Reflection: How do you plan to be in your Father’s house this year?
Stewardship: Year End Giving Opportunities

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Via website form posted under Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.
Families are interesting things. Large or small, one parent or two, they are our introduction to community. How that community interacts with one other (or doesn’t) can often play out in ways great and small over generations. Even as we learn elemental things like walking and talking, we are learning about sacrifice, patience, compassion, mercy, forgiveness and unconditional love. We reenact the great story of salvation: Christ’s birth; His earthly mission, death, and Resurrection echo in our homes. How we experience these aspects of love (or sadly how we don’t experience them) are reflected in how we relate to those around us.

It is no secret that while I recognize God’s creative mastery in animals, that doesn’t necessarily mean I want to have any of my own. So when I arrived at my brother’s house a few weeks ago to spend time with my siblings and their families, imagine my surprise when I was greeted by a large, very large, Saint Bernard. Then another dog. And another. And another. It was like Noah’s Ark. Six dogs of various sizes and breeds which all wanted to say hello. My first instinct was, honestly, to run, or to all of a sudden remember I had made hotel reservations.

But of course, I stayed. Because it was my siblings I wanted to see; it was my family with whom I wanted to spend time because we don’t get to see each other enough. And that’s worth a little dog hair, or, more accurately, a LOT of dog hair.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we listen as the Scripture writers encourage us to live peaceably with one another; to honor our parents; to show love and “let the peace of Christ control your hearts.” That is most certainly easier said than done. We argue; we lose patience; sometimes we say or do hurtful things. We test those limits of love, and sometimes even those limits are breached. Sometimes the story of the Prodigal Son doesn’t end as well in our own lives.

But I ask you, as we close out one year and prepare to start another, to seek, and to give, the mercy our Lord offers us. As imperfect as we are, God still loves us and wants only what is best for us. And if we, with all our imperfections, can still be lovable, can we not offer that chance to others who may seem (or who have seemed for years) to be unlovable? Can we try, for the umpteenth time in many cases, to mend that breach? So too, can we honor and foster those loving relationships we have so as to not take them for granted?

On behalf of my brother priests, our IHM sisters, deacons, faculty, and staff we wish you a New Year of peace. God bless.

~ Fr. Posey
Mass Intentions for the Week Before Epiphany

Saturday, December 29
5:00 p.m. +Carmine F. and Rose Marie Mattiello

Sunday, December 30
7:30 a.m. +James Fauntleroy
9:00 a.m. People of St. James
10:30 a.m. +Rufino and Rosalina Llavore
Noon +Carol Kapitan
2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. +C. Anders

Monday, December 31 (New Year’s Eve)
6:30 a.m. +Souls in Purgatory
8:30 a.m. +Francisco Xavier Le-van-Truyen and Anna Nguyen-thi-Thua
Noon +Souls in Purgatory
7:30 p.m. Special Intention for the John Duatschek Family

Tuesday, January 1 (New Year’s Day)
6:30 a.m. +Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso
8:30 a.m. +Ramiro and Flora Lopez
Noon +James Buckley
2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory
7:30 p.m. +Courtney Michele Vinci

Wednesday, January 2
6:30 a.m. +Dr. Peter V. and Mary A. Caruso
8:30 a.m. +Bill Olcheski
Noon +Lt. William Ryan

Thursday, January 3
6:30 a.m. +Gerald Brown
8:30 a.m. +Mary Mimnagh
Noon +Varghese Pottanat

Friday, January 4
6:30 a.m. +June Jennings
8:30 a.m. +John Hood
Noon +Bridget Catherine Coneys

Saturday, January 5
8:30 a.m. +Henry and Eleanor DeBuck
5:00 p.m. +Margaret Stepro

Sunday, January 6
7:30 a.m. +Mary Louise Clemens
9:00 a.m. +Theodore Vanasse
10:30 a.m. +Samuel Echalar
Noon The Cotter Family
2:30 p.m. People of St. James
7:00 p.m. Butkai Family

This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I: New Year’s Eve

Tuesday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year’s Day

Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday

Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or Psalm 128.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

Frank Amorosi
Janice Chory
Joseph Claffy
Ernestine Elguera
Dorra Dee Estes
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Patricia Gaughan
Jose Mario Gerez

Jeannie Hunt
Joan La Rocca
Laura Lareau
Ann McDermott
Conley Rohall
Anne Rohall-Andrade
Ann Smith

and the deceased of our parish family:

Kenneth Olson

Please see the bottom of Page Seven for the list of those serving our country who need our prayers.
“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”
— James 1:22

Scenes from our 2018 Christmas Pageants. We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas!

