This Week at St. James

Please Note the Date Change for June’s Food Distribution

Sunday, June 9
Holy Hour
5:00pm
Church

Monday, June 10
Family Movie Night
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Heller Hall (Door 13)

Tuesday, June 11
Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 11:30am
No Parking in A&B Lots for Noon Mass
No Daycare
School Closing Mass
10:00am, Church

Friday, June 14
Food Distribution
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Heller Hall (Door 13)

Reflection Question: What has the Holy Spirit taught you?
Stewardship: Special Collection Today for the Little Sisters of the Poor

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In 1963 the Second Vatican Council produced the landmark document, “SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM” which, among other liturgical items, allowed for the Mass to be said in the vernacular. Allowing for the Mass to be said in the languages specific to individual dialects was meant for fuller participation by the laity. Now we would not just recite words, but we would know them, truly know them as from our hearts. This is not to say that the traditional Latin Mass is not beautiful, but having an option available opened the doors to those who were previously unable to partake in our great communal Eucharistic feast.

The evangelist Luke’s recounting of the Pentecost reminded me of this great change, now more than 50 years. Just as the Holy Spirit came upon the variety of peoples assembled in Jerusalem that day, the Word of God comes to us directly. No translation needed.

What still strikes me as I re-read these Scriptures is the incredible diversity of the audience. The entire known world at the time was represented. From places as far away as the stretches of Northern Africa to Rome itself, the people gathered there are the epitome of our universal catholic, church. They are the parts to the Mystical Body that Saint Paul describes. That same body of which we remain a part today.

Luke maintains his theme of mission in the Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel focused on Christ’s missionary work which He in turn bequeathed to his disciples. Now, in the aftermath of Christ’s ascension, he reveals that Jesus’ message is for all nations and peoples. We are all called to hear the Word of God and Do the Word of God. A sentiment which our patron Saint encourages us to live!

Language is not a barrier to God’s grace. Geography is not a barrier; Class, social division, race, etc. — none of these should prevent us from meeting Christ in word, sacrament, and community.

Summer is almost upon us. Students will happily trade in those textbooks; vacations will be planned, and life takes on a different pace. A different language. We talk more about relaxing, of barbecues, and fireworks. But the language of our faith does not change. It is just as relevant during the dog days of summer as the heady days of Christmas and Easter. I ask you to continue to be open to the Word of God and the message of salvation it brings. Bring that openness to others as you sit by the pool. Invite a friend or visiting relative to Mass with you. Let them hear for themselves.

Our School children have their last day, June 11. To them and all the children getting out of school this week, their families and especially their teachers, I wish you a blessed summer.

~Fr. Posey
This Week’s Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time; Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: St. Barnabas
Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua
Friday: Flag Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Today’s Readings

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.


Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:
Rob Lemmers Russell Ross
Jim Lillis Barry Tindall
Huynh Nguyen Tina Ward
Conley Rohall

and the deceased of our parish family

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.
Congratulations to fourth grade student Anna Nassar!

She is the 4th Grade Division winner of the national Dear George Washington Contest! It is an annual writing contest from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The contest introduces students to the issues facing early Americans and encourages them to think critically about the founding of our nation. Anna won $100 and a copy of "American History: An Introduction" for St. James.


Maryland Science did an on sight field trip for first and second grade. It was called Fairy Tale Engineering! They had to solve the problem of building the three little pigs a sturdy house, build a better ladder for Rapunzel than her hair, and build a bed for the princess so she couldn’t feel the pea underneath. Check out the Big Bad Wolf in the photo above! More photos on our Facebook page. [https://www.facebook.com/schoolfc](https://www.facebook.com/schoolfc)
Change of Date: June Food Distribution to be Held on Friday, June 14

The monthly food distribution program will be held on Friday, June 14, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Heller Hall (Door 13). The change of date is necessitated by the Eighth Grade Graduation Reception on June 7. If you have any questions about the change in date or about the St. James Food Distribution Program, please contact Gay Fantozzi at 571-282-3803 or motzof4@gmail.com.

Cambio de Fecha: Junio Distribución de Alimentos Que Se Celebrará el Viernes 14 de Junio

El programa mensual de distribución de alimentos se celebrará el Viernes 14 de Junio, de 7:00pm a 8:00pm en el Heller Hall (puerta 13). El cambio de fecha es requerido por la recepción de graduación de octavo grado el 7 de Junio. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el cambio en la fecha o sobre el Programa de Distribución de Alimentos de St. James, comuníquese con Gay Fantozzi at 571-282-3803 or motzof4@gmail.com.

St. James Pro-Life Ministry Update

The St. James Pro-Life Ministry invites all parishioners to attend its monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month, at 7:30pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9). They also urge you to join in peaceful prayer in front of the Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 South Washington Street.

The group also invites you to take part in the following events:

- **June 11.** There is a **Holy Hour the second Tuesday** of every month 7:30pm – 8:30pm to pray for the healing of our culture and for those who hold the secret sorrow of abortion deep within their hearts - that grace will break through. [https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/)

- **June 15.** **Third Saturday Rosary at 9:00am** at Landmark Towers, the busiest abortion center in the diocese: 101 S Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. The rosary follows 8:00am Mass at Queen of Apostles, 4401 Sano St, Alexandria, VA 22304.

- **July 6.** **First Saturday Rosary at 10:30am** the Falls Church abortion facility: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046.

You may join prayer novenas through Priests for Life ([www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)) at any time.

