Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

MARK 1:14-15

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, January 21
Parish Library Open
10:00am — 2:00pm
House of Ministries
913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, January 24
First Penance—Group A
7:00pm in the Church

Saturday, January 27
Confirmation Retreat—Boys
10:00am — 1:00pm
Heller Hall, Door 13

Free Catholic resources available at www.stjamescatholicva.formed.org
Sign up now for great programs like FORGIVEN — it’s one step, and no parish code needed!
Stewardship

Next week, the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.
“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the
unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to
live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” — Pope Francis

This weekend the world’s attention is cast upon our nation’s capital where
thousands gather to peacefully march in defense of life. This defense does not end
at the birth of a child, for the Church has for centuries championed the sanctity of
life from its beginning to its natural, and dignified, end.

So when we march, we march not only for a child’s right to life, we march for that
child to live in a society where it is cared for, nurtured and free. We march in support of its parents and of
the countless organizations who seek to support families. We march in support of the poor and
disenfranchised, the lonely, the sick and the infirm. For in a society which values perfection and tends to turn
askance to people and things which make them uncomfortable, the Church stands boldly for them.

Marching in January can be hard. Weather can wreak havoc, making each step a challenge. Yet standing for
life means moving ahead; it means taking those difficult and sometimes unpopular steps. But we must
continue to move. Our care for the unborn and the poor should not end at Constitution Avenue or on a
warm bus ride home. We must, in our daily lives, be their voice. We must remember that, “we are God’s
handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works God has prepared for us in advance, that we should live in
them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

If we espouse St. Paul’s words, taking them to heart and to action, our march will lead to better things here
and to our Father in heaven.

Thank you to Rich Hunter and our Pro-Life Committee. for organizing the bus to the March for Life. I am
grateful for their efforts throughout the year.

~Fr. Posey

Do you want to better understand or explain
what the Church says about the dignity of life
and the current social teaching surrounding it?
Visit www.stjamescatholic.org/formed for links to
great resources in English and Spanish,
including:

Angel in the Waters (for children)
In its mother’s womb, a tiny baby grows, explores
the waters, and talks with the angel who is there.

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God’s grace and mercy, and the joy that comes
from being an advocate for life.

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### Mass Intentions for the Third Week in Ordinary Time

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### This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

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### Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).


### Readings for the Week

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<td>2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20</td>
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### Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
- Maddie Cabatic
- Ramona Jaeger
- Anna Dziubinski

and the deceased of our parish family:
- Virginia Greene

### 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.
New Discoveries Await You at Saint James Catholic School

Discover them at our Open Houses:
Sunday, January 28: 10am–Noon
Tuesday January 30: 9:00–11:00am

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Tuesday 2:30pm – 8:30pm
or by appointment

COMING UP
Confirmation Retreat for Boys:
January 27, 2018, 10:00am-1:00pm, Heller Hall

Please pray for the children receiving their First Penance this month:
Group A - January 24, 2018, 7:00pm in the church
Group B - January 31, 2018, 7:00pm in the church

Parking on Park Avenue
THANK YOU for utilizing all of our parking options for Sunday Masses. Please avoid parking in front of our neighbors’ homes on Park Avenue. PLEASE PARK ONLY ON THE CHURCH SIDE OF PARK AVENUE OR IN OUR PARKING LOTS. In addition to our parking lots at Park & Spring Streets (A Lot) and at Park & Oak Streets (B Lot), you can park in the Teacher’s Lot (C Lot) on Broad Street.
Pro-Life Committee

NOVA for Life is encouraging everyone to participate in a resolution to spend an hour in adoration and pray the rosary in silence before the Blessed Sacrament in intercessory prayer for an end to abortion, for the protection of the lives of the unborn and for the conversion of all those involved especially within our Diocese.

