THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MONDAY, MARCH 12
No School.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
THE LIGHT IS ON
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Confessions & prayer in the church

THURSDAY, MARCH 15
St. James Seniors Dinner & Movie
5:00pm Heller Hall (details p. 8)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16
A day of abstinence
Stations of the Cross
6:00pm en Español
7:30pm in English
Lenten Fish Fry
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Heller Hall, Door 13

St. James Men’s Group
7:30pm, House of Ministries

Reflection Question:
Where in your life are you looking to follow your own path rather than God’s plan?

RECTORY:
905 Park Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046
Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm
closed for lunch 12:45-1:30pm
Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm
Phone: 703-532-8815

CHURCH GPS LOCATION:
103 N. Spring Street,
Falls Church, VA 22046

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
Second Collection This Weekend:
Catholic Relief Services

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.
I am assuredly dating myself with this question, but I will press on: Who remembers the Burger King commercial from the 1970s, “Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don’t upset us… have it your way… at Burger King!” To distinguish themselves from competitors, Burger King wanted their customers to know that they can have that Whopper any way they liked. Though the jingle faded, the concept is alive and well. We can customize so much from cars to clothes … the age of individualism is here! You are unique and don’t need to conform to some pre-fashioned mold.

And this is true. We are all unique. Each one of us is a creation of God, made in His image to reveal His great love for us through our talents, actions and words.

However, today’s readings show us where selfishly following our own desires can lead — not with satisfaction but with chaos. Think about it. If all of us did what we wanted to do, regardless of how it affected others, what would result? We might gain some immediate satisfaction, and we might even avoid getting caught or causing bodily harm to another. Yet little by little our selfishness chips away at relationships, leaving in its wake hurt, confusion and even jealousy. We never deny ourselves anything so we never learn patience, fortitude, charity. “It’s my way or the highway.”

But God’s road is different. His road leads to Him. Lent is the time when we try to re-route our path. Where have our plans diverted from God’s? How have we twisted ourselves into knots trying to fulfill what we think is a life plan? If you’ve ever tried to unknot a twisted shoe lace or a necklace you have seen that if you pull too hard the chain can break. If we pull too far away from what God wants for us, we can weaken the links that bind us; we can break.

If I said understanding God’s plan for us, even when it involves loss, illness or death, was easy I’d be lying. If I said that in spite of difficulties, relying on God for support WILL see you through, I hope you’d believe me. “Trust in him doesn’t magically solve problems, but it allows for facing them with the right spirit — courageously.” (Pope Francis)

~Fr. Posey

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 do your knots become more tangled as you stray from God’s will for you?

Weekly Reflection
Readings:
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 2:13-25

http://usccb.org/bible/readings/031118-year-b.cfm

Reflection Question: Where in your life are you looking to follow your own path rather than God’s plan?
Mass Intentions for the
Fourth Week of Lent

Saturday, March 10
5:00 p.m. +Betty and Buddy de Gonzague

Sunday, March 11
7:30 a.m. Ntengwe Bagenda Family
9:00 a.m. People of St. James
10:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Tran
Noon +Carmel Fitzpatrick
2:30 p.m. +William Alexander Andrewn
7:00 p.m. +Hilda C. Bankert

Monday, March 12
6:30 a.m. +Patricia Paull
8:30 a.m. +Nancy Hennelly
Noon +Catalina Munoz

Tuesday, March 13
6:30 a.m. +Mary H. DeFoore
8:30 a.m. +Darlene Ziemba
Noon +The McCarthy’s

Wednesday, March 14
6:30 a.m. +Sr. Mary Richard, IHM
8:30 a.m. +Thomas T. Coipuram, Sr.
Noon +Berenece Krivorouchka

Thursday, March 15
6:30 a.m. Special Intention
8:30 a.m. +Rolando Zulueta
Noon +Joseph Coneys

Friday, March 16
6:30 a.m. +Mary Catherine Bellor
8:30 a.m. +John E. Lowe
Noon +Tom Porterfield

Saturday, March 17
8:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Beauchamp
5:00 p.m. +Christina Dziubinski

Sunday, March 18
7:30 a.m. People of St. James
9:00 a.m. +Fr. Frank Meehan
10:30 a.m. +Fran Winderlitch
Noon +Bob Pitera
2:30 p.m. +Betsabe Chavez Aranibar
and Isela Torres Chavez
7:00 p.m. +M. Klanowski

Pray for Those Serving Our Country
Please pray for our disabled veterans, military retirees and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially Justin Berg, James Hoy, Capt. Roger (Trey) DeGeorges III, 1st Lt. Joe Paolletta, USMC, Capt. Albert C. Young, and Michele Petersen.
Send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org.

