REFLECTION QUESTION: How might God be “pruning” you, trying to bring transformation to you so that you can bear even more fruit?

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

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

Please see page 2 for
clergy list & church address
**Stewardship**

5th Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

- 1 John 3:18

Do you “walk the talk” of your Catholic faith? Do your actions mirror your words? True discipleship means active and joyful participation. Sharing your gifts through service and financial sacrifice reveals that we are “doers of the word.” It’s never too late to start; the door is always open and the “light is on” well beyond Lent.
From Our Pastor

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

These past several weeks have been exceptionally busy ones in our parish. Besides our beautiful Easter celebrations, we have honored our volunteers, supported our students through the Auction & Gala and recognized the commitment of a new generation’s full initiation into the Church through Confirmation.

While some were liturgical and some social, these events all share a commonality: Christ’s love is both the cause and the effect. He is the center of everything we do, our true North. From Him we see the ultimate example of sacrifice, compassion, mercy and strength. From Him, we bear the fruits of our faith and in turn, plant the seeds for others.

Every time someone brings communion to a homebound parishioner, every time a meal is made at Christ House, a song sung in His name, a team coached or a gym transformed into a Shakespearean wonderland, we “remain in Him.” We love for His sake “not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

Most profoundly, every time we gather in Sacrament we renew our discipleship. So I congratulate all our eighth graders who, of their own volition, have recommitted themselves to Christ. Thank you to their teachers, catechists, sponsors and especially parents. It is your example which is the most influential.

Ask yourself this week, how can I bear the fruit of faith in my actions? How will others know of my love for Him?

~Fr. Posey

P.S. Please check out the pictures and read more about our Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Volunteer Dinner and School Auction on pages five and six.

Bishop Burbidge Celebrates Confirmation at St. James — Twice!

Over the course of two evenings, 107 Confirmandi received the Sacrament in the presence of their families and sponsors as well as Bishop Burbidge and our parish priests. See www.stjamescatholic.org/photos for more pics.

Weekly Reflection

Readings:

http://usccb.org/bible/readings/042918.cfm

Reflection Question: How might God be “pruning” you, trying to bring transformation to you so that you can bear even more fruit?
This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Pius V
Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Wednesday: St. Athanasius
Thursday: Ss. Philip and James; National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

Today's Readings

First Reading — The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel — Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).


Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Deacon Jim Fishenden Edward Hanley
Frank Amorosi Virginia Holmes
Steve Antonacci Laura Lareau
Gretchen Corrado Ann McDermott
Patricia Gaughan

and the deceased of our parish family:
Virginia Dawdy
Wilma Hurley

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, 1st Lt. Joe Paoletta, USMC, Capt. Albert C. Young, and Michele Petersen. Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org and let us know when your loved ones return home safely.
PREP
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703-533-1182 x104, 830 W. Broad St.,
Falls Church, VA 22046
religioued@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.

First Holy Communion — Group A
April 30, 2018, 6:30pm — Rehearsal
May 3, 2018, 6:30pm — Rehearsal
May 5, 2018, 10:00am — Mass

First Holy Communion — Group B
May 7, 2018, 6:30pm — Rehearsal
May 10, 2018, 6:30pm — Rehearsal
May 12, 2018, 10:00am — Mass

The rehearsals and Masses are in the church.

“A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream Auction & Gala 2017
It was a magical evening at the PTO Auction & Gala on April 21st. Hundreds gathered to support our students in a beautiful Shakespearean wonderland. Thank you to all who made this possible, especially our Chair, Elizabeth Hart. Many volunteers worked long hours. We are grateful to them and their committee chairs: Anne Kelley, Shannon Chudd, Liz Barry, Debra Lattessa, Julie Marx, Alicia Carmody, Amanda Christian, Peter Hart, Cathy Little, Karen Bushaw-Newton, Liz Tobin, Meaghan Kane, Mary Beth DeLuca and Laura Tramonte.
Many Ministries, One Parish

Our annual volunteer appreciation dinner on April 18 had a special touch—the launch of our new video, with a special appearance by Bishop Burbidge. We also introduced the volunteer coordinators who link parishioners to various opportunities (Jean Whitesell, Maureen Hannan and Anita Clark are pictured below left). Thank you to parishioner Phil Joseph and Advance Concepts for the amazing A/V equipment. Our video by Maniglia Media looked fantastic!

More pictures and the video at www.stjamescatholic.org/photos

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

On Sunday, April 8, international tenor Mark Forrest led 300 people through a beautiful, reflective and musical Holy Hour with Fr. Posey presiding.
PARISH NEWS

Praise and Worship with Prayer Time! May 3 at 7:00pm Heller Hall
Join us on the first Thursday of each month through August at 7:00pm for contemporary Christian praise and worship in the style of the music of the Sunday 7:00pm Mass. We will be meeting in Heller Hall for music and in-depth prayer followed by light refreshments and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!!

