Reflection: How are you on fire for the Lord?
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Via website form posted under Events/Bulletin/Bulletin Submissions.
"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

Wouldn’t it be nice if God gave us answers to our deepest questions as clearly as he did to the Jews gathered in today’s Gospel? Wouldn’t that sort of clarity be terrific? Here’s Jesus; He’s the one you should follow. Like a giant "You Are Here" arrow, the readings reflect where many of us are... waiting, searching for something or someone to be the solution.

Our Lord, they say, works in mysterious ways. Sometimes it is a single moment in time where God speaks to you; where you are keenly aware of His presence and feel this tremendous metanoia, this change of heart. Like Saul on the proverbial road, a path opens, upending everything we once thought of ourselves and our purpose. Like Scrooge on a cold Christmas Eve. This call from God is loud, direct and unmistakable. Of course, we can get up off the road, dust ourselves off and continue the way we were headed; we can turn over and lament the dreams as a “bit of bad potato.” But the pull is so profound it cannot be denied or ignored.

Or the moment comes over time; years or decades even. You may feel God trying to call you, but the noise of your life drowns Him out. You may feel a sudden urge to attend Mass or go to Confession, but the feelings of peace leave too quickly. But still, God calls you; and not necessarily in times of crisis or drama. He can enter your heart slowly through interactions with people or perhaps a book (or better still) a Scripture passage that finally clicks, that finally speaks to your soul as well as your mind.

I ask you then to be open to the ways God calls you to Him; or, to how you may echo that call and bring others to Him. A friend told me of a sermon where she heard the priest quote from the Song of Songs: “When I found him whom my soul loves, I held him and would not let him go.” I pray that however you experience Christ, you hold fast to Him, for He assuredly will never let you go.

This week many of our parishioners will once again march in support of the dignity of life. Let us pray for them and all who work to promote the dignity of each person throughout their lives as children of God.

~ Fr. Posey
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.

Mass Intentions for The Baptism of Our Lord
Saturday, January 12
5:00 p.m.  +Charles Scellato

Sunday, January 13
7:30 a.m.  +Anna and Jerry Mazor
9:00 a.m.  +Zacharia T. Coipuram
10:30 a.m. +Patricia Gorman
Noon  +Martha Cash
2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m.  People of St. James

Monday, January 14
6:30 a.m.  +Luetta O’Connor
8:30 a.m.  +Lora Caputy
Noon  +Marc Gonzalez

Tuesday, January 15
6:30 a.m.  +The Deceased Members of the Jennings Family
8:30 a.m.  St. James American Heritage Girls Troop
Noon  +CMDR. Robert Goodwin

Wednesday, January 16
6:30 a.m.  +John O. Duvall, Jr.
8:30 a.m.  +Sister Melissa Mastrangelo
Noon  +Marc Gonzalez

Thursday, January 17
6:30 a.m.  +Zachary Taylor
8:30 a.m.  +Rosemary and Bill Olcheski
Noon  +Marc Gonzalez

Friday, January 18
6:30 a.m.  +Richard Qualters
8:30 a.m.  +Ann O’Hara
Noon  +Mark Gonzalez

Saturday, January 19
8:30 a.m.  Joan Bellwoar
5:00 p.m.  +Donald R. Penland

Sunday, January 20
7:30 a.m.  Jane Checkan
9:00 a.m.  Karen Freschi
10:30 a.m. +Emmette and Mary Ann Beauchamp
Noon Living and Deceased Members of the Kopinski Family
2:30 p.m. +Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. People of St. James

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.

