Farewell, Father Patrick Posey

Your Leadership, Devotion, Guidance, Pastoral Care, and Wit Will Not be Forgotten. We Thank You for All Of Your Contributions to the St. James Community.

We Pray That God Will Continue to Bless You as You Become The Rector at St. Thomas More Cathedral.

Thank You!

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Sunday, June 23, 2019

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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
Stewardship — Feast of Corpus Christi

“They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke 9:17)

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn’t seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.
**This Week's Saints and Special Observances**

**Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
**Monday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Tuesday:** Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time  
**Thursday:** St. Cyril of Alexandria  
**Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**Saturday:** Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** — Melchizedek brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18-20).  
**Psalm** — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek (Psalm 110).  
**Second Reading** — Paul gives his description of the institution of the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).  
**Gospel** — Jesus spoke to the crowd about the kingdom of God and then fed them with five loaves and two fish (Luke 9:11b-17).


**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:**  
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  

**Tuesday:**  
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 15:21-23  
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**Friday:**  
Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7  
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**Saturday:**  
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Remember in Your Prayers...**

**the sick of our parish family:**  
Janice Chory  
Nancy Fishenden  
Rob Lemmers  
Jim Lillis  
Robert McGinn

**and the deceased of our parish family:**  
Patrick McCauley  
Huynh Nguyen  
Mariamma Pottanat

**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.
“Be doers of the Word not just hearers.” This sentence from James 1:22 came to mind repeatedly as I was preparing my last Pastor’s column for this weekend’s bulletin. Thirteen years ago, when I received word that I was becoming Pastor of St. James, several people said to me that St. James is the most beautiful parish in the diocese because of its stained glass windows, cruciform shape and historical value. Over the years I would discover its true beauty: you, the parishioners of St. James. I would discover an active parish that exemplifies James’ famous exhortation. I would encounter parishioners who cared for the sick by bringing Communion to them and spending time listening to their concerns and worries. I would come to know those who bring meals to the homebound through Meals on Wheels. I would see over a hundred families receiving food at the monthly Food Distribution, just one of many services that our Social Outreach Committee provides throughout the year. It is amazing how many people are involved in our Bible studies, RCIA, senior activities, ushers, lectors, sacristans, servers, scouts, and our School family, especially our dedicated PTO. We are blessed with so many who come forth to volunteer for the Bazaar, Community Picnic, Country Christmas, School Auction and Fish Fry. I am always impressed by the commitment of our more than 21 ministries. Our Hispanic community is vibrant, engaged and enthusiastic in their faith. The real beauty of the parish is that you are doers; and for that, I am extremely grateful for our walking together and remain inspired by your commitment, dedication and faith.

I would like to thank some people in particular who have worked alongside me over the years. To my wonderful and extremely talented staff: Rich, Kara, Duane, Chris, Peter, Jean, Ginny, Judy, Gabriella, Sigfredo, Miguel, Rick, Paul, Evelia, Llemina, Roberto and Vince, thank you. To our amazing IHM Sisters: Sr. Mary Sue, Sr. Regina, Sr. Margaret John, Sr. Helen Dolores, Sr. Melissa and Sr. Patricia, thank you for your discipleship and outstanding service to our parish, School and PREP program. Our amazing faculty and catechists bring so much to our students; I am blessed by their examples. Thank you to Dan Day, Brian Gendron, and all the members of the choir who make our services so beautiful each and every week. Our parish is financially sound because of the talented oversight of our Finance Council members, Sam Starr, Maureen Quattrocki, John Gallagher, Tom Kuehne, and Brian O’Connor; thank you for your advice and support. To Linda Doyle, DonnaMaria Duatschek, Jonie Lisbeth, John Vrablick, Art Gamotis, Teresa Matos, Diana Banister, Maureen Hannan, Anita Clark, Jean Whitesell, Sara Tindall, thank you for all that you do in so many different areas of our parish.

To Deacon Jim and Nancy Fishenden, Deacon Ed and Jean Gliot, you are a blessing to Saint James and to me personally. Deacon Tom Bello, who passed away three years ago, will remain a model of joy and love. I am grateful to Judy Bello for her support and willingness to serve. To Fathers Vu, Oetjen, Ghenghan, Denis, Hoyos and Thompson: thank you for your daily witness of what it means to be a disciple of the Lord, as well as your support and service to St. James. Finally, to you, the people of St. James, it has been an honor and extreme privilege to have been your pastor. I have been inspired and humbled by your faith, witness and service to St. James. May the merciful and loving Lord continue to bless each and every one of you with His peace, good health, and abiding love. I pray that you will remember and put into practice what I have said over the years: to be a true disciple of Christ, you need to be all in. Over the last thirteen years, you all have and will continue to be, all in. ~Fr. Posey
“Be doers of the word, and not just listeners”
—James 1:22

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Have a great summer!
Reminder: No Food Distribution in July

Please note that the St. James Food Distribution Program will not be held in July. The program will resume on Friday, August 2 at 6:30pm.

Tenga en cuenta que el programa de distribución de alimentos de St. James no será celebrado en Julio. El programa se reanudará el Viernes, 2 de Agosto en 6:30pm.