Pro-Life Committee Meeting This Thursday, May 3 at 7:30pm
The St. James Pro-Life Committee meets for action planning on first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room. Our next meeting will be on May 3. For more details of upcoming activities, please email stjameslife@gmail.com.

Social Outreach Committee Hosts Speaker Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 pm
Annie Turner from Food for Others will be speaking at the May Social Outreach Committee meeting. Food for Others serves the needy in Northern VA, providing food to charitable organizations to restock their food pantries and food for families referred by Churches, the county and other organizations. It also runs a daily food distribution program to the community. Ms. Turner will be discussing Food for Others mission and their volunteer needs. All interested parishioners are invited to come. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in the St. James School Library, enter through Door 17.

Vacation Bible School
July 16-20, 2018

Registration Forms Now Online!
Visit www.stjamescatholic.org/vbs
For more details or to volunteer, contact Sr. Regina Rosarii at 703-533-1182 x103 or dre@saintjamesschool.org.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

St Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church
The Forgotten Guardian of Jesus
Draw closer to the humble, faithful father entrusted not only with the paramount mission of protecting Jesus and Mary, but also to us as an important and powerful intercessor. In this captivating talk, Dr. Mark Miravalle explores Saint Joseph’s hidden life, powerful witness, and continued influence in the world today.

Listen on formed.org

“So many truths about Joseph that I never heard put into words before. I was overwhelmed with an appreciation for Joseph…”
—Mary K.

Register for free at stjamescatholicva.formed.org
or visit stjamescatholic.org/formed for links
MORE PARISH NEWS

Support HOPE in Northern Virginia
Our Social Outreach and Pro-Life Committees are once again reaching out to HOPE in Northern Virginia (our neighbor on Park Avenue). The HOPE house is paid for, but there are many everyday expenses that go along with owning a house as well as helping pregnant mothers and their babies. Diapers, wipes, baby bottles and other items need to be purchased regularly.

On the weekend of May 5th and 6th, the Outreach Committee and Pro-Life Committee will be handing out baby bottles after all the Masses. We invite parishioners to fill the bottles during the week with coins, bills or a check (made out to St. James) and return the bottles on May 12th and May 13th (Mother’s Day). Both the Social Outreach Committee and the Pro-Life Committee will be weekend collecting bottles.

Your children may want to get involved, too. Please encourage them to do so.

More details about HOPE are available at www.hopehousenova.org. Any questions, please e-mail HOPE at hopeinnova@gmail.com.

Car Raffle Continues...
All Saints Catholic Church once again invites our parishioners to participate in the 2018 Car Raffle. Prizes include five 2018 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One $5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus $20,000 in cash prizes. Tickets are in the mail to all registered St. James parishioners.

This year the only change to the process is that you will make checks payable to All Saints Catholic Church and send them in the return envelopes to the All Saints address. Our parish ministries benefit greatly from the raffle! Last year, the car raffle earned nearly $12,000 for the parish. We look forward to this year’s raffle and wish you luck!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you want to become more involved in St. James Catholic Church?
Whether you’re new to St. James Parish or a long standing member, and 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.

Grotto Update
We are forming a committee and seek volunteers who have some experience in contracting and landscape design. If you would like to participate, please contact our volunteer committee at volunteer@stjamescatholic.org or leave a message at the rectory, 703-532-8815, and we will return your call.
YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUSION — May 4
All Middle School students in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us at 6:30pm in the Knecht Gym and Conference Room. We will have spiritual, service and social activities.

ALTARATION
Resumes this Tuesday, May 1
7:00-8:15pm St. James School Library Door 16
Final Meeting May 8
Hosted by Deacon Ed
dcned@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815
Details & videos at stjamescatholic.org/altaration

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

Behind the Scenes
St. James Operations Update

The St. James fiscal year begins on July 1st, so we reached the three-quarters mark on March 31st. The parish continues to perform better than budget. Our offertory collections so far have totaled $1,546,991, as compared with our year-to-date budget of $1,392,400. Total Income ($4,458,503) has exceeded the budgeted amount ($4,290,590) by $167,913, or 4%.

On the expense side, we have been successful so far in staying within budget. Total Expenses were $4,157,381, as compared with our budget of $4,253,510. Therefore, we have generated savings of $96,129 so far, or 2% of the year-to-date budget.

With income up and expenses down, St. James should generate a modest surplus for this fiscal year, which ends on June 30th. These surpluses are critical to the financial health of our parish. They allow us to build up a reserve for replacement of building components such as heating/cooling systems and roofs as these components age out. Building replacements are very expensive and don’t fit into our regular operating budget. As an example, we are currently replacing the cooling system for Heller Hall because the old system just stopped working and can no longer be repaired. The cost of this replacement serving just one large room on our campus is $25,629.

We have begun planning our major building projects for this summer, which is our busy time for building work. We are considering further improvements to the church, Heller Hall, the gym, and the front of the school. We also need to do some substantial, professional trimming of our many trees for safety and for the health of the trees.

If you have any questions or comments regarding church operations, please feel free to contact our business manager, Rich Blickendorfer, at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.
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