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

Spanish Mass:
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, November 4
Parish Library Open
10:00am – 2:00pm
House of Ministries, 913 Park Ave.

Thursday, November 8
WorkCamp Stakeholders Meeting
7:30pm – 9:30pm, Heller Hall (Door 13)

Friday, November 9
School Early Dismissal, 11:30am

Saturday, November 10
Bereavement Ministry Meeting
8:30am – 10:00am
Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9)

Reflection Question: How have you loved God with all your heart?
Stewardship: Second Collection for the Care of our Retired Religious

The second collection will be for the care of our retired religious. Nationwide, changing demographics, rising costs, and lack of funding are making it increasingly difficult for religious orders to care for those who have given their lives to God. “By 2028 retired religious are projected to outnumber wage earners by more than 3-1,” according to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please consider a donation for their dignified and loving care.
“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!”

Are you listening to me?” These words, spoken by my mother, were often directed towards me as a child and teenager. I’ve heard them occasionally since those times, but only occasionally! In today’s readings, the writer of Deuteronomy shouts to his audience, hear me! Are you listening, Israel?

In the Gospel, Mark writes to a mostly gentile audience suffering persecution. Hunted and hurting, they needed to be reminded not of the futility of their faith, but the largeness of it. They needed to be reminded that “The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” Jesus then adds a twist: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Not just someone in your own family, community or tribe. But everyone.

We’ve seen in Mark’s Gospel examples of singular persons recognizing the divinity of Christ; recognizing Him for who He is, not who they want him to be (Peter), not for their place in His world, (James and John), but as the Messiah whose salvation is for them personally.

Bartimaeus “saw” Jesus through the throngs, and today the “scribe” knows in his heart what Jesus is calling us to do. Beyond the noise of the Pharisees, beyond sacrificial offerings, this one person gets it so clearly that Jesus says to him, ”You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Can you imagine the looks from those around him?

Reading this passage again I was reminded of a scene from the musical, “1776” where amidst the din of arguments about the necessity of having a written declaration, “Thomas Jefferson” standing in quiet dignity answers them with: “To place before mankind the common sense of the subject in terms so plain and firm as to command their assent.”

Jesus does just this. He puts before us the case for our faith. Following these directives, to love God and each other as ourselves, will put us on the right path to salvation.

As I write this, news of the horrible tragedy in Pittsburgh fills the airwaves. Our brothers and sisters suffered and died because of their faith. It is important for us to remember that Jesus was a Jewish male, sent by God to fulfill the law. The Jewish morning and evening prayers begin with the words from our first reading: “Hear O Israel, The Lord God is Lord alone.” Our commandments were given to us by Moses. Let us pray for all those in the Tree of Life community, and all those persecuted for their faith. Let us not fall victim to historical mistakes; let us be the scribe who understands and is “not far from the kingdom of God.”

Weekly Prayer Intentions

As you pray this week, please include these intentions:

November 4: Engaged Couples
November 5: Our Homebound Parishioners
November 6: Our Volunteers
November 7: Our School Families

November 8: Father Thompson
November 9: Our PREP Families
November 10: Sister Regina, IHM
This Week's Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocations Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Times Ends

**Friday:** Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**Saturday:** St. Leo the Great

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**Gospel** — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:6b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

**Remember in Your Prayers...**

**the sick of our parish family:**

Frank Amorosi  
Ann McDermott  
Joan Bellwoar  
Mary Remshard  
Janice Chory  
Brian Vibert  
Patricia Gaughan  
Jeannie Hunt

**and the deceased of our parish family:**

Cuc Bui  
David R. Oglesby  
Mary Alice Dougherty  
Rita Roszel

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.

