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

Reflection: How have you loved those who persecuted you?
Stewardship

The 2019 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is next weekend. Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. This important effort is a means by which we work together by sharing the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our parish goal is $315,000 and 100% participation. Please join us to continue God’s work of spirituality, education and charity in our diocese through this appeal!
Thank you for your continued support.
There is a lot of material in today’s readings. From Samuel and Saint Paul, we see that Jesus is the New Adam, chosen by God to lead His people. But, just as David was a different kind of leader, Jesus is like nothing people have ever seen.

He is a radical. He challenges the status quo. He dares to be different and dares us to cast our own nets of mercy wide. The last three weeks we’ve seen these revolutionary ideas take shape: His call to leave everything behind and follow Him; His focus on the poor and disenfranchised; and now, perhaps His greatest and most profound teaching, to love our enemies and treat others as we would want to be treated. That’s absurd! Why would I love those who hurt me? Why would I lend money to someone I know who won’t repay it? How can I NOT judge others? What’s the point of our judicial system?

These ideas are different twists to the Ten Commandments, Jesus as the New Moses wants us not only to love God above all things but to love our neighbor. I would guess that for most of us it’s pretty easy to follow the letter of the commandments. I’m not going to steal; I certainly wouldn’t kill anyone. But to turn my cheek to those who judge me harshly? To give without any thought of reciprocity?

That is exactly what we are all called to do, though it is not always easy. It is incredibly difficult at times, but not impossible with God’s grace. This is not to say that we should miraculously love those who’ve hurt us deeply; but, rather that we should move past the hurt. Nor does it mean that anything goes because who can judge? It means that we cannot and should not become hypocrites: pretending friendship while we gossip behind another’s back; posting caustic comments on social media while we engage in similar behavior, etc..

The Rev. Martin Luther King spoke of loving “all men because God loves them.” He goes on to say something even more powerful; that “[L]ove has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals.” I pray we can all have such redemption in our lives.

In recent days we have seen our diocese release the names of priests credibly accused of sexual abuse and/or misconduct. This is a case not only of right judgment according to God’s law, but also of the absolute need for transformation. We have before us examples where transparency, charity, and healing were lacking; and so we must call for change. We must continue to seek justice, demand accountability, pray for forgiveness and work for a renewed commitment to protect the dignity of the individual. This we can and must do together. For more information on the diocese’s response, please go to: https://bit.ly/2SBO0xR and from the Bishop: https://bit.ly/2tpsuYY.

On the following page you will find a letter detailing our own efforts at Saint James to ensure the protection and security of all who come here, especially our youth. It is signed by our Principal, Director of Religious Education and those lead volunteers who work for an advocate for the youth of our parish. I thank each of them for their dedication and commitment.

~ Fr. Posey
February, 2019

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

In recent days, the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond have published a report detailing an account of clerical abuse in our localities. This scandal is incredibly painful for all concerned. We must seek accountability and atonement; and we must continue to pray for the victims and their families. So too, we must pray for our Church, that we remain open to God’s grace, seek His mercy and be guided by His commandments.

Ensuring the safety of our parish family, and all who visit Saint James, has been, and continues to be, an important focus of my ministry here. To that end, Saint James has the following measures in place to ensure the security and welfare of every individual:

We require all Priests, Deacons, Sisters, employees, and those volunteers who have substantial contact with children to:

- Attend an educational program (VIRTUS) which includes methods of recognizing and preventing child abuse and sexual misconduct involving children and others.
- Undergo a background and reference checks.
- Review and sign the Code of Conduct for Personnel and Volunteers in the Diocese of Arlington which clearly states the guidelines in place to protect children and young people.
- Review and sign the Diocese of Arlington’s Policy on the Protection of Children/Young People and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and/or Child Abuse. This document covers how and what to report, if abuse is suspected. Please see www.arlingtondiocese.org to view documents.
- Have (2) adults present when meeting with a minor.
- We have also incorporated security investments (cameras, etc.) throughout campus.

For more information on the diocesan response, please go to: https://bit.ly/2HtWKfo. I am grateful to those who work to share God’s message; and I am especially grateful for the undersigned who partner with me to inspire new generations of faithful Catholics. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. May God continue to bless you and our beautiful parish.

Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F.  
Pastor

Sister Mary Sue Carwile, IHM  
Principal

Sister Regina Rosarii, IHM  
Director, Religious Education

Dawn Behrens  
PTO President

Jerry Garren  
CYO Coordinator

Kevin Coleman  
Scouts BSA Troop 681 Scoutmaster

Robin Yaghmour  
American Heritage Girls
Troop Coordinator

Kelli Edwards  
AHG Troop Leader

Jason Brost  
Cub Scout Pack 681 Cubmaster
Mass Intentions for the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 23
5:00 p.m.  +Brian Bulger

Sunday, February 24
7:30 a.m.  Ntengwe Bagenda Family
9:00 a.m.  Vanda and Jonas Butkai
10:30 a.m.  +Antonio Ricci
Noon  +Ms. Annie F. Battle
2:30 p.m.  People of St. James
7:00 p.m.  +JoAnn Viscido

Monday, February 25
6:30 a.m.  +Martin and Eugenia Urmeneta
8:30 a.m.  +Luis Guinot
Noon  +Robert Joseph Burke, Sr.

Tuesday, February 26
6:30 a.m.  +Alejandra Zulueta
8:30 a.m.  +James W. Burke, Jr.
Noon  +Marie Louise Chang

Wednesday, February 27
6:30 a.m.  +Eric Tuttle
8:30 a.m.  +Eric Tuttle
Noon  +Esther Arevalo

Thursday, February 28
6:30 a.m.  +Patricio Yangdond Son
8:30 a.m.  +Ed Scheid and Suzann Scheid Southworth
Noon  +Rev. John Kurtzke, Jr., CSC

Friday, March 1
6:30 a.m.  +Souls in Purgatory
8:30 a.m.  +Angel Zulueta
Noon  +Jerome Borjal

Saturday, March 2
8:30 a.m.  +Elise Dunn
5:00 p.m.  +Oscar Pedrozo

Sunday, March 3
7:30 a.m.  Jeannie Marie Hunt
9:00 a.m.  People of St. James
10:30 a.m.  +Jeffrey John Bernardone
Noon  +Teresa and Andrew Kopinski
+Charles Kopinski
2:30 p.m.  +Maria Vargas de Torres and Betzabe Chavez de Torres
7:00 p.m.  +Kate O’Bierne

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.

This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Today’s Readings

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).
Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).


Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:  Sir 2:1-11;
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19;
Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175;
Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;
Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18;
Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Dorothy Hannon  Conley Rohall
Diane Hixson  Robyn Stewart
Ann McDermott  Anne Willis

and the deceased of our parish family:
Leonard Gilleo
John William Howard
Amelia Keary

Lord, Hear Our Prayers.
We want to congratulate parishioner (and daughter of our own Facilities Director Vince) Elizabeth Dufrane for scoring her 1,000th -- you read that correctly -- 1000th point for the McLean’s Girls Varsity Basketball team. Elizabeth, a former Rocket, was a regular in our CYO league and we couldn't be prouder of her! She is now the all-time lead scorer for McLean.

On Friday, February 15th McLean High School won the District Championship for the first time since 1977!

We love how she’s still wearing ROCKET RED!!!
New Parking Rules Taking Effect, Enforcement Expected to Begin Around March 1

The long-awaited parking changes, due to the construction of the Founders Row complex, are here! The City of Falls Church has placed signs on North Spring Street and the Church side of Park Avenue limiting parking to a maximum of two hours per vehicle. Parking on the residential side of Park Avenue will be by permit only. Enforcement of these new rules is anticipated to begin around Friday, March 1. To avoid any difficulties that the new parking rules might pose as you attend Mass or other events at St. James, we urge you to make use of one of our own 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, and parking in these lots assures you of a worry-free, and most importantly, ticket-free, parking experience. We thank you for your understanding and your efforts to ensure that St. James remains a good neighbor within the City of Falls Church.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Before and After Mass – Support our Girl Scouts!

The Girl Scouts of St. James will be selling Girl Scout Cookies before and after all Masses this weekend and March 2 and 3.

Cookies available at the sale will be the: Do Si Dos, Girl Scout S’more, Samoas, Savannah Smiles, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Toffee Tastic, and Trefoils brands. Boxes will be priced at $4.00 and $5.00, depending on the cookie type. Be sure to buy some pre-Lenten treats and support our Girl Scouts and all they do for the St. James community!

Catholic Daughters of America Showing The Movie – “Gardener of God”
March 12 and 16

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #1872 will be showing the movie, “Gardener of God“ at St. Ann Catholic Church, 5312 10th Street N, Arlington, on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00am and on Saturday, March 16 at Noon. The movie documents the life of Gregor Johann Mendel, an Augustinian Friar and scientist who is considered the father of modern genetics science. Please RSVP to CDA1872@gmail.com or by calling Teresa at 703-573-1582. Attendees are asked to bring one household item, such as bath/hand towels, household cleaning supplies, paper towels, soap, or trash bags. The CDA will donate these items to clients of the Arlington Street People Assistance Network as part of “Welcome Home” baskets as they move into housing. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JAMES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers Needed to Help Count Offertory

Are you good with numbers? The St. James Collection Counters are looking to add members to their team! Responsible stewardship demands that the weekly gifts from the faithful, which represent the monetary lifeblood of the parish community, be properly safeguarded, counted, deposited and recorded. Our Collection Counters team is comprised of honest, capable and fun individuals who share each other's company while they share the burden of offertory stewardship. If you are interested and have time available early Monday mornings, please contact Anita Clark at: AnitaClark@verizon.net.
Lenten Activities at St. James Catholic Church in 2019

Ash Wednesday, March 6
Masses at:
6:30am, 8:30am, Noon, and 7:30pm

Fridays, Starting March 8
Stations of the Cross
6:00pm — En Español
7:30pm — English

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays
5:00pm — 8:00pm in Heller Hall

Retreat with Fr. Oetjen
Saturday, March 9
“Going Into the Desert with Christ”
Look for More Details on March 3

Thursday Holy Hours at 7:00pm
March 14
April 11

Wednesdays, Starting March 13
The Light is On
Confessions
6:30pm — 8:30pm

More Events Will be Published as They are Scheduled,
As Will a Separate Calendar for Holy Week
2019 All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle Happening Now!

Here’s your chance to be a “Highway Star”! The 2019 “All Saints Catholic Church Multi-Car Raffle” has left the starting line and you should have received your tickets by now. A $5.00 ticket gives you a chance to win five automobiles, and up to $20,000 in cash prizes. The cars are all from Koons of Manassas and are all 2019 models: Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Pickup Truck, Honda Civic, Honda CRV, and Honda Odyssey Van. The raffle closes on April 30, and the drawing will be held at All Saints Catholic Church on May 5. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past. We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make all checks payable to “All Saints Catholic Church.”

Please note — It is essential that you return your check, ticket stubs, or unsold tickets to All Saints Catholic Church. This is a new requirement by the Department of Charitable Gaming. Please mail the items to:

All Saints Catholic Church
Attn: Car Raffle
9300 Stonewall Rd.
Manassas, VA 20110

Saturday, March 2
Join Us for an Evening of Fun and Food

All in Support of St. James School!

To Purchase Tickets Visit
https://bit.ly/2UlvxNm

10 Days Until Ash Wednesday.
What Church Activities Will Take Part In This Lent?
March Prayer Intention of Pope Francis
Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, February 24 — Girl Scout Cookie Sales Before and After Masses
11:30am—2:15pm Hispanic RCIA Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
1:00pm—2:15pm Hispanic PREP School — Door 16
1:00pm—3:30pm Bible Study School Library — Door 17
4:30pm—6:00pm Hispanic Legion of Mary House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
5:00pm Holy Hour Church

Monday, February 25
7:00pm—9:00pm Prayer and Life Seminar House of Ministries—903 Park Avenue
7:30pm—9:00pm RCIA Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Tuesday, February 26
9:00am—10:00am St. James Seniors’ Steering Committee Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
11:30am—2:00pm PREP School — Door 16
7:00pm High School PREP—Reason Series School Library — Door 16
7:30pm—9:00pm Legion of Mary House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, February 27
9:15am—11:00am Scripture Study—Women Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
9:15am—11:00am Scripture Study—Women Knecht Meeting Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm—9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, February 28
9:30am—11:30am Bible Study Knecht Conference Room—Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm—9:00pm Scripture Study—Women Art Room — Door 17
7:00pm—9:00pm CONNECT Young Professionals Group House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Friday, March 1 – First Friday, 9:00am – 11:45am Exposition and Benediction
9:00am—11:45am Eucharistic Exposition Church
11:15am—11:45am Confessions Church
6:30pm—8:30pm Middle School FUSION Knecht Gym & Conf. Rm.—Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm—9:00pm Food Distribution Heller Hall - Door 13

Saturday, March 2 — Girl Scout Cookie Sales Before and After Masses,
St. James School Gala and Auction—5:30pm—11:30pm
3:30pm—4:30pm Confessions Church
5:30pm—9:00pm Hispanic Prayer Group Santiago Apostol Heller Hall — Door 13
7:30pm Confessions Church

Weekly Reflection

Readings: 1 Samuel 26:7, 9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38


Reflection Question: How have you loved those who have persecuted you?