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

The St. James Pro-Life Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

Want to get involved? Visit our website at www.stjamescatholic.org/youth or contact Fr. Oetjen at 703-532-8815 or fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org.
Interested in Volunteering?
If you’re new to St. James Parish or a long standing member, and find that you have time to share your valuable talents and resources, we are looking for help! St. James has a number of ministries, projects, and activities where we need volunteers to participate or lead. If you’re interested in giving of your time or have questions about our various groups, please contact the rectory at 703-532-8815 or send an email to: volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

Volunteer Opportunities at HOPE
HOPE of Northern Virginia, a pregnancy center right down the street from St. James (610 Park Ave) is looking for volunteers to help pregnant woman and their babies. Please donate your time to answer phones, sort through baby clothes, tidy up the center and meet with clients. HOPE offers training classes and gives instruction to those volunteers who want to counsel women but are unfamiliar with the process. If you’re retired, a student or have a flexible schedule, I encourage you to volunteer a few hours a week at HOPE. Please call HOPE and ask for Ama Richardson 703-536-2020. Thank you St. James for all you do for HOPE!

Behind the Scenes – St. James Operations Update
The St. James fiscal year begins on July 1st, so we reached the half-year mark on December 31st. During the first half of our fiscal year, we did well compared with our budget; income was up by +3% over the budget, while expenses were kept -2% below budget. Offertory collections totaled $1,020,301, which was +$99,301 (or +11%) more than we conservatively budgeted for the half-year.

We completed 13 building improvement projects during the first half of the fiscal year, as shown below:

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<td>Installed Handrails in all School Stairwells</td>
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<td>Filled Cracks and Repainted &quot;A&quot; and &quot;B&quot; Parking Lots</td>
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<td>Reconfigured Heller Hall Stage to Remove Step Hazard</td>
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<td>Reset Stone Wall in Front of School along Broad Street</td>
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As you can see, we were able to achieve solid gains in the appearance, functionality and safety of our church and school buildings this year, thanks to your generosity.

In the works, we are finalizing a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan, in collaboration with Diocesan experts and local law enforcement officials, to ensure the continued safety of our church community. We have implemented an electronic maintenance work order system to help manage and track the many facilities requests received every day by our small but dedicated three-man maintenance team. And we have just begun the cycle of mid-year job performance evaluations for our staff members.

If you have any questions or comments regarding church operations, please feel free to contact Rich at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.
Renew, Revitalize, Grow:  
Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey  
2006-Present

1892–2017

An Arlington, Virginia native, Father Patrick Posey attended St. Agnes and Bishop O’Connell before studying at St. Charles Borromeo in Philadelphia and Mount St. Mary’s in Emmitsburg. After his ordination in May 1991, he served at Sacred Heart Parish in Winchester.

In 1995 he was sent to the diocesan mission in Banica, Dominican Republic, where he was not only the parish priest, but a social worker, farmer, builder, reluctant veterinary aide and one time dental assistant. He returned to the area in 2003 where he was named pastor of St. Francis de Sales in Purcellville. Bishop Loverde assigned him to Saint James in 2006.

By 2008 it was evident that time had taken a toll on our beautiful parish campus. Windows both in the school and our historic church were in need of replacement or repair. Crumbling foundations, parking lots, curbs and retaining walls had fallen victim to weather and use. Roofs needed to be replaced and security upgraded. Moreover, a sustained commitment to providing tuition assistance was a high priority. As such, Father sought to raise $2.5 million to face these pressing issues. After an initial silent phase, the Legacy of St. James Capital Campaign went public in October: the day of the sharpest decline in the stock market since the 1920s. Nevertheless, our goal was met and exceeded! Today we reap the benefits of parishioners’ generosity.

Ever mindful of opportunities for outreach and evangelization, Father Posey began an email newsletter and now oversees a robust social media presence with Facebook, Twitter and our own You Tube Channel. Utilizing Constant Contact to inform and inspire, he has brought weekly and Lenten reflections to parishioners. Our bulletin highlights the many and varied activities of our busy parish, complete with his own weekly column.