This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins;

Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Saint Patrick

Today’s Readings

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]


Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Remember in Your Prayers...
the sick of our parish family:
Andrea Andrade Virginia Holmes
Brian Bulger Aida Inocente
Maddie Cabatic Ann McDermott
Dorja Dee Estes Henrietta Panlilio

and the deceased of our parish family:
Kathleen Marie Lewis Diana V. White

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
— John 3:17

March 11, 2018
HOLY WEEK 2018 AT
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY MONDAY, MARCH 26TH
Confessions 10:00am - 11:30am
Tenebrae Service — 7:30pm

HOLY TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH
Confessions 10:00am - 11:30am

HOLY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH
Confessions 6:30 – 8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH
Servicio de Jueves Santo – 7:00pm
Español, en el gimnasio
Mass of the Lord’s Supper — 7:30pm
(the only Mass for the day)

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH
(There will be no Masses on this day)
Confessions—10:30am-11:30am
Stations of the Cross – 3:00pm (English)
Living Stations of the Cross
5:00pm (Español)
Veneration of the Cross—7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST
Blessing of the Easter Baskets—9:00am
Confessions 9:30am—10:30am
Easter Vigil Mass—8:30pm

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
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

CRS Rice Bowl
ENCOUNTER LENT
How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 1ST
MASSES
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00 noon
2:30pm (Español)
7:00pm

Undo the Knots in Your Life
LENT 2018
Featured on FORMED in March: St. Joseph
Visit stjamescatholic.org/formed for links to register and watch great programs for FREE!

PREP Parish Religious Education Program
703-533-1182 x104,
830 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046
religioused@saintjamesschool.org
Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP
Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9:30am – 12:00pm
Tuesday: 2:30pm – 8:30pm or by appointment

Please note: PREP follows the Falls Church City Schools in the event of inclement weather.

Stations of the Cross
4:45 & 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 20
Parents, please drop your children off at their classes and meet us in church!

CYO Girls Volleyball Registration
CYO Girls Volleyball registration begins March 5th and runs through March 19th. Volleyball is open to girls in 3rd-8th grade who attend St. James School or PREP classes. The cost is $65 per player. To register, visit: https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106543. For questions, please contact Erin Connors at sjsrocketsvolleyball@gmail.com.

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

WRC Channel 4’s own meteorologist Doug Kammerer visited on Thursday, March 1, giving students the inside story on weather predictions. Just hours later he was on air describing the upcoming wind storm! We hope that everyone made it through this historic weather event with as little disruption as possible.

703-533-1182 830 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA, 22046 www.saintjamesschool.org
Every Friday during Lent
5:00pm – 8:00pm
in Heller Hall
Only two weeks left...  
Betta not miss it!

40 Days for Life Hosts Mid-Point Rally Today at 3:00pm
So far during this campaign, 196 lives have been saved around the world. Please join our Pro-Life Committee in front of the Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 South Washington Street today, Sunday, March 11 at 3:00pm. You can also stop by to pray anytime on Wednesdays or whenever possible. Sign up at 40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/falls-church.

Sidewalk Counseling Training will take place on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00pm in the school library at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, 4401 Sano Street. Learn how to turn the abortion-minded effectively to life-saving options through sidewalk counseling. Email stjameslife@gmail.com for details or to join the mailing list. The St. James Pro-Life Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room.

Volunteer Opportunities
Do you want to become more involved in St. James Catholic Church?
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, visit our website at www.stjamescatholic.org/volunteer or send an email to: volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

Focus on Hunger Lenten Food Collection
“Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead.” St. John Chrysostom

CHRIST HOUSE: On the second Wednesday of each month, a distinct volunteer group from St. James prepares and serves dinner at Christ House, the diocesan shelter and soup kitchen in Alexandria. This is a unique hands-on experience to help those in need directly. It is an opportunity for families with middle school through high school students to work together. If you would like to help with this parish effort, either in donating food or desserts, or preparing or serving the meal at Christ House, please contact Judy Rybak at 703-442-8479. We are in need of volunteer groups and individuals. Thank you for your generosity.

Food for Others Seeking Volunteers
Food for Others provides food to charitable organizations to restock their pantries and to families referred by churches, the county and social service organizations. It also runs a daily food distribution outreach program to the community. Food for Others is seeking volunteers to assist with deliveries to two Falls Church sites on Fridays once a month. The volunteer job takes approximately two hours once a month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Volunteers pick up food at the Merrifield warehouse and deliver it to two sites in Falls Church. During the distribution process, volunteers work with 2-3 other volunteers. Interested individuals please contact Kate Altmeyer at thealtmeyers@gmail.com.

Preborn Baby Facts: At twenty weeks old a preborn baby can hear sound.
Adult Confirmation Opportunities
Classes Start This Spring
After Easter, St. James will be holding a series of three classes to prepare adult candidates for Confirmation. 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 at 2:30pm. For more info, contact Fr. Cozzi at 703-532-8815 or fathercozzi@stjamescatholic.org.

RICA Community Joins Bishop Burbidge for the Rite of Election
Members of our RCIA community who will be entering the church on Holy Saturday participated in the Rite of Election at St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington on February 18. Please keep them in your prayers during this holy season.

Power Packs for Kids
Special Food Collection March 18
The Saint James American Heritage Girls are organizing a food collection for the Food for Others P3 initiative, which provides packs of nonperishable food to elementary school children who are at risk of going hungry over the weekend. The girls will be collecting for this program on March 18 at the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. One or two items from you would be a perfect contribution. Thank you!

