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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
On The Way

Priestly Celibacy I

As some of you know, the Holy See is currently hosting the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region. Such a meeting of bishops does not usually garner a lot of press. Nor should it. But this one has, because one topic of discussion is the possibility of ordaining married men to the priesthood. This would represent a significant departure from the current discipline of celibacy for Roman Catholic priests.

An argument recently advanced against celibacy in the Amazon region is that the indigenous peoples do not understand it. This is, quite simply, silly. You might as well advocate doing away with marriage because many people don’t understand it! More to the point, nobody completely understands celibacy. There is something about it that is supposed to be shocking and mysterious beyond our grasp. A man foregoing the goods of marriage, should shock people. It is meant to prompt the question, Why? Why are priests celibate? That, in turn, provides an opportunity to speak about the surpassing worth of being configured to Christ in the priesthood and serving Christ’s people.

No, the real problem is not the mystery but the myths surrounding priestly celibacy. Myth: In the ancient Church, priests were allowed to get married. No, priests were never allowed to get married. Married men were sometimes ordained priests. And if a single man was ordained, he could not marry afterward. Which is still the case in those rites in the Church that do have a married clergy. In fact, the documents of the ancient Church indicate that when a married man was ordained a deacon (whether or not he subsequently became a priest) he was obligated to perpetual continence. That is, ordained married men were expected to cease all marital relations with their wives. (Few advocate a return to that ancient Church discipline.)

Myth: Celibacy is a later, medieval development in the Church. In fact, celibacy is of apostolic origin, from the earliest years of the Church. Myth: Celibacy is a