Yet Father’s communications are not limited to a quick tweet. He takes time to hand-sign hundreds of birthday cards a month and Christmas cards for the entire parish. Each spring Father, our priests and deacons honor the more than 300 volunteers by serving them dinner at our annual volunteer recognition event. In September, what began as a small picnic after the 5:00pm Mass several years ago has burgeoned into an all-day gathering of more than 1000 people.

During Father Posey’s time here, we have seen an increase in the number of spiritual and educational offerings – Bible Studies, guest speakers, Prayer Partners for our Homebound, retreats, pilgrimages, and a new Parish Library. We have also seen greater integration of our Hispanic community, improved volunteerism and activism in our community. Parishioners regularly donate for emergency needs – be it hurricanes or earthquakes. Father has led groups to rural Kentucky bringing Christmas cheer to those who see very little of it.

In 2012, Father and then-principal Sr. Nancy Kindelan, IHM embarked upon a five-year strategic plan for the School. The combined efforts of a large volunteer committee has resulted in greater stability in enrollment, increased engagement of parish and parent community in the life of the School and additional funding for improvements and scholarships. In 2014, the School was awarded an unprecedented (in the diocese) second Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence.
More than six years ago, parishioner Tim Aubry came to Father with the idea of a Lenten Fish Fry. Actually, multiple fry(s) as each Friday during Lent sees more than 500 SOLES (!) sharing food and fellowship. Each year has a theme, from the original Act of Cod to the more current May the Fish Be With You. More than 24,000 meals have been served by a large and dedicated cadre of volunteers.

In 2016 Father celebrated his 25th Jubilee. A Mass and reception brought hundreds of parishioners, family and friends together to celebrate this milestone event.

Last May, we celebrated our 125th anniversary with a Mass and reception. Newly appointed Bishop Michael Burbidge was present as we gathered once again in friendship.

Today we are a faith community reminded and inspired by our patron Saint. “As James tells us, we are called to be doers of the word, not hearers only,” says Fr. Posey. “I am blessed to be surrounded by women and men of faith who walk with each other, who share the joys and sorrows of life, who remind me daily of the power of discipleship. I hope that what we do here is to renew our calling to Christ and to each other; to revitalize our spirits; and always to grow in love of the Lord.”
This Week in Our Parish

**Sunday, January 21**
10:00am—2:00pm Parish Library Parish Library
12:00pm—1:45pm Hispanic RCIA Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm—2:15pm Hispanic PREP School — Door 16
1:00pm—5:00pm Pinewood Derby Races Heller Hall — Door 13
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

**Monday, January 22**
3:45pm—5:15pm Teacher Bible Study School Classroom
7:30pm—9:00pm RCIA Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

**Tuesday, January 23**
9:00am—10:00am Seniors Leadership Committee Knecht Meeting Room — Doors 8 & 9
4:45pm & 7:00pm PREP School — Door 16
7:00pm—8:15pm H.S. PREP - Catholicism School Library — Door 16
7:30pm—9:00pm Legion of Mary House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

**Wednesday, January 24**
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
7:00pm First Penance — Group A Church
7:30pm—9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

**Thursday, January 25**
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
7:30pm—9:00pm Young Adult Focus Group House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

**Friday, January 26**
11:15am—11:45am Confessions Church
6:00pm—8:30pm PTO Bingo Night Heller Hall — Door 13

**Saturday, January 27**
10:00am—1:00pm Confirmation Retreat (Boys) Heller Hall — Door 13
12:30pm—3:30pm Hispanic Baptism Seminar Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm—5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study Heller Hall — Door 13
5:00pm—9:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group Santiago Apostol Heller Hall — Door 13
3:30pm—4:30pm Confessions Church
7:30pm Confessions Church

**Weekly Reflection**

**Readings:**
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
[http://www.usccb.org/bible/ readings/012118.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible-readings/012118.cfm)

**Reflection Question:**
What practical thing can you do this week to cast aside your nets and follow Jesus more closely?
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