Reflection Question: How have you used your faith in God to accomplish the seemingly impossible?

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.

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

“This Week at St. James
Sunday, July 29
Holy Hour, 5:00pm

Wednesday, August 1
Pro Life Meeting
7:30pm – 9:00pm
Knecht Conference Room

Friday, August 3
First Friday Exposition and Benediction
9:00am – 11:45am
Food Distribution
7:00pm, Heller Hall

Andrew said to Jesus,
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?
John 6:8-9

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 29 2018
Stewardship

Bishop’s Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges

Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal funds diocesan Vocations, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Religious Education programs as well as many others. If you made a pledge that is still being paid, you should be receiving monthly reminder statements. You also may go online to make a payment at www.arlingtondiocese.org. For questions, please call the BLA office at 703-841-2570.

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Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am
10 days before Sunday publication date
Via website form posted under Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.
No emails please.
Although I was an altar server as a kid, I never joined the funeral crew; and we don’t typically celebrate them at the seminary chapel. So, my first regular exposure to serving funeral Masses has been here at St. James. It’s not easy to witness a grieving family, but the priests here at the parish carry out the liturgy beautifully, commending souls to God reverently and reminding all present of the consolation and hope that we find in Jesus Christ.

“All physically present,” except for the deceased as we knew them in life. How can it be a source of consolation or hope for them? They’re not physically around to witness the Mass! It seems that it can’t benefit them at all. That’s why we might occasionally hear people say that funerals are primarily for the living. That’s only partly true, and it belies a crucial spiritual reality that we must remember. Of course, it’s appropriate and proper for the bereaved to gather together for comfort and support. But, ultimately, funerals are for the benefit of the deceased.

The Church has always taught that the souls in purgatory need our prayers. Their time for virtue and merit is over. There’s nothing they can do to speed up the process of their purification: they have to rely on the prayers of the living. The Mass is the most profound and powerful prayer that God has given us. At a funeral Mass, the priest knocks on the gates of heaven and humbly requests that a specific individual be allowed to enter and see God as He is as soon as possible. We can’t see it happening, but we know it’s true.

The Church, in her wisdom, teaches that every Catholic deserves no less than this. It’s up to us to make sure they get it. Father Posey, Father Vu, and Father Oetjen are all here to help families through this process. It doesn’t have to be long or complicated: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most beautiful thing that can happen here on Earth no matter what.

Planning a funeral Mass might not be immediately applicable to you today. But even so, take some time today to say a prayer for a loved one who has died, or for all the holy souls in purgatory. It works, they need it, and they’re all counting on you!

~Tim Courtney

RCIA: Helping Individuals Find Christ and His Church

Would you like to discover Christ and his Church? Have you thought of becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized as a Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Do you have any questions at all? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), which will start on September 10, is the Program that you need. If you are interested or if you know someone who is interested, please contact Fr. Joseph Vu at fathevu@stjamescatholic.org or at 703-532-8815 for more information about the RCIA at St. James.
This Week's Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Wednesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Thursday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. John Vianney; First Saturday

Today's Readings
First Reading -- When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).
Psalm -- The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).
Second Reading -- Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).
Gospel -- Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).


Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Frank Amorosi
Elizabeth Fielder
Patricia Gaughan
Elizabeth Gibbon
George Fingers
Kenneth Whitehead
Mr. Charles Maroon
Mr. Ernest Maroon
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Mr. Ernest Maroon

and the deceased of our parish family:
Lora Caputy
John Hood
Joseph William Gelvin, Jr.
William Olcheski, Sr.

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, Capt. Albert C. Young, Michele Petersen, and Roger VanSanford. Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org, and let us know when your loved ones return home.
The Consolation of Philosophy Book Study Continues August 8 With our Seminarian Tim Courtney

Have you ever felt unhappy? Ever been the victim of injustice? Or wondered what the point of your life is?

If you’re a human being, you can probably answer ‘yes’ to these questions. Good news: Roman consul, senator, and Saint Severinus Boethius can help explain—and he did so 1,500 years ago!

Join St. James seminarian Tim Courtney for a summer book study on St. Boethius’ Consolation of Philosophy. A seminal work of the Western philosophical tradition, Consolation is a profound meditation on human happiness and fulfillment, the nature of God, good, and evil, and why bad things happen to good people.

The third session will be Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30pm in the House of Ministries (913 Park Ave.). A few copies of the book are available.

For more information email Tim Courtney at tcourtney@stjamescatholic.org.

Help Without Enabling: Balance and Boundaries

Want to help others, but you’re holding back because you are afraid of enabling a person? Join Dr. Michael K. Horne, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, as he speaks on how to help without enabling through balance and boundaries. Dr. Horne’s presentation will be held on Friday, August 17 from 10:00am to 11:30am at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn.

Marriage Encounter Weekends

Like to feel the sparks of love again your marriage? Come receive the tools to keep your marriage full of love and passion! The next World Wide Marriage Encounter weekends are: August 3-6 in Hanover, MD, and September 21-23 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information, visit our website at https://bit.ly/2ukayzZ, or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Fatima-Spain-Lourdes-Paris Pilgrimage—September 25-October 5, 2018

Please join Father Peter Okola and Deacon Nicholas LaDuca (Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale) on an amazing journey of faith to visit Fatima, Portugal, home to the 100 year old apparition of Mary. Then experience the City of Salamanca in the beautiful country of Spain with a visit to Avila, in the footsteps of St. Teresa. Finally, visit Lourdes, France where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. Lourdes is the true place of healing and miracles. There are also two days/nights in Paris to visit Notre Dame and St. Catherine Laboure (Miraculous Medal). See this special webpage for more information at https://bit.ly/2NOvl76.