Pray for Those Serving Our Country

Mass Intentions for the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

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5:00 p.m.  Thanksgiving

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9:00 a.m.  +Donald Robert Penland  
10:30 a.m.  +Myrtle D’Isa  
Noon  +Aldo D’Ermes  
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**Monday, November 5**

6:30 a.m.  +Carol Tuttle  
8:30 a.m.  +Virginia Dawdy  
Noon  +Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, November 6**

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8:30 a.m.  +Molly Moriarty  
Noon  +James McGlone

**Wednesday, November 7**

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Noon  +Lorenza Abrahano

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Get Ready to Ignite the World with God’s Love!

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Sunday, November 11th: 10am–Noon
Tuesday, November 13th: 9:00–11:00am

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religiouslyed@saintjamesschool.org
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St. James American Heritage Girls Troop VA0681 will be participating in a service project with Wreaths Across America which involves selling wreaths to be placed on the graves of our country’s veterans this Christmas season at both Arlington National Cemetery and at the US Soldiers’ & Airmen’s Home National Cemetery.

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and thanking our veterans for their service and sacrifice by continuing and expanding the annual wreath-laying event started at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992 and now performed at cemeteries across the country.

If you would like to show your appreciation and support for our American Veterans in this way, please consider sponsoring one or more wreaths. The St. James American Heritage Girls Troop will be placing these wreaths on grave markers of veterans at the US Soldiers’ & Airmen’s Home National Cemetery in Washington DC on December 15th.

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Wreath Sponsorship Form
American Heritage Girls Troop VA0681

To donate a wreath, please fill out this form, include a check made payable to Wreaths Across America, and return to our Troop in one of three ways: (1) Drop off at one of the American Heritage Girls tables outside of church after Mass the weekend of November 10-11; (2) Place in the church offertory basket; or (3) Drop off at the Rectory. Orders can also be placed online at the following link: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/vao027p

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Prospective Teacher Information Sessions Hosted by Arlington Diocese

Come Join Us! Sessions for individuals interested in teaching in the Diocese of Arlington are being offered on these dates: Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas Moore Cathedral School in Arlington; Thursday, November 15, at 1:00pm at All Saints School in Manassas; and Friday, November 16, at 1:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi School in Triangle. Please register in advance for a session, by sending an email to janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org, with your name, email address, and the sessions you plan on attending.

Sisters Night at St. James Convent — Friday, November 9 at 6:00pm

The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of St. James Convent would like to invite young women in high school and college for a night of prayer, food, and games. Come and have fun with the Sisters from 6:00pm — 9:00pm.

The St. James Convent is located next to the Church at 101 N. Spring Street in Falls Church. If interested please email Sister Melissa by November 2 at sistermelissa@saintjamesschool.org.

Year-End Giving Opportunities

Tax Savings Through a Gift of Stock

Consider a gift of stock as a donation to our parish or school. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call (703) 841- 3896 or visit: https://bit.ly/2OL7sRM.

Make a Gift through a Tax-Free IRA Gift

Why is this important? This provision allows individuals age 70½ or older to make tax-free gifts from an IRA directly to a parish, school, or the Diocese. To complete an IRA Charitable Rollover for 2018 please contact your IRA provider for exact instructions. Such gifts usually take a few weeks to transact.

Calling All Alumni, Parents, Grandparents & Friends of Saint James School!

Show Your Rocket Pride!

Consider placing one of our Open House signs in your yard. Stop by the rectory to get one for your home (or office)! Contact Chris Hughes at advancement@stjamescatholic.org or 703-532-8815 or Kathleen Stirling at kstirling@saintjamesschool.org or 703-533-1182
Pro-Life Ministry Update

The fall 40 Days for Life campaign (www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch) is underway. For 40 days and nights, people of faith and conscience will stand in constant, peaceful vigil outside hundreds of abortion facilities around the United States. This campaign is the single most important thing we can do: PRAY. So far during this campaign, at least 215 lives have been saved, two abortion employees have quit, and two abortion facilities have closed. St. James parish has committed to covering shifts each Wednesday from 7:00am – 9:00pm; join when you can at the Falls Church abortion facility (900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church).