Guided Children’s Adoration With Father Oetjen — July 6

Ever want to come to Eucharistic Adoration but worried that the little ones would misbehave or be a distraction to others? Join Fr. Oetjen for a Guided Children's Adoration on the first Saturday of July at 10am. The time in adoration will be interspersed with prayers, guided meditation, sacred music, changing postures (enough to keep the young ones engaged!), and it will conclude with Benediction. All are welcome, including families and children of all ages.

Volunteers Needed to 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 a group 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.

Employment Opportunity at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More — Business Manager

The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington seeks a dynamic, experienced Business Manager to prepare the annual budget, manage all financial functions, and oversee human resources and facilities. The position requires a BS/BA in accounting/finance and at least five years' experience in business management, including supervisory experience. Email cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

Please Pray for St. James’ WorkCamp Contingent This Week

32 St. James parishioners, 22 students, and ten adults will be taking part in the Diocese of Arlington’s WorkCamp this week—helping make homes around King George, VA, and neighboring counties “safer, warmer, and drier.” The team left last night at 4:30pm and will begin their work tomorrow, Monday, June 21. Please pray for them as they help those who need their help this week, that they have a safe week (working with power tools can be hazardous), and that the experience reinforces the importance of helping and serving others.
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Screening the Movie—“Our God’s Brother” in July and August

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Queen of Peace, will be showing the movie “Our God’s Brother” at St. Ann Catholic Church, 5300 N. 10th St., Arlington. The screening will take place in Room 105/106, on Saturday, July 13, at Noon; Tuesday, July 16, at 10:00am; and Saturday, August 3, at Noon. The film tells the story of the life of St. Albert Chmielowski, Polish saint who turned away from a career as an artist to serve God as a Secular Franciscan in 1888. He later established the Brothers of the Third Order of Saint Francis, Servants to the Poor, and spent his life helping the homeless of Poland.

The film is based on the play “The Brother of Our God,” written by Karol Wojtyla, who later became St. John Paul II, when he was a young priest. Wojtyla credited St. Albert as playing a significant role in his formation because he “found in him a real spiritual support and example in leaving behind the world of art, literature, and the theater, and in making the radical choice of a vocation to the priesthood.”

The movie stars Scott Wilson, of “The Walking Dead” fame, as St. Albert, and noted Austrian star, Christoph Waltz, last seen in “Alita: Battle Angel.”

There is a suggested donation of $5.00 per individual, and $10.00 per family for the screening, with all proceeds going to Covenant House to help homeless youth.

Upcoming Pro-Life Ministry Activities in July

The St. James Pro-Life Ministry, which meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9) has a slate of activities in July which they invite you to participate in and to take a stand for life. Upcoming events are:

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

- July 11. There is a Holy Hour the second Tuesday of every month 7:30-8:30 PM 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

- July 20. Third Saturday Rosary at 9:00 AM at Landmark Towers, the busiest abortion center in the diocese: 101 S Whiting Street, Alexandria, VA 22304. The rosary follows 8:00 AM Mass at Queen of Apostles, 4401 Sano St, Alexandria, VA 22304.

The Pro-Life Ministry hopes you will be able to attend one or more of these events.

Preborn Baby Facts: At fourteen weeks old, a preborn baby weighs about 3½ ounces and is about 4½ inches long. The baby may make sucking motions with his mouth – this gets him ready to nurse when he is born!

Details on the Parish Library’s Summer Reading Contest Coming Next Week!
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 23 — Father Posey Celebrates His Last Mass as Pastor of St. James at Noon — Farewell Reception to Follow in Heller Hall (Door 13)
1:00pm — 3:00pm Farewell Reception for Fr. Posey Heller Hall — Door 13
1:30pm — 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

Tuesday, June 25
9:00am — 10:00am St. James Seniors’ Steering Committee Knecht Meeting Room — Doors 8 & 9
7:00pm — 9:00pm Legion of Mary House of Ministries — 913 Park Avenue

Wednesday, June 26
7:30pm — 9:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Thursday, June 27
4:00pm — 8:00pm Pop-Up Uniform Sale Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
7:30pm — 9:00pm CONNECT Young Professionals School Library — Door 17

Friday, June 28
11:15am — 1:45am Confessions Church
7:00pm — 9:00pm Grupo Santiago Apostol Bible Study Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9

Saturday, June 29
12:30pm — 3:30pm Hispanic Baptism Seminar Knecht Conference Room — Doors 8 & 9
3:30pm — 4:30pm Confessions Church
4:30pm — 9:00pm Grupo Santiago Apostol Heller Hall — Door 13
7:30pm Confessions Church

Weekly Reflection

Readings: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalms 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17
Reflection Question: How has God provided for you?

Patron Saints: St. Arnold of Soissons — Hops Pickers and Brewers
Born in Brabant (Belgium) in 1040 AD, St. Albert of Soissons, a Benedictine monk, became a priest in 1080 AD and founded the Abbey of St. Peter in Oudenburg. While Abbot, Arnold and his fellow monks, brewed beer for “its gift of health,” considering beer healthier than water because the brewing process boiled out all of the water’s impurities. Arnold saved the lives of many by having the populace drink a beer, that he had blessed, during an outbreak of the plague. He was canonized on January 6, 1120. Every year on August 4, the city of Brussels, Belgium, celebrates the life of St. Arnold with a Mass and parade.
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