



Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

www.stjamescatholic.org

703-532-8815

Sunday
December 29, 2019



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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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.

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

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If you've moved, changed a phone number, or changed your e-mail address, let the Rectory staff know so we can update your records.

E-mail
your new information to
rectory@stjamescatholic.org

*Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am
10 days before Sunday publication date*

**Via website form posted under
Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.
No emails please.**

On The Way

Christmas Presence

Our Lord was born to reveal God to us. In Him, we see God made visible. At the same time, possessing a perfect human nature and living a perfect human life, He also reveals to us what it means to be human. Sin obscures our true humanity. Christ reveals it. And He does so before working any miracle, before preaching any sermon, indeed before speaking even a word. He teaches us first of all in the family. Admittedly, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is unlike any other family. But their singular graces reveal one essential element that should characterize every family: *Presence*.

Jesus is Emmanuel, *God with us*. He is present to us. Joseph and Mary, in turn, are entirely present to Him. When we look at the crèche, we see that our Lord is a centripetal force: everything centers on and turns toward Him. Everyone looks to Him, is present to Him — and therefore to one another.

Contrast this presence in the Holy Family with a familiar scene in our culture: family members sitting around a table, each one engrossed in a different electronic device; everyone there but nobody actually present. As if life is happening somewhere else. The family should be the first place we learn to love and be loved. This cannot be done unless we are present to one another.

This presence also calls for family prayer. The prayer of the Holy Family was unique. Joseph and Mary looked upon and spoke with God, intimately on a daily basis. But by way of faith — *the conviction of things not seen* (Heb 11:1)— such prayer is available to every family. By way of grace, Jesus Christ does in fact dwell in every Christian household. And because He is present, family members should make themselves present at certain times of prayer.

Spouses should pray with and for one another. In fact, that is a fundamental obligation they have to each other. Spousal prayer can take the form of the Rosary, reading scripture, a novena, etc. Parents should pray with their children. Prayer together at the beginning of the day is a source of blessing and protection on the family before everyone races out to school, work, or wherever. Prayer together at the end of the day, invites God's blessing on the work and helps bring peace after a hectic day.

Family prayer also has the effect of confirming in the minds of each member that *home is headquarters*. Sometimes it seems that people treat home as a boarding house — just a place to eat and rest. Work then becomes the place where life is really happening. The family is, in fact, the first society and prepares us for living in broader society. Family prayer — being present to one another in being present to Him — puts everything else in perspective.

May the prayers of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph gain for us the grace to follow their example of presence and prayer.
—Fr. Scalia

Stewardship of The Heart

With the dawning of every New Year, we make resolutions. We resolve to lose weight, or eat healthier, or be more present for people and less dependent on technology. And, we resolve to draw closer to Christ. To help you with your New Year spiritual resolutions, here are some resources:

- For spiritual reading, visit our parish library on the first and third Sunday of each month from 10:00 to 2:00pm. Check out their catalogue at <http://bit.ly/2ycWxpg>.
- For talks from our recent Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary? Go to: <http://bit.ly/2QUfQhG>.
- To give your time and talents to our parish, volunteer! Opportunities can be found at <http://j.mp/391hipk>.
- If you have two minutes, we have 2MINUTES2VIRTUE's weekly challenge, sign up at <http://bit.ly/2r42m8C>.
- No time for a retreat? Why not attend Diocese's Women's Conference on March 14 or the Men's Conference on March 21? Information can be found at <http://bit.ly/38Vp04m> and <http://bit.ly/38SIUgj>, respectively.
- Take time to listen to Father Scalia's homilies, these can be found at <http://bit.ly/2YLRHPL>

Whatever you do, keep the words of St. Augustine close to your heart in 2020: "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." We hope these suggestions help you rest in Him this glorious New Year!

Notices From St. James

St. James Parish Library

As we move into 2020, don't forget that the St. James Parish Library is here to serve your reading needs and interests. With over 1,000 books, you are sure to find something worthwhile on the shelf to help with your spiritual development, your leisure reading, knowledge of the faith, and so much more.

The library is in the House of Ministries at 913 Park Avenue, and is open on the first and third Sunday of each month from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Drop by and let the friendly volunteers who staff the library, all committed bibliophiles, help you find some reading materials for all those winter days ahead.

