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**The Most Holy Trinity**
**MAY 27, 2018**

The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below; there is no other.
Deuteronomy 4:39

**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

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Stewardship

Feast of the Holy Trinity
“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ…” Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?
“Did anything so great ever happen before?” (Deuteronomy 4:32ff)

Every relationship has those first heady moments when you want to know all about the other person, when you want to spend all your time with them. Think of calling or texting your friend immediately after returning from seeing them at school; spending hours thinking of a special person for whom you have deep feelings; new parents completely enthralled by this beautiful miracle created with God.

Yet things can become rote: the perfunctory kiss goodbye to a spouse or child as they leave for their day; the everyday “how are you?” to a co-worker or friend. This is true even with our faith.

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity: dogma in the most profound and mysterious sense. Do we give much thought to this? The Sign of the Cross is meant to remind us of this intensely intimate relationship within the Trinity and with us. Blessing ourselves is often reflexive, done during Mass and in the course of our every-day living: before a test, when hearing bad news, or before that field goal attempt at 4th and goal. However, this Sign is our link, our bond, with God. It reinforces our “adoption” as children of God. We enter into this union as active participants. We are not to be passive; we are not to be idle.

Our reading from Matthew today is known as the “Great Commission.” The remaining Apostles were called by Christ to spread the Good News. Despite loving Jesus, despite enjoying a deeply personal relationship with him, they still “doubted.” How were they to fulfill all that Jesus asked of them? “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Jesus did not leave them unprepared. Grace and strength given to them by the Holy Trinity supported them in their mission and in turn enables generations to know the mercy and compassion of God.

We have received our commission:
“We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.”

Let’s remember that nothing “so great ever happened before.” Or since.

~Fr. Posey

Weekly Reflection

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 33; Romans 8:14-17;
Matthew 28:16-20

http://usccb.org/bible/readings/052718.cfm

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This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time; Memorial Day
Thursday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Justin; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Ask now of the days of old: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — You received a Spirit of adoption through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!” (Romans 8:14-17).

Gospel — I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:16-20).


Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Steve Antonacci    Patricia Gaughan
Elizabeth Fielder  Natalie Heath

and the deceased of our parish family:

Sydney Kraushaar    Mark Rayome
James Palmer

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. Albert C. Young, and Michele Petersen. Welcome home, 1st Lt. Joe Paoletta, USMC! Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org, and let us know when your loved ones return home.
“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”
— James 1:22

Battle of the Books — Victory!
Congratulations to our students who placed first in the Lighting Round of the Diocesan Battle of the Books and 4th in overall competition! Thank you to Mrs. DeGeorges for her guidance!

Get your tissues ready!
Graduation week arrives soon!
Our Kindergartners will move up to the big kid classes and our eighth graders will move on to new adventures in High School

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.
YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES

Work Camp — June 23-29
Please pray for all of our young people who will be attending Work Camp this summer!

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

The Campus Ministry at George Mason University is having a summertime barbeque for all college students and graduating high school seniors on Thursday, June 7 at 6pm at St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax). It’s a great way to meet college students from different schools! Our student center will also be hosting events on Thursday nights in June and July starting at 6pm. Like us on Facebook: College Summers with GMU CCM. Find out more at www.gmuccm.org or email kjuda@gmu.edu.

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

— from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers
Girl Scout News!

Girl Scout Troop 1109 was highlighted recently (RIGHT) for their fundraising efforts for Smile Train – an organization that provides cleft palate surgeries for impoverished children around the world.

Thank you to Meagan Powers for hosting a Royal Wedding Tea for members of Troop 3442. A jolly time was had by all. Scones and tiaras abounded.

Car Raffle Deadline Is Approaching!
The deadline for submitting your raffle tickets for the drawing is June 12. Make checks payable to All Saints Catholic Church and send them in the return envelopes to the All Saints address. One $5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus $20,000 in cash prizes.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed by purchasing or selling tickets. Last year, the car raffle earned nearly $12,000 for St. James ministries. Best of luck!
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.

Bereavement Ministry
St. James Catholic Church is forming a Bereavement Ministry to provide spiritual comfort to families and friends of the deceased in our parish. If you are interested in volunteering and participate in funeral services, or spiritual family consolation on behalf of St. James, please send an email message to volunteer@stjamescatholic.org, or call the rectory at 703-532-8815.

Grotto Update
We are forming a committee to build an outdoor shrine for Mary, Undoer of Knots. We 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.

St. James Food Distribution Program Needs Volunteers
The Social Outreach Committee needs volunteers assist the St. James Food Distribution Program. Volunteers would be responsible for moving donated food from the Church to storage in Heller Hall every Monday morning. If you are able to help, please contact Janet Qualters at 703-573-9170 or at janet.r.qualters@gmail.com.

Earlier this month the diocese inaugurated their new Podcast Series, Searching for More, which offers insights and stories on faith and ministry. Among the first to be interviewed was our pastor, Father Posey. Check out: https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Searching-for-More-Podcast/!
Do you want to become a CITIZEN?
Apply now! Come to a citizenship application workshop hosted by Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services on June 16 (doors open 10:00am – 1:00pm) at St. Anthony Catholic School. Cost is $110, cash or credit. To pre-register, contact (571) 208-1572 or hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop.


Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends
Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends are: September 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA and August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover, MD. 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.

Retreat for People Facing a Serious Illness — June 1-3, 2018
A Retreat for People Facing a Serious Illness will be held June 1-3, 2018, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia. The retreat begins Friday, June 1 at 1:30pm and ends on Sunday, June 3 at 2:30pm. The retreat team will consist of two priests serving as Spiritual Directors, along with doctors, nurses and helpers. The June retreat theme is “The King of Love my Shepherd Is.” The retreat has been held in the Diocese of Arlington for the past forty years and now is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The cost of the retreat is free for all retreatants. To register for the retreat and for more information, call Catholic Charities at (703) 841-3830 or email retreat@ccda.net.

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.
## This Week in Our Parish

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### May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

**For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

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Register for free at [stjamescatholic.formed.org](http://stjamescatholic.formed.org) or visit [stjamescatholic.org/formed](http://stjamescatholic.org/formed) for links.

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