project

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I contacted Gabriel Project because I had an unplanned pregnancy. I received emotional help and the baby resources that I needed. Gabriel Project Angels helped me to have faith and courage. They made a difference in my life by showing me that with God all things are possible. I am so relieved that they were able to help me keep this baby as abortion would have been the biggest regret of my life." For more information and/or donate at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners—December 14 and 15

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Arlington Diocese's Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 14, and a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 15. Both retreats run from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and are open to those 18 years and older. Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's retreat. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or voctions@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to sign up is December 6. If you cannot make this event, and are still discerning a call to the religious life, you should also contact the Office of Vocations, so they can help guide you toward the programs and resources that will help you further discern your calling.

St. Lucy Food Project- Manassas Warehouse Seeks Volunteers

Feeding the hungry and nourishing the soul! St. Lucy Food Project is in need of Volunteer Food Wranglers. A food wrangler will unpack food from bags, check dates, sort food into categories, pack boxes with no more than 40 pounds of food, label, date and seal boxes up for delivery. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm. There are some Saturday and Sunday opportunities available. If interested please contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Elizabeth Gibbons at 703-479-2975 ext. 100 or e-mail to Elizabeth.gibbons@ccda.net

National Suicide Prevention Life Line

1-800-273-8255

They Can Help

Listening With the Heart of Christ

Dr. Michael Horne, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities, will provide insight and tips for listening and setting healthy boundaries on Wednesday, December 4, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, at St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 3304 N. Washington Boulevard, Arlington. All are welcome. Lunch included. Please RSVP by Monday, December 2 to volunteer@ccda.net

Living Mary's Joy - An Advent Day of Recollection, December 8

Come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, December 8 from 9:30am. to 4:30pm for Living Mary's Joy - an Advent Day of Recollection. The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy invite you to spend the day with Mary on the vigil of her Feast Day to find out the secret of her joy. The day includes two spiritual talks by Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM as well as Confession, Mass, Adoration, time for personal prayer, and an opportunity for spiritual conversations with the Sisters. Lunch will be provided. RSVP at <https://marysjoy.eventbrite.com>

Mass for the 25th Anniversary of Tepeyac OB/GYN—December 14

Why not start Saturday, December 14, 2019, off a little differently? Please join us as Bishop Michael F. Burbidge offers a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of Tepeyac OB/GYN. The Mass is at 8:30am, at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. A reception will follow and all are welcome. Please join us as we celebrate 25 years of this pro-life obstetrics and gynecology medical practice! To learn more about Tepeyac OB/GYN, visit: <http://j.mp;2pXN1Wu>

“Searching For More”
<http://bit.ly/2N1sHMS>

Marian Festival of Lights—December 8

An Advent celebration of gratitude towards Mary at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine will be held on Saturday, December 8 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. This event will honor the Marian thread in Saint John Paul II's life-and our lives-with a performance music, personal testimonies, and lights. The Festival concludes with Vespers and 7 p.m. Mass. Seasonal treats will be provided. RSVP for this free event at <https://marianfestival.eventbrite.com>

Join Prime-Time Single Catholics

Prime-Time Single Catholics serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: lunch (every Thursday); St. Faustina movie (December 2); Making sandwiches at St. Luke Church (December 7); “Gift of the Magi” play (December 8); ICC dinner and talk (December 14); USAF Christmas concert at Constitution Hall/Dinner (December 15); Christmas-story lecture at NGA (December 19); “Christmas in Fairfax” concert (December 21); Christmas dinner in Kingstowne (December 25); Walking tour in DC (December 28); Mass and lunch at Immaculate Conception Basilica (December 29); New Year’s Eve dinner in Kingstowne (December 31). For details, see our website: <http://bit.ly/ptsc>. For questions or to RSVP for any, or all, of these events email Tom Palumbo, at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.” Rejoice in your marriage. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 20-22, 2020 in Fairfax, Va. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 1—Pro-Life Wreath Sale After All Masses; Second Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am—9:00pm	Boy Scouts Annual Christmas Tree Sale	Teacher's Parking Lot (Lot C)
10:00am—2:00pm	Parish Library Open	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
1:00pm—2:15pm	Hispanic PREP	School—Door 16
4:30pm—6:00pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
5:00pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church

Monday, December 2—Third Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church

Tuesday, December 3—Fourth Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

4:45pm;7:00pm	PREP	School—Door 16
7:00pm—8:15pm	High School Prep	School Library—Door 17
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church
7:30pm—9:00pm	RCIA	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm	Legion of Mary	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, December 4—Fifth Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am—11:00am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
9:00am—11:30am	Women's Bible Study	Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
6:00pm—8:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
7:00pm—9:00pm	Hogar ESL Classes	School—Door 16
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church
7:30pm—9:00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, December 5—Sixth Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am—11:30am	Bible Study (Co-Ed)	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
6:00pm—9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church
7:30pm—9:00pm	St. James Pro-Life Group	Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm	St. James Young Professionals	House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

December 6—First Friday, 9:00am—11:45am Exposition and Benediction; Seventh Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am—11:45am	Exposition and Benediction	Church
11:15am—11:45am	Confessions	Church
6:00pm—9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
6:30pm—8:00pm	Food Distribution	Heller Hall—Door 13
6:30pm—8:30pm	Junior High Fusion	Knecht Gymnasium
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church

Saturday, December 7—Eight Night of the Novena for the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am—9:00pm	Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale	Teachers' Parking Lot (Lot C)
3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:30pm—8:30pm	Novena for the Immaculate Conception	Church
7:30pm	Confessions	Church