This Week’s Saints and Special Observances
Sunday:  The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:  First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday:  St. Anthony
Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

Today’s Readings
First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.
PSalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.
Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:1-14; 3:4-7.
Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).
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Readings for the Week
Monday:  Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:  Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:  Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:  Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:  Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:  Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Remember in Your Prayers...
the sick of our parish family:
Frank Amorosi  Anne Rohall-Andrade
Patricia Gaughan  Ann Smith
Leonard Gilleo
Joan La Rocca
Laura Lareau
Ann McDermott
Henrietta Panlilio
Conley Rohall
Bui Tran

and the deceased of our parish family:
Joseph Claffy
Jose Mario Gerez
Bui Tran
Catholic Schools Week is coming soon: January 27 through February 1

SAVE THE DATES for our Open Houses

Sunday, January 27 from 10:00am-12:00pm (Join us for Mass at 9:00am)
Tuesday, January 29 from 9:00-11:00am

Tours are also available upon request.
Parish Communications Survey — Please Return by January 31

Hi, I’m Duane Hyland, the Director of Communications here at St. James. I hope you can take a few minutes, between today and January 31, to complete this survey and return it to the designated baskets in the Church, or visit: https://bit.ly/2Q6KArR, and fill it out online. Your answers will help us improve how we get news out to you. Thank you for your help!

1. The Church currently uses several communication platforms to get news out to the Parish community. Please circle the ones you find most useful to you:
   A. St. James weekly Bulletin
   B. St. James Website
   C. Church Electronic Signs
   D. St. James Facebook Page
   E. St. James Twitter Announcements
   F. Monthly Electronic Newsletter
   G. Mailings
   H. Pulpit Announcements
   I. Word-of-Mouth
   J. News from my Ministry Lead

2. How often do you visit the St. James Website?
   A. Daily
   B. 2-3 times a week
   C. 4-6 times a week
   D. Less than once a week
   E. We have a Website?

3. How often do you visit the St. James Facebook Page?
   A. Daily
   B. 2-3 times a week
   C. 4-6 times a week
   D. Less than once a week
   E. We have a Facebook Page?

4. How often do you check the St. James Twitter stream?
   A. Daily
   B. 2-3 times a week
   C. 4-6 times a week
   D. Less than once a week
   E. We Tweet?

5. How often do you read our Electronic Newsletter?
   A. Every time I receive one
   B. At least once a month
   C. Infrequently
   D. Never
   E. We have an Electronic Newsletter?

6. What information is most valuable to you? Circle as many as apply:
   A. Mass and Confession times
   B. Parish news and events
   C. Prayer Intentions
   D. Parish history
   E. St. James School news
   F. Stewardship information
   G. Diocesan news and events
   H. Faith formation events and activities
   I. Ministry news and events

7. If you could change three things about the weekly Bulletin, what would they be?

8. What additions, if any, would you like to see made to the website in the coming year?
Unable to Join the St. James Group at the March for Life? The Sign Up For Bishop O’Connell’s “March for Me” Program

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 this weekend 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!

St. James Marches for Life on January 18 — Join Us and Stand For Life

Join your fellow parishioners marching behind the St. James Pro-Life banner at the 46th annual March for Life on Friday, January 18. St. James will have a bus taking us to and from the march. The bus departs St. James at 10:45am and returns at 4:30pm. To reserve space on the bus, please sign the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or email stjameslife@gmail.com. The bus will begin boarding at 10:30am. We recommend bringing a bag lunch and water. We'll be walking about 3 miles, in addition to standing for about an hour during the opening rally. Please try to wear something red to help us stay together. If you have any questions, please contact Rich Hunter at 703-241-1424 or stjameslife@gmail.com. The theme for the 2019 march is “Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science.”

Arlington Diocese 2019 Men’s Conference Saturday, March 9

The Diocese of Arlington will hold its annual Men’s Conference on Saturday, March 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. The theme of this year’s conference is, “Power Within: The Secret Strength of a Deeper Interior Life.” The Conference’s speakers will be: Matt Birk, former center for the Baltimore Ravens and co-author of “All-Pro Wisdom: The 7 Choices That Lead to Greatness”; and, Fr. Donald Haggerty, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and author of many books on the spiritual life such as “Contemplative Hunger, Contemplative Provocations and Conversion: Spiritual Insights Into an Essential Encounter with God.” Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will celebrate the Conference’s Mass. The registration fee for the Conference is $55 through February 1, and $65 after. To register, visit https://bit.ly/2GTeyQE.