To peruse the library's current collection, visit <http://bit.ly/2ycWxpg> and scroll down to "Current Holdings." We are confident you will find something you'll not be able to wait to read!

Planning Ahead—Upcoming Holy Days of Obligation

Wednesday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

For a complete schedule of Masses, see Page Six

Inclement Weather Policies

For the parish's inclement weather policies, visit Page 13.

Mass Intentions for the Week Between Christmas and Epiphany

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

5:00 p.m. +Hugh and Ann O'Hara

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:30 a.m. +David McLain

9:00 a.m. +Judy Meesics

10:30 a.m. Special Intention

Noon Leo Thibodeau

2:30 p.m. People of St. James

7:00 p.m. +C. Anders

Monday, December 30

Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I

6:30 a.m. +Rufino and Rosalina Llavore

8:30 a.m. +Jim Lillis

Noon +Vicky Grondelski

Tuesday, January 1

Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I

6:30 a.m. +Olempia Caratao and Wilfreda Brazil

8:30 a.m. +LaDonna Rodock

Noon +Tess DeLaney

7:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

6:30 a.m. +Lucy Piason

8:30 a.m. +Ramiro and Flora Lopez

Noon +Joseph Zalocha, Jr.

2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory

7:30 p.m. +Jonard Manalansan and Allan Cabanero

Thursday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 a.m. Devon Grimes

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

Noon +Joseph McPherson

Friday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Yerks

8:30 a.m. +Souls in Purgatory

Noon +Varghese Pottanat

Saturday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 a.m. +John W. Connors, Sr.

5:00 p.m. +Charles Scellato

Sunday, January 5

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. +Delia and Robert Dry

9:00 a.m. Beatrice and Karelle

10:30 a.m. +Zac Taylor

Noon +Mary Remshard

2:30 p.m. People of St. James

7:00 p.m. +Courtney Michele Vinci

Today's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

("God sets a father in honor of his children...")

Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

("Blessed are those who fear the Lord...")

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

("Brothers and Sisters: Put on as God's...")

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

("When the magi had departed...")

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 66:7-8A, 8B-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Jean Bitzer	Laura Lareau
Sandy Choopun	Rob Lemmers
Kenneth Huff	Ed Murphy
Mary Hurd	Robyn Stewart
Lenore Karnis	Lauren Vinci

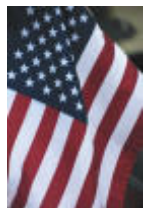
and the deceased of our parish family:

Ronald Adamson	Monica Stabile
Dorothy Hannon	

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



Happy New Year!

Just a few shots of St. James decorated for the Christmas season. The school has helped students celebrate the true meaning of Christmas for over 125 years.

The Teachers, staff, students, and IHM Sisters wish each of you a blessed, joyous, and happy New Year!



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PREP

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Website Shortcut: j.mp//StJamesPREP

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday to Friday: 9:30am—Noon or
by appointment

Tuesdays 2:30pm—8:00pm

The PREP staff and Catechists are

**"Wishing you all
God's blessings
throughout the
New Year! May it Be
a Happy One!"**

St. James in Action

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On Sundays over the next few months, this page will highlight the various ministries that help make our Parish an active and thriving one. We hope that these capsules will explain what our ministries are striving to achieve, and that you may feel spurred to add your talents and energies to one, or more, of them.

RCIA

St. James Catholic Church offers its Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) from September through the Easter Vigil for those seeking to be in full communion with the Holy Catholic Church. The RCIA volunteers provide support for Father Vu, who heads the RCIA program, and the various catechists who teach in the program. The primary job is to be on hand for the weekly classes to help with the potential audio/video setup, paperwork, handouts, and snacks/refreshments. If you wish to join RCIA's volunteer team, please contact Fr. Joseph Vu at fathervu@stjamescatholic.org, or call the Rectory at 703-532-8815.



New Year Masses

As Wednesday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mary Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation, St. James will offer Masses on the follow schedule:

Tuesday, December 31: 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 1: 6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, 2:30pm (Spanish Mass, Misa en Español) and 7:30pm



St. James Pro-Life Ministry

The Results are In...Nationwide, 738 babies were saved during the recent 40 Days for Life (www.40DaysforLife.com) campaign, three more employees quit their jobs and campaigns took place in 61 Nations. Though the fall 40 Days for Life campaign has ended, there is always a need to join in peaceful prayer at the local abortion clinic at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. To see how prayers from the 40 Days for Life vigil led a mother to choose life visit: <https://youtu.be/pdESmROTS5A>.