It’s not too late to take advantage of tax benefits for the 2018 calendar year. Please consider adding Saint James School to your charitable causes. Help her story continue and those of all our Rockets. Make your gift online at faithdirect.net or you can text-to-give at 703-584-7023. Thank you!

From the Sisters, faculty, and staff we wish you a Happy New Year!
As you pray in 2019, please include prayers for the souls of the members of the St. James community who passed in 2018, that they may come to eternal life with Christ.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.
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 Van Sanford. Please send names to bulletin@stjamescatholic.org, and let us know when your loved ones return home.

Rectory Office Hours During the New Year’s Holiday

The Rectory Offices will maintain the following hours over the New Year’s holiday, but will be operating with limited staff on January 2nd.

Monday, December 31 (New Year’s Eve): Open 9:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday, January 1: (New Year’s Day): Closed
Wednesday, January 2: Open 9:00am – 5:00pm (Limited Staff)
Thursday, January 3: Resumption of normal operating hours

If you have an urgent spiritual need during the times when the Office is not open, do not hesitate to call our emergency line at 703-336-3336.

January 1, The Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God - A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. St. James will be celebrating Masses on the following schedule:

New Year’s Eve (December 31)
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
7:30pm

New Year’s Day (January 1, 2019)
The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, and 2:30pm (Misa en Español), and 7:30pm

March for Life 2019 – Friday, January 18

This year’s March for Life, the largest pro-life event in our nation, will be held on Friday, January 18, in downtown Washington, D.C. We hope that each of you will find time to advocate for the unborn by taking part. Look for announcements from our Pro-Life Group in the weeks ahead telling you how you can get involved in this vital cause.
On Friday, January 18, 2019, students from Bishop O'Connell High School will march in the annual March for Life in downtown Washington, D.C., supporting the sacredness of human life. If you are unable to join them in this year’s March for Life, the Bishop O’Connell Parent Teacher Organization Spiritual Life Committee and the student Pro-Life Club have developed a unique program called “March for Me,” where an O’Connell student will march representing you. Students will be available after all Masses on the weekend of January 12-13 to help you sign-up for the "March for Me" program. Thank you for supporting and encouraging Bishop O’Connell students to march for life!

Other important dates are: Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 6; Palm Sunday, April 14; Holy Thursday, April 18; Good Friday, April 19; the Feast Day of St. James on Thursday, July 25; our annual Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 2; and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12.

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas! Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Hi, I am Duane Hyland, Director of Communications for St. James. On behalf of Father Posey, and the Rectory Staff, I wanted to let you know that on January 6 a very important survey will be in the bulletin and online. This will be our inaugural Parish Communications Survey. While we have many ways of getting the news about all the great things going on at St. James out to you—our website, our Facebook page, our Twitter account, our Church digital displays, and our Parish news emails—we don’t know what is effective and what isn’t. This survey will allow you to tell us what works, what doesn’t work, what should stay intact, and what we need to change so that we better meet your needs. Completing the survey should take less than ten minutes and your answers are extremely important and we anxiously await them. Thank you for taking the time to help us serve you better.
Scenes From Around St. James in 2018

Check Our Facebook Page for More!

New Memories Ahead in 2019!
**January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis**

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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**This Week in Our Parish**

**Sunday, December 30**
- 3:45pm – 6:00pm: Grupo de Oracion Emmanuel
  Heller Hall – Door 13
- 4:30pm – 6:00pm: Hispanic Legion of Mary
  House of Ministries – 913 Park Avenue

**Monday, December 31 – Rectory Offices Open, 9:00am – 5:00pm, Vigil of the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation). See Mass Schedule on Page 7**

**Tuesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day, Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation). See Mass Schedule on Page 7, Rectory Offices Closed**

**Wednesday, January 2 – Rectory Offices Open 9:00am – 5:00pm, Limited Staff**

**Thursday, January 3 – Rectory Offices Resume Normal Operating Hours and Staffing, School Resumes**
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm: Women’s Bible Study
  School Art Room – Door 17
- 7:30pm – 9:30pm: Pro-Life Meeting
  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

**Friday, January 4 – First Friday**
- 9:00am – 11:45am: Eucharistic Adoration
  Church
- 11:15am – 11:45am: Confessions
  Church
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm: Middle School Fusion
  Knecht Gymnasium
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm: Food Distribution
  Heller Hall – Door 13
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm: Grupo Santigo Apostol Bible Study
  Knecht Conference Room – Doors 8 & 9

**Saturday, January 5**
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm: Confessions
  Church
- 5:30pm – 9:00pm: Grupo Santiago Apostol
  Heller Hall
- 7:30pm – 8:30pm: Confessions
  Church

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**Weekly Reflection**

**Readings:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; or Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Colossians 3:12-21 or Colossians 3:12-17; or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52


**Reflection Question:** How do you plan to be in your Father’s house this year?

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