The St. Therese Society of the Diocese of Arlington Invites You to a “Morning of Reflection” on Saturday, February 2

The St. Therese Society of the Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in its “Morning of Reflection” event on Saturday, February 2, at St. Rita’s Catholic Church, 3815 Russell Road, Alexandria. The event will also offer a Mass and a Holy Hour. To register for this free event by January 25, contact the Arlington Diocese’s Office of Vocations at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or by calling (703) 841-2514.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends—2019

May the peace of Christ be with you! Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on March 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, and September 20-22, 2019 in Herndon. 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.

Save the Date for the Catholic Charities Ball—February 22, 2019

His Excellency Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge and the Catholic Charities Ball Committee cordially invite you to the Catholic Charities Ball, on Friday, February 22, 2019, at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons’ Corners. Come and enjoy a night of delicious food, dancing, and learning about the great works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese! Reserve tickets at www.cccda.net/ball.

Mass in Recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Diocese of Arlington is celebrating an 11:00am Mass this Sunday, January 13, in recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Mass will be said at the Cathedral of St. Thomas Moore, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Music for the Mass will be provided by The St. Joseph Gospel Choir of Alexandria. A reception will follow in Burke Hall.

Diocese of Arlington Celebrating “World Marriage Sunday” On February 9

All married couples and families are invited to St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Avenue, Reston, at 6:30pm, Saturday, February 9, for a Mass celebrating World Marriage Sunday. To register, visit https://bit.ly/2E0vwd3.

St. James Seniors’ Pizza Party—January 17

St. James Seniors are invited to a pizza party on Thursday, January 17 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in Heller Hall. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Please bring a package of baby diapers that will be donated to HOPE to support women having a baby.

Donna Spann will speak about decluttering your home, and simple ways to improve your health and wellness. Why not "right size" your house now and store up happy memories rather than "stuff?"

RSVP by January 15 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-244-2610 or Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845. Rides are available upon request. If school is closed for increment weather, this event will be cancelled.
New Year Bringing New Parking Changes Around St. James

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 has begun and is expected to 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 limited 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.

52 Days Until Ash Wednesday.
It’s never too early to start thinking about how to have a holy and meaningful Lent.
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.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 13
10:15am—11:15am Baptism Class
11:30am—2:15pm Hispanic RCIA
1:00pm—2:15pm Hispanic PREP
1:30pm—3:30pm Bible Study
4:30pm—6:00pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

School Library — Door 17
Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
School — Door 16
School Library — Door 16

Monday, January 14
7:30pm—9:00pm RCIA
Knecht Conference Room — Doos 8 & 9

Tuesday, January 15
4:45pm & 7:00pm PREP
School — Door 16
7:00pm—8:30pm High School PREP
School Library — Door 16
7:00pm—9:15pm Legion of Mary
House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, January 16
9:15am—11:15am Women’s Bible Study
Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
9:15am—11:15am Women’s Bible Study
Knecht Meeting Room — Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group
Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, January 17
9:30am—11:30am Bible Study
Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
5:30pm—7:30pm St. James Seniors
Heller Hall — Door 13
7:00pm—9:00pm Women’s Bible Study
School Art Room — Door 17
7:30pm—9:00pm CONNECT Young Professionals Group
House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

Friday, January 18 — March for Life, See Page Seven for Details
7:00pm—9:00pm Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study
Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:30pm St. James Men’s Group
House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

Saturday, January 19
12:30pm — 3:30pm Hispanic Baptism Seminar
Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm—4:30pm Confessions
Church
5:30pm—9:00pm Grupo de Oración Santiago Apostol
7:30pm—8:30pm Confessions
Church

Weekly Reflection


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