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Vacation Bible School 2018

From July 16 to July 20 St. James hosted its annual Vacation Bible School, attended by 80 children (campers) from Pre-K through 4th Grade. The theme of this year’s program was “Circus of Stars: Spotlight on the Father.” 40 5th through 8th graders (captains) and 60 high school and adult guides and station leaders prepared the program. In addition, four wonderful volunteers cared for eight children of our adult volunteers in the nursery.

Through learning sessions, stories, arts and crafts, song and skits, snacks and games, prayer and worship, each of the children learned more about their Catholic faith, the Holy Church, God the Father’s love for us, and His plan for our salvation. “By focusing on the example of four saints, St. John Bosco, St. Catherine of Siena, St. John Vianney, St. Teresa of Avila, and our Blessed Mother the children learned to practice the virtue of BALANCE - WORK, PLAY, REST, and PRAY each day,” said Sr. Regina Rosarii, IHM, the program’s director. Sister Regina continued, “Each year the children collect small change to help support a mission of our diocese and this year the recipients are the retired priests and religious who require care. We divide what they bring in between St. Rose of Lima Retirement Home for the priests of the Arlington Diocese and Camilla Hall, the retirement home of our IHM Sisters. A special THANK YOU goes to Shane and Sigfredo, our maintenance personnel, who did a tremendous job in helping with the set-up and cleaning. We look forward to “Win the World for Jesus,” next year’s Vacation Bible School, July 15 - 19.”

St James thanks all of the members of our community that turned out to share their faith and help each child deepen their love of God and the Church.
“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”
— James 1:22

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It’s almost here! Save these important dates:

- August 15  7:00-8:30pm New Parent Wine & Cheese
- August 23  5:00-6:30pm Middle School Picnic
- August 24  11:00am–1:00pm Meet n Greet & Uniform Exchange
  1:00-2:00pm Kindergarten Orientation
- August 27  SCHOOL BEGINS FOR KINDERGARTEN!
  8:00-10:00am Kindergarten Parent Coffee
  (Kleenex will be provided!)
- August 28  SCHOOL BEGINS GRADES 1-8;
  11:30am Dismissal

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Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP
Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 9:30am – 12:00pm or by appointment

New families are invited to call the Religious Education Office to register for next year. Reregistration forms have been sent. Please be sure to return them soon, as classes are beginning to fill up.

Affordable Child Care
The Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center is a high quality early childhood program that serves low and moderate income working families in Fairfax County. We currently have openings in our two and three year old classrooms. Let us help your child enter kindergarten “ready to succeed. Please call us at 703-534-4907 for more information.

Cuidado de niños asequible
Nosotros hablamos español! Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center es un programa de alta calidad en educación temprana de niños que sirve a familias trabajadoras de bajos recursos económicos del Condado de Fairfax. Actualmente tenemos espacios disponibles en nuestros salones de 2 y 3 años. Permitanos ayudar a sus niños que entren al jardín “listos para triunfar!”. Llámenos al 703-534-4907 para más información.
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/or participating in funeral services, or providing 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.

Gardening Enthusiasts Wanted!
We have a new garden located behind the garage at our House of Ministries at 913 Park Avenue. We are looking for volunteers to serve on a joint school/church committee to manage the garden. If you are interested, please contact us at volunteer@stjamescatholic.org.

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.

College Student Job Opportunities at St. James
St. James is seeking college students to provide staff coverage for the Rectory office outside of regular office hours: on Saturdays and during weekday evenings. Duties involve providing courteous assistance to people who visit or call the office, taking detailed messages, and helping with office work. Please send a cover letter explaining your interest in the position and your hours of availability to Rich Blickendorfer, Business Manager, at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

NEW Mass To Be Offered— St. James will begin to offer a “Mass for Special Intentions” on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Church. Stay tuned for more information.
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.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

For the St. James Community Picnic on September 8, 5:00pm—8:00pm.
Good Food, Good Fun, and a Good Evening for Everyone!
Keep Watching For More Details
Celebrate our Community!

Introducing—CONNECT: The Young Professionals Community at St. James

In order to be of better service to the young professionals of our parish and diocese as well as more accurately reflect membership composition, the Young Adults Ministry have changed their name to: CONNECT: Young Professionals Community at St. James.

“The Connect Young Professionals Community offers members a mix of formative, recreational, and social events each month – aimed at promoting unity among Catholic young professionals, while deepening their formation in the Catholic faith,” explained Andrew Vivirito, the community’s coordinator.

To learn more about “CONNECT: The Young Professionals Community at St. James,” visit: https://bit.ly/2NMOvKw; to see the community’s calendar of events, visit: https://bit.ly/2LzwaPF; and to join the community’s Facebook group, visit: https://bit.ly/2NqMIJY. You can also contact Andrew at avivirito9@gmail.com.
**August Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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**This Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday, July 29**

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**Weekly Reflection**

**Readings:**

2 Kings 4:42-244; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15


**Reflection Question:** How have you used your faith in God to accomplish the seemingly impossible?
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