Alert—Changes Affecting Parking and Traffic around St. James Church

As many of you know, the City of Falls Church has approved construction of the Founders Row development, which will include 93,000 square feet of retail space and 400 apartments. Founders Row will occupy the entire space adjacent to the St. James Convent field and House of Ministries, bordered by Broad Street, West Street, and Park Avenue. Construction is expected to begin this fall or winter and take three years to complete, bringing the local traffic disruptions one would expect from such a massive project. To encourage Founders Row customers to park in the development’s parking garage, the City is implementing permanent parking restrictions on Park Avenue between West Street and Spring Street. The Church side of Park Avenue will be restricted to two-hour parking; the residential side of Park Avenue will be restricted to resident-only parking. If you have been parking on the residential side of Park Avenue to attend Mass and other events at St. James, now is a good time to change your parking habits. To avoid the expected construction-related traffic disruptions and the new parking restrictions, remember that you may park in any of our parking lots: at Park & Spring Streets (A Lot); at Park & Oak Streets (B Lot); and in the Teacher’s Lot (C Lot) off of Broad Street. All three lots are a city block or more away from the construction site.

St. James Youth Ministry

2019 WorkCamp Registration Open

Any student currently in grades 9-12 is welcome to sign up for WorkCamp that will be held June 22-28, 2019. Participation includes four mandatory preparation meetings held from January-May, plus other optional events, in addition to the actual week of WorkCamp. For more information about WorkCamp, and to watch a video about the program’s impact, please visit the Arlington Diocese Website, https://bit.ly/2ONDgFU, and send an email to Karen Graffam at klgraffam@gmail.com. All participants must sign up by December 19, so even if you are just thinking about it, send a note to Karen.

Save the Date!

Our 2nd Annual St. James Country Christmas will be on Saturday, December 8, from 6:00pm—8:00pm. See you there!
November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Universal – In Service of Peace
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, November 4
10:00am – 2:00pm  St. James Parish Library Open  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
11:30am – 2:15pm  Hispanic RCIA  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm – 2:15pm  Hispanic PREP  School – Door 16
1:30pm – 3:30pm  Bible Study  School Library – Door 17
4:00pm – 7:00pm  Grupo de Oracion Emmanuel  Heller Hall – Door 13
4:30pm – 6:00pm  Hispanic Legion of Mary  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
5:00pm – 6:00pm  Holy Hour  Church

Monday, November 5
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Hogar English Classes  School – Door 16
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Pray and Life Seminar  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue
7:30pm – 9:00pm  RCIA  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, November 6 – Election Day
4:45pm – 6:15pm  Catechist Meeting  Room 17
7:00pm – 8:30pm  Catechist Meeting  Room 17
7:30pm – 9:00pm  Charismatic Prayer Group  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Wednesday, November 7
9:15am – 11:00am  Scripture Study – Women  Knecht Meeting Room – Doors 8 & 9
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7:00pm – 9:00pm  Hogar English Classes  School – Door 16
7:30pm – 9:00pm  Charismatic Prayer Group  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, November 8
9:30am – 11:30am  Bible Study  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Women’s Bible Study  Art Room – Door 17
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Social Outreach Committee Meeting  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm – 9:30pm  WorkCamp Stakeholders Meeting  Heller Hall – Door 13
8:00pm – 9:00pm  CONNECT Night – Power and Grace  School Library – Door 17

Friday, November 9 – School Early Dismissal at 11:30am
11:15am – 12:00pm  Confessions  Church
7:00pm – 9:00pm  Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

Saturday, November 10
8:30am – 10:00am  Bereavement Ministry Meeting  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
5:30pm – 9:30pm  Grupo Santiago Apostol Prayer Group  Heller Hall – Door 13
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Weekly Reflection

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:298B-34


Reflection Question: How have you loved God with all your heart?
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