R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to discover Christ and His Church?
Have you thought about becoming Catholic?
Were you baptized Catholic but haven’t completed the other sacraments?
Want to help others find their spiritual home in the Catholic faith?

Do you, or someone you know, fit the above description?
Have the same questions? Desire the same grace?
If the answer is

YES!

Then the Rite of Christian Initiation as Adults is for YOU!

Classes start on Monday, September 10
7:30pm – 9:00pm, Knecht Conference Room (Door 8 & 9)
To register, or for questions about R.C.I.A, contact Fr. Vu
fathervu@stjamescatholic.org
**STEWARDSHIP: Second Collection to Benefit PREP**

Our Second Collection this weekend is for our Religious Education Program. Our PREP program is blessed with a dedicated staff and committed catechists and assistants. In conjunction with their parents they work to bring the Good News to our youngest parishioners. Thank you for supporting this important mission of our Church.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
Psalm 32:8

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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.
“Ephphatha!”

The readings today command our attention. We are told to open ourselves to the Lord and His words of healing. From the moment of our baptism, we are invited to have an intimate relationship with Jesus. At this first Rite of Initiation, the “Ephphatha!” prayer is said:

“The Lord has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive His word, and your mouth to proclaim His faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen”

The waters of Baptism unclog our ears and free our voices not only to listen to God’s word, but to proclaim it. To be, as we know all too well here at Saint James, “doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

In his Gospel, Mark describes an intensely personal interaction between Jesus and the suffering man from Tyre. It sounds almost messy and somewhat off-putting. But my sisters and brothers, Christ’s commandments, his decree to “Be Open” is personal and sometimes messy. Jesus comes to each of us in different ways; our experiences of him are naturally different. But still He comes, with an individual message but a common theme: You are loved by me. Be strong. Take me with you into the world. Do not be afraid of the mess.

Do not be afraid of the person who looks different from you. Do not be afraid of the old, or the sick, or the poor. Do not be afraid to speak up for your faith when others belittle it. Do not be afraid to forgive, or to ask to be forgiven. Do not be afraid to love the unlovable in His name and in your heart.

Let us shout the refrain: “Ephphatha!” May you be open to His love this week and share that love with all you encounter. God bless.

~Fr. Posey

Our Community Picnic was held Saturday. Look for photos and a recap in next week’s bulletin. I am grateful to all who made this wonderful event happen.

NUN FUN RUN — Saturday, September 29

7:30am Warm Up in St. James B Lot and 8:00am run start

Saint James PTO is sponsoring this event to benefit the IHM Sister’s retirement community at Camilla Hall. The run/walk is little over a mile on closed streets and the bike trail so bring the entire family to enjoy the fun!!

If you have any questions please contact: Denise Mullin at Denise.s.mullin@gmail.com. For more information on the run, and the shirts that are available for sale to support Camilla Hall, please visit https://bit.ly/2CigfVr .
Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 8
5:00 p.m.  +Mark Niklason

Sunday, September 9
7:30 a.m.  +Samuel Sattler
9:00 a.m.  +William Aubry Sr.
10:30 a.m. +Ruperto and Agripina Obejera
Noon      The Eggleton Family
2:30 p.m.  +William Alexander Andrew
7:00 p.m.  The People of St. James

Monday, September 10
6:30 a.m.  +Betty Zuberbueler and
           +Stephen Zuberbueler
8:30 a.m.  +Wilma Hurley
Noon      +Carlos and May Infante

Tuesday, September 11
6:30 a.m.  +H. J. Michalski
8:30 a.m.  +Alice Craven
Noon      +Nancy Blackburn

Wednesday, September 12
6:30 a.m.  +Jo Ann Tiller
8:30 a.m.  +Roger Neighborgall
Noon      +Carol Kapitan

Thursday, September 13
6:30 a.m.  +Rose Mauro
8:30 a.m.  +James Davern
Noon      +Patrick Korten

Friday, September 14
6:30 a.m.  +Hunter Milam
8:30 a.m.  +John F. Kurtzke, Sr.
Noon      +Narcisa Tiro

Saturday, September 15
8:30 a.m.  +Rozanne Custode
5:00 p.m.  +Dr. Jose T. Garcia and Family

Sunday, September 16
7:30 a.m.  +Kevin J. Roche
9:00 a.m.  Beatrice and Karelle
10:30 a.m. +Angeles and Bonifacio Obejera
Noon      +Ms. Alean Terry and Mr. Eugene Terry
2:30 p.m.  People of St. James
7:00 p.m.  +Martha Garland

This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:    Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
           Time; Grandparents Day;
           Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779
           Begins at Sunset

Tuesday:   Patriot Day

Wednesday:  The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday:  St. John Chrysostom

Friday:  The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday:  Our Lady of Sorrow

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God
(Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to
the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute
speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
         Lk 6:20-26
Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13;
        Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
        Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Frank Amorosi    Kenan Kreiner
Mary Bolan       Laura Lareau
John Fehr        Ann McDermtt
Elizabeth Fielder Paulo Molina
Patricia Gaughan Richard Qualters
Elizabeth Gibbon Richard Sullivan

and the deceased of our parish family:
Christine Cunnane
Ima Joe Fox
Virginia Holmes

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.
There's a lot happening this week! Band Registration, our First PTO Meeting, and our Opening School Mass on Friday, September 14 at 10:00am. Check our website for dates and times. Go Rockets!

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

PREP
Parish Religious Education Program
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religioused@saintjamesschool.org
Website Shortcut: j.mp/StJamesPREP
Summer Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 9:30am – 12:00pm or by appointment

General Catechist Meeting—September 11, 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Heller Hall (Door 13)
Our catechists, assistants, office personnel, and staff will officially begin a new catechetical year, gathering for prayer and orientation.

First PREP Class — September 18
Our PREP classes will begin next week, September 18, for all children who were registered by September 7. Registrations received after September 7 will begin class on September 25.

For an important announcement regarding Catechetical Sunday—September 16—please visit: LINK
New Mass of Special Intentions To Be Offered—Starting September 26

Beginning next month, St. James will offer a Mass of Special Intentions at 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday. Our first Mass will be on September 26. Designed to meet the needs of our community, this Mass will provide an opportunity to bring spiritual requests to our parish family. We support one another in prayer as well as fellowship. We will have a book in the main vestibule in which you can add your intention. For more information, contact the rectory at 703-532-8815.

St. James Seniors Ice Cream Social Supper — September 20

Come join the St. James seniors for a salad meal followed by ice cream sundaes on Thursday, September 20, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Heller Hall (Door 13) (Please note that this is a new time for the event). Please bring a hearty salad or brownies and/or cookies to share. Falls Church Police Sergeant James Brooks will speak about potential safety issues and scams in this area targeting seniors. He will also offer suggestions to prevent identity theft. RSVP no later than September 19 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768 or to Cae Gilley at 703-533-3856. Rides are available upon request.

CONNECT Young Professional Community Events

The CONNECT: Young Professionals Community invites you to attend any of the following events during the month of September:

- September 20: Holy Hour, 7:00pm—8:00pm, St. James Catholic Church, followed by social at Northside Social, Falls Church (205 Park Avenue)
- September 22: Trip to Kings Dominion, meet at St. James for Mass at 8:30am, then depart for park.
- September 23: Wine and Cheese Night, 8:00pm—9:00pm, House of Ministries (913 Park Avenue)

For information on the CONNECT Young Professionals Community, or any of their events, please contact Andrew Vivirito at avivirito9@gmail.com.

ESL and Citizenship Classes Forming

For more information on ESL and Citizenship classes which are being offered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, visit: https://bit.ly/2oCrfmS.
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 weekend will be September 9-23 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.

American Heritage Girls Information and Registration Night

September 10

The Saint James American Heritage Girls Troop VA0681 invites all girls ages 5-18 who are interested in joining AHG to our Parent Information and Registration Night in Heller Hall Monday, September 10, 7:00pm-8:30pm. See our flyer for more information about AHG. Contact Robin Yaghmour, Troop Coordinator, at ahgtroopva0681@gmail.com with any questions.

St. James Cub Scout Pack 681 Accepting New Members—Registration on Saturday, September 15

It's a time when all children in Grades 1-5 are invited to join St. James Cub Scout Pack 681 and be a part of the fun, rewards and excitement of Scouting.

Join us for an evening of fun, games, activities, and information. We'll sample a bit of the Scouting Life including Scout crafts and games; a Pinewood Derby Demonstration—bring your old Pinewood Derby Cars; and much, much more!

Just a reminder that all new and returning Scouts should attend. All Scouts must register each year including returning Scouts. If you are new to Scouting, come on by and discover what the fun is all about; if you were a 681 Scout last year, it's time to sign-up again for the upcoming year, update contact information, pay dues, and order T-shirts. Email Andy Newton at sjpack681@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious Illness

A Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious Illness will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia October 5-7. The retreat focuses on the Love of God and the peace and joy the Truth of His Love brings. The retreat begins Friday at 1:30pm and ends on Sunday at 2:30pm. Fr. Bob Cilinski and Fr. Jack O'Hara will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The retreat is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The cost of the retreat is free for all retreatants. If you are facing a serious illness please consider attending! To register for the retreat and for more information, call Catholic Charities at 703 841-3830 or email retreat@ccda.net.
Bible Studies at St. James Starting September 9

Would you like to study the Bible, but don't know how to start? Join a weekly Bible study at St. James in September. We offer studies for men and women, for women only, and for teachers. Times, topics, and start dates are listed below. Don’t see something that works for you? Start your own study group! St. James has over 30 studies to choose from. No experience is necessary, and help is available. For more information on these programs, please contact Jane Harvey at harveyjmc@gmail.com, or at 703-819-5201. To look at the schedule online, visit: https://bit.ly/2MiS6lx

You are Invited to a Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar

This Seminar will discuss the importance of creating and establishing the following:

- **Will** — explains how your estate should be distributed when you die. Without a Will, the state of Virginia will make those decisions and may not be in line with your wishes or the wishes of your family.

- **Trust** — can minimize probate and distributes your assets as you wish. You can name someone to manage your affairs if you become ill or incapacitated.

- **Advance Medical Directive** — an Advance Medical Directive (AMD) is the legal document that makes known what type of health care you would or would not want should you become incapacitated or unable to express these wishes for yourself.

- **Power of Attorney** — the person who is legally responsible to sell property, manage your finances and manage your medical care.

Catholic Social Teaching & Immigration Panel Discussion—September 12

The Diocese of Arlington is hosting a panel discussion on Catholic social teaching as it relates to immigration. The discussion will be held from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on September 12 in the St. Agnes Parish Hall, 1910N. Randolph Street, Arlington. Panelists will be: Rev. Frederick Edlefsen, Pastor, Saint Agnes Catholic Church; Ashley Feasley, Director of Policy, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Jeff Caruso, Executive Director, Virginia Catholic Conference; and Gregory McKinney, Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington. The panel will discuss “...Catholic social teaching and its implications for how we approach immigration and the world refugee crisis. For more information, or to register, visit: https://bit.ly/2PLwKw9

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/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.

PREP Seeks Catechists
THANK YOU so very much to all those parishioners who have so generously volunteered their time and talent to teach and assist in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). If there is anyone who feels they might like to help in any way but has not yet offered, please feel free to do so. We can never have too many volunteers! Every year, family emergencies can develop, and there is always a need for someone to fill in, even if it is temporarily. If you feel that you would like to help out as a catechist, catechist’s assistant, office personnel, safety patrol, or song leader, please do not hesitate to contact Sister Regina at 703-533-1182 ext. 103 or dre@saintjamesschool.org.

RCIA: Volunteers Needed
The RCIA Program as St. James will start on September 10, and we need your help. If you are interested in journeying with those who have sought to deepen their faith in God and learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Fr. Joseph Vu at fathervu@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815. If you are interested in joining the Support Team, or if you have volunteered as a Catechist teaching RCIA before, please do not hesitate to email or call him. Father Vu thanks you for your consideration.

Children’s Choir to Resume Rehearsal on September 13—New Members Welcome
The St. James Parish Children’s Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 13 at 5:30pm in the school music room. The choir will sing at the 9:00am Sunday Mass twice a month. Singers in grades 2-12 are invited to join the choir. Please contact Natalie Keffalas for more information: nkeffalas@saintjamesschool.org.
September Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Universal – Young People in Africa
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, September 9
10:00am—11:30am  Baptism Class  School Library – Door 17
1:30pm—3:30pm  Sunday Bible Study  School Library – Door 17
4:00pm—7:00pm  Hispanic Prayer Group  Heller Hall – Door 13
4:30pm—6:00pm  Hispanic Legion of Mary  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm  Eucharistic Holy Hour  Church

Monday, September 10
3:45pm—5:30pm  Teachers’ Bible Study  School – Room 19
6:30pm—8:30pm  American Heritage Girls Registration Night  Heller Hall – Door 13
7:00pm—9:00pm  Prayer Life Seminar  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
7:30pm—9:00pm  RCIA  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, September 11
6:45pm—8:00pm  Sandwich Night  School Cafeteria – Door 17
7:00pm—9:00pm  General Catechist Meeting  Heller Hall – Door 13
7:30pm—9:00pm  Legion of Mary  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, September 12
9:15am—11:00am  Women’s Bible Study  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
6:30pm—7:30pm  Girl Scout Information Night  Heller Hall – Door 13
7:00pm—9:00pm  Hispanic Catechism  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
7:30pm—9:00pm  Charismatic Prayer Group  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm  PTO Meeting  School Library – Door 17

Thursday, September 13
7:00pm—9:00pm  Social Outreach Ministry Meetings  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm—9:00pm  Women’s Bible Study  School Art Room – Door 17

Friday, September 14
7:00pm—9:00pm  Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
11:15am—12:00pm  Confessions  Church

Saturday, September 15
9:00am—11:00am  Legion of Mary Auxiliary Recognition  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
12:30pm—3:30pm  Hispanic Baptism Seminar  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm—4:30pm  Confession  Church
6:00pm—7:00pm  Join Scouting Night  Heller Hall – Door 13
7:30pm—8:00pm  Confession  Church

Weekly Reflection

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7A; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37
Read the readings:  https://bit.ly/2MBOSuh
Reflection Question: How have your ears been opened to God’s word?