- Chef Boyardee cups
- Hormel “Compleats for Kids” meals
- Chili cups
- Mac’n cheese cups (e.g. Velveeta, Kraft)
- Tuna Salad & Chicken Salad Kits with crackers
- Goldfish crackers
- Cheese and crackers packets
- Granola Bars
- Applesauce squeeze packets (all flavors)
- Fruit Snacks
- Dried fruits individual sized
- Chewy bars (e.g. Quakers)
- Fruit cups in juice
- 100% fruit juice boxes
- Shelf stable milk (Horizon, YooHoo)
- Individual oatmeal packets in all flavors
- Cereal: individual serving size boxes
- Zip lock bags (gallon sized)

YOUTH MINISTRY
Thank you to everyone who supported our WorkCamp team by donating to the Lenten Rock program last weekend. We raised over $4,700!

St. James is putting together a Dodgeball team to compete with other parishes in a tournament on Sunday, April 22! High schoolers, we need you! Contact Fr. Oetjen to join the team.

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

St. James Seniors — Soup, Salad and a Movie
All St. James Seniors (age 55 and older) are invited to movie night on Thursday, March 15, 2018 in Heller Hall (door 13). The movie “Hidden Figures” will begin at 5:30 pm. Please join us for Lenten soup and salad at 5:00pm. We ask that you bring either a salad or dessert to share, and a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

For further information, or to arrange a ride, contact Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768, Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845, or Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482.
“We chose St. James because it truly represents the best of Catholic education: a loving, spiritual environment combined with top-notch academics. The teachers are energetic, fun and dedicated to seeing your child grow in every way. The classrooms are up to date technologically and our teachers know how to use the technology effectively in the classroom.”
Laurie Oberemt

The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Arlington are essential in the educational ministry of the Church. Our Catholic Schools are committed to providing an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ where Catholic doctrine, values and academic excellence prepare each student for a life of faith, service and integrity.

- 37 elementary schools, 4 high schools, 5 early childhood centers and 4 independent schools.
- 17,466 students are enrolled in Catholic Schools in the diocese.
- 100% graduation rate at diocesan Catholic high schools and 95% of graduates are accepted by colleges or universities.
- Diocesan average SAT scores are consistently well above state and national averages.
- All diocesan schools now enroll students with disabilities. Additionally, 5 of our schools can support developmentally and intellectually disabled students.
- Our (Venga! Program is designed to increase Hispanic enrollment in diocesan schools, offering new opportunities for students. Since its inception in 2015, Hispanic enrollment has increased by more than 5% in our schools.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS:
- More than 60% of our diocesan schools have been named Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Over $3.3 Million in tuition assistance was provided through the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program for the 2017-2018 school year.
- More than $678 Million in college grants and scholarships was offered to students of the Arlington Diocese’s graduating class of 2017.

LIVING in faith  GIVING in gratitude

2018 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal
Catholic Diocese of Arlington

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.
This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, March 11
10:15am – 11:15am  Baptism Class  School Library — Door 17
10:30am Mass  Second Scrutiny — RCIA — Church
12:00pm – 1:45pm  Hispanic RCIA  Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 2:15pm  Hispanic PREP  School — Door 16
4:00pm – 7:00pm  Hispanic Prayer Group Emmanuel  Heller Hall — Door 13
4:30pm – 6:00pm  Hispanic Legion of Mary  House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue
4:45pm – 6:45pm  Youth Ministry  Knecht Gym & Conference Room
5:00pm  Holy Hour — Church

Monday, March 12 — No School. Professional Development Day
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Hogar English & Citizenship Classes  School
7:30pm – 9:00pm  RCIA  Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, March 13
4:45pm & 7:00pm  PREP (Confession 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, March 14
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
7:30pm – 9:00pm  PTO Meeting  Heller Hall
7:30pm – 9:00pm  Charismatic Prayer Group  Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, March 15
9:30am – 11:30am  Scripture Study — Co-ed  Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
5:00pm – 7:00pm  St. James Seniors  Heller Hall — Door 13 (see p. 8)
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Scripture Study — Women  Art Room — Door 17
7:00pm – 8:00pm  Holy Hour  Church
7:30pm  Young Adult Focus Group  Meet at Holy Hour

Friday, March 16
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
7:30pm  Stations of the Cross in English  Church
7:30pm – 9:00pm  Men’s Group  House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

Saturday, March 17 — Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
Uniform Exchange — School Room 18 — 2:00pm – 3:00pm & 5:00pm – 7:00pm
3:30pm – 4:30pm  Confessions  Church
5:30pm – 9:00pm  Hispanic Prayer Group Santiago Apostol  Heller Hall — Door 13
7:30pm  Confessions  Church

Mary of Nazareth Screenings Tuesday, March 13 at 10:00am or Saturday, March 17 at 12:00pm
All showings at St. Ann Church, Room 106 on the lower level, 5300 N. 10th St., Arlington, VA. Running Time: 153 minutes. Mary of Nazareth is a film on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood to the Resurrection of Jesus. Please RSVP for seat count to CDA1872@gmail.com or Teresa at 703-573-1582.