SAVE THESE DATES: The Virginia March for Life is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020! Don't forget that the National March for Life will be held on January 24, 2020, in Washington, D.C. More details about both events can be found on page seven.

The St. James Pro-Life Group will next meet on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9).

St. James Events and Happenings

St. James Men's Group First Friday Observance—January 3

Men's Group members are encouraged to attend the 6:30am Mass on Friday, January 3 and, following the Mass, to support the monthly Food Distribution. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck that delivers fresh produce at the kitchen door on the Park Ave., side of Msgr. Heller Hall. Afterwards, we'll retire to Einstein Bros. on W. Broad Street for coffee and bagels. No RSVP required. For questions contact Charley Roberts at (703) 307-5702 or charley.roberts@prodigy.net.

Bingo Night for the Benefit of St. James Catholic School—January 10

The St. James Catholic School PTO will hold a Bingo Night on Friday, January 10, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Heller Hall (Door 13). Bring your lucky charms and get ready to help raise some funds for the school.

Guided Children's Adoration—January 11

Have you wanted to introduce your children to Adoration of the Eucharist, but were afraid that they might not "get it?" If so, make plans to attend our monthly "Guided Children's Adoration" program with Father Oetjen on Saturday, January 11 at 10:00am in the Church. The program is an Eucharistic Holy Hour with prayers, guided meditation, and sacred music. Families, and children of all ages, are welcome. For more information on the "Guided Children's Adoration" program, contact Fr. Oetjen at fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org.

Future "Guided Children's Adoration" sessions will be held on February 15 and March 14.

St. James Attending March For Life—January 24

St. James will have a bus going to the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 24. Please consider joining your fellow parishioners marching behind the St. James Pro-Life banner. The bus will begin boarding in front of the church at 10:30am and will leave at 10:45am sharp. Estimated return is 4:30pm. The march includes standing outside and walking approximately two miles. A bag lunch is recommended. If possible, please wear a red hat and/or scarf to help us stick together. To reserve a spot on the bus, please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or email/call Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482.

Virginia March For Life—February 13

The Virginia March For Life will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia. The day will kick-off with a Mass at 9:15am, followed by a rally at the State Capitol building (Capitol Square), followed by the March at 12:45pm. For more information, contact Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482. To learn more about the Virginia March for Life itself, visit: <http://j.mp/2LzkUVi>.

National Suicide Prevention Life Line

1-800-273-8255

They Can Help

New Bible Studies Beginning in January

St. James has seven Bible Study groups currently meeting. Three of the groups will begin new studies in January. For more information, email the contact for each of the studies.

- Wednesday, January 8, 9:15am—11:00am, Knecht Meeting Room – “No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion”; contact: Jane Harvey, harveyjmc@gmail.com
- Thursday, January 9, 9:30am—11:30am, Knecht Conference Room – “Walking Toward Eternity: Engaging Struggles of Your Heart”; contact: Estela Arciaga, estela2eaa@gmail.com
- Monday, January 27, 3:45pm—5:00pm, School Classroom 19 – “Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance”; contact: Janet Purdy, jpurdy@st.jamesschool.org

For more information on the St. James Bible Study program, visit: <http://bit.ly/2KCDfkb>

Help St. Agnes Parish Restore It’s Perpetual Adoration Program

The St. James Young Professionals Community wants you to help St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1910 N Randolph St, Arlington, VA , restore its 24/7 perpetual adoration program. In order for Jesus to be exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, at least one person must be present. Therefore, they are looking for volunteers to make a one hour commitment each week or each month to spend time in adoration. If you are interested, please contact Michael Sirotniak at msirotniak@saintagnes.org.

A Mom’s Peace Is Here To Help You

When an unborn child dies in miscarriage or stillbirth, parents should know they have options and rights for laying remains to rest. Our apostolate works one-on-one with families to help them make decisions about interment in the immediate wake of loss and we walk with them through the grief that follows. Contact info@amomspeace.org and visit www.amomspeace.org for more information.

St. James Prayer Partners Here For You!

As We Know Prayer Can Move Mountains

The St. James Prayer Partners is a Ministry of our sick and homebound parishioners who offer prayers for special requested intentions of the parish. There are three petition boxes inside the Church, one at each entrance or vestibule. Anyone wishing to submit a prayer request can fill out one of the prayer request forms located in the pocket on the right side of the petitions box. Once a month, Sr. Margaret John compiles the list of prayer requests and mails the list to each of our Prayer Partners, who truly appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the parish through prayer. For more information on the ministry, please contact Sr. Margaret John Stichter, IHM, at visitingministry@stjamescatholic.org, or at 703-532-8815 x.130.

Happy New Year!

May Christ’s Blessing Be Upon
You and Yours
in 2020, and May You and Yours
Draw Closer to Him Throughout the Year!

Simbang Gabi 2019

On Monday, December 16, the Filipino community of St. James gathered with Filipinos from across the Diocese of Arlington to hold a “Simbang Gabi” or Filipino Night Mass. This custom dates to the 16th Century, when Spanish Friars introduced the Mass in the Philippine Islands. The Masses are part of a Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary asking for her intercession as we prepare to welcome Christ on Christmas Day. The Mass featured Filipino sacred music, and the reception following Mass in Heller Hall featured delicious Filipino food. If you weren’t able to attend Simbang Gabi 2019, here are some pictures:



Around Our Diocese

Seminarians Hoops Challenge Basketball Game—January 4

Join the fun as the high school men from the Quo Vadis discernment group take on the Arlington seminarians, with Bishop Burbidge as referee. There will be contests and vocational testimonies at halftime. The event is Saturday, January 4, 2020, from 10:00am—1:00pm at St. John Paul the Great High School, 17700 Dominican Dr. Dumfries, Va. Families and CYO teams are welcome. There is no need to RSVP for the event itself. Thank you for supporting our students and our seminarians as they strive for hoops glory, but more importantly, as they continue their discernment and training.

Vietnamese Lunar New Year 2020 Festival - January 4 and 5

Please mark your calendar and make plans to come and join the Vietnamese community on Saturday-Sunday, January 4-5, 2020, at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA for the annual Fundraising Lunar New Year 2020 Festival organized by Our Lady of La Vang Mission. There are various activities for children along with continuous entertainment by local and national artists. You can also taste the various Vietnamese food such as Pho, Bánh mì baguette, and other delicious dishes. Admission is \$5 per person. For a \$10 per raffle ticket, you have a chance to win two grand prizes (one Toyota Camry and one Toyota Rav 4 in addition to 20 consolation prizes of \$200).

“Searching For More” A New Diocesan Podcast

Visit <http://bit.ly/2N1sHMS> to listen

Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families—January 14

There will be a Holy Hour on Tuesday, January 14 at St. Leo Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. The focus of the Holy Hour is prayer for the healing and conversion of families. Valerie and Rocco Repetski will perform at the event. Confession will be available. All are welcome. Please bring a friend. To learn more visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/ or email info@helpafterabortion.org

Morning of Reflection for Vocations - February 1

All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, February 1 from 8:30am to Noon at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Rd, Chantilly, VA. The day will include continental breakfast, a spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by January 27 at (703) 841-2514 or at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Courage

Courage, is a group that meets regularly to offer fraternal, moral, and spiritual support for those who experience same-sex attractions and desire to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Courage@arlingtondiocese.org, or visit www.couragerc.net.

FIAT Day of Recollection for High School Girls—February 9

Finding your place in God's plan requires building solid relationships with God, yourself and others. The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus are coming from Steubenville, OH, to put on this day, which will include Mass, talks, workshops, prayer and fun. Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 9:00am - 4:45pm at Holy Trinity Parish, 8213 Linton Hall Rd, Gainesville, VA. Registration and payment due January 31, 2020. Learn more and register:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT; or email the Vocations Office at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org, or call the Office at 703-841-2514. We hope that you will be able to attend this important event.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—March 20-22, 2020

Attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 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.

Diocesan Resource Page on Issues Affecting the Catholic Church Available

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding the recent events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses to the crisis from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up here:

<http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>.

Be the first to know all the news.

Discerning a Call to Serve God?

The Office of Vocations would like to speak with you.

Call The Office

at

(703) 841-2514

Won't You Make a Home for our Blessed Mother Mary?

The Youth Apostles House in McLean has a brand new fiberglass outdoor statue which they cannot use and need to sell - Our Lady of Grace, in Antique stone finish, 56" tall:

https://www.marianland.com/orlandi/mary/dt_F9080.html. With it is a 21" base:

<https://www.marianland.com/orlandi/pedestals/F8369.html> these would make an excellent addition to an outdoor garden area or the beginnings of a beautiful Marian garden. It is still wrapped and unused. The Youth Apostles hopes to recover the cost of this lovely statue and base, \$2000. Please contact Father David Sharland, YA for further info at 703-888-9476 or fatherdavid.vtccm@gmail.com.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

**Please Help our Seminarians—
Support the Diocese’s Education
Endowment Fund**

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: “Foundation for the CDA - SEEF.” Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, Va. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting these young men who will, in time, become our shepherds.

**Please Consider Adding
“Searching for More” to
Your Podcast List**

“Searching for More,” a new podcast from the Diocese of Arlington, features interviews and discussions across a range of topics affecting Catholics in today’s world from doctrine to Hollywood and beyond. The podcast is dedicated to St. Thomas More, Patron Saint of our Diocese. Tune-in to More at: <http://bit.ly/2N1sHMS>

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Que las bendiciones de Cristo sean sobre Tú y los tuyos en 2020, y Mayo Tú y los tuyos
¡Acércate a él a lo largo del año!

**St. Lucy Food Project- Manassas Warehouse
Seeks Volunteers**

Feed the hungry and nourish 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 to 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

**Join the First Saturday Rosary Team on
Every First Saturday**

Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30am at the Falls Church abortion facility. The next First Saturday is on January 4, 2020. The facility is located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, Va. For inquiries, contact Amy McInerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

For information on joining the team from St. James, please contact Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or 571-423-6482.

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Are you called to serve the family of the Lord and share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

“Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God...”

Romans 12:2

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 29

4:30pm—6:00pm Hispanic Legion of Mary House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Monday, December 30—School Closed

7:03pm—9:00pm Legion of Mary House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Tuesday, December 31—See Mass Schedule for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mary Mother of God on Page Six; School Closed; Rectory Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 1—See Mass Schedule for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mary Mother of God on Page Six; School Closed; Rectory Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2—School Closed

7:30pm—9:00pm St. James Pro-Life Group Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9

7:30pm—9:00pm St. James Young Professionals Group House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Friday, January 3— 9:00—11:45am Exposition and Benediction; School Closed

10:00am—Noon Confessions Church

6:30pm—8:00pm Food Distribution Heller Hall—Door 13

6:30pm—8:30pm Jr. High Fusion Knecht Gym

Saturday, January 4

3:30pm—4:30pm Confessions Church

5:30pm—9:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group Heller Hall—Door 13

7:30pm Confessions Church

St. James Rectory Hours for the New Year Holiday

Please note that during the New Year Holiday, the Rectory Offices will follow this schedule:

- **Monday, December 30—Wednesday, January 1: Closed**

The offices will reopen on Thursday, January 2, at 9:00am.

If you have an urgent spiritual need during the times when the Office is not open, do not hesitate to call our emergency line at 703-338-4949 .

Inclement Weather Policy

Now that winter is here and with it the threat of ice and snow, don't forget our inclement weather policies: Mass takes place as scheduled regardless of the weather. Please use common sense in dangerous conditions. Remember, Park Avenue is an emergency snow route. Please use our lots and avoid parking there during a snow emergency. Details about snow emergency policy are available on the Falls Church City Government website at <http://j.mp/35smuAm>. During inclement weather, our rectory office follows the Falls Church City Government. The school and religious education program (PREP) generally follow Falls Church City Schools. You can find the district's operating status at <http://j.mp/2rSX7Jd>.

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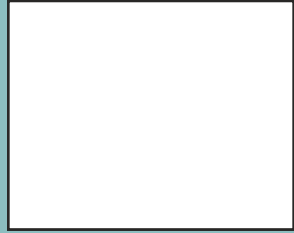
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