On Saturday, June 29, Queen of Apostles, 4401 Sano St., Alexandria, VA, will host the program “Flatlining: Conscience Rights under Attack.” The program, aimed at healthcare professionals, will discuss regulations being considered that could subject health professionals to professional misconduct sanctions simply for acting consistently with their religious beliefs. Attendees will learn more about what they can do to counter these radical proposals and safeguard their livelihoods as health care providers. To receive more information, or to register for the program, visit: [https://bit.ly/2wsQLz1](https://bit.ly/2wsQLz1).
St. James Seniors Strawberry Shortcake Fest June 20

Calling all seniors to come to the annual Strawberry Shortcake Fest in Heller Hall on Thursday, June 20 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. We will provide various beverages, along with strawberry shortcake dessert. Please bring either petite sandwiches or salad to serve eight persons. Also, we are conducting our annual new sock and underwear drive for the homeless, so donations of packages of those items would be appreciated – new only, please. As part of the evening, Dave Rybak will speak about the play “JESUS” in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Please RSVP no later than June 18 to Mary Anne Stallings at 703-237-1768, Cae Gilley at 703-533-3845, or Susan Jackson at 703-533-3482. We can arrange rides if needed.

St. James Social Outreach Committee Sock and Underwear Drive For Homeless Shelters — June 16 and 23

Local homeless shelters have requested NEW socks and underwear for adults and children. Specifically they want large adult sizes and men’s knit boxers. Even though it is summer, the shelters will accept winter underwear. Look for boxes inside the church entrances. For questions, please contact Susan Jackson at email Bard_susan@msn.com and telephone 703-533-3482 or Caroline Sparks at email caksparks@verizon.com and telephone 703-237-2074. Thank you!

Your Support of All Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle Raised $14,000 for St. James

Although St. James had no winners in this year’s All St. Saints Catholic Church Car Raffle, your entries into the contest netted our parish $14,000 which will be used to support all of our parish’s ministries. Thank you for taking part in this valuable raffle, and may each of you have better luck next year!

Strengthen Your Marriage — Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 20-22 in Herndon, VA and October 25-27 in Gaithersburg, MD. We recommend early registration for the program. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.
Your Parish Library Is Open on June 16
Visit and Satisfy Your Summer Reading Needs

The Parish Library will be open on Sunday, June 16, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, in the House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue. Be sure to visit the library and let the friendly volunteers, all committed bibliophiles, help you select the perfect book for your summer reading needs. With nearly 1,000 volumes available, in multiple subject areas, you are sure to find something good!

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GMU Campus Ministry Hosting “Thursday Night Gatherings”

The “Catholic Patriots” group at George Mason University will be holding its “Thursday Night Gatherings” program for college students who are returning to Northern Virginia for the summer, graduating high school students, and local college-age students, every Tuesday and Thursday in June and July. The gatherings are casual events and will run from 6:30pm to sundown at the Robert Bellarmine Chapel, 4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax. For more information on the program, contact Kristen Juda, Campus Minister, at kjuda@gmu.edu or 703-425-0022. For more information on the GMU Campus Ministry and its activities and offerings, visit: https://bit.ly/2Kbp0mO.

St. James Youth Ministry Outings

Recently, the St. James Youth Ministry, particularly those members who are participating in the Arlington Diocese’s WorkCamp program from June 22—28, took part in two social events to build team unity and to have fun. The first was a dodgeball tournament, and the second was a hike along the Potomac Overlook trail. Below are pictures from those events.

Dodgeball Crew and Fr. Steven Oetjen

Potomac Overlook Hikers

We will have photos of our WorkCamp team in action in the July 7 bulletin. Be sure to check them out and see what a difference our young people are making in the lives of others.
Knights of Columbus Edward Douglass
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Sunday, June 16, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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June Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

The Mode of Life of Priests
That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, June 9
10:15am—11:15am  Baptism Class  School Library — Door 17
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  Holy Hour  Church

Monday, June 10
6:00p. — 9:00pm  Family Movie Night  Heller Hall — Door 13

Tuesday, June 11 — Last Day of School, 11:30am Early Dismissal, No Parking in Lots A&B for Noon Mass, No Day Care
10:00am—11:00am  School Closing Mass  Church
7:30pm—9:00pm  Legion of Mary  House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, June 12
7:30pm—9:00pm  Charismatic Prayer Group  Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, June 13
7:00pm—9:30pm  CONNECT: Young Professionals  School Library — Door 17

Friday, June 14
11:15am—1:45am  Confessions  Church
7:00pm—8:00pm  Food Distribution  Heller Hall — Door 13
7:00pm—9:00pm  Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study  Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Saturday, June 15
3:30pm—4:30pm  Confessions  Church
5:30pm—9:00pm  Grupo de Oración Santiago Apostol  Heller Hall — Door 13
7:30pm  Confessions  Church

Weekly Reflection

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23B-26

Read the Readings:  https://bit.ly/2GlawII

Reflection Question: What has the Holy Spirit taught you?

Your Patron Saints: St. Anthony of Padua — Patron Saint of Lost Souls

We all know that St. Anthony of Padua is the “Patron Saint of Lost Things,” and I am sure that we have all, at least once, invoked his aid in finding a misplaced item—it’s a daily occurrence in my house. But, more importantly, he is also the patron of lost souls, helping those who have fallen into mortal sin, or who have left the Church, or who have become apathetic about their faith, to confess their sins, return to the Church, and renew their faith. To learn more about St. Anthony Padua, his miracles, and his zeal for Christ, visit https://bit.ly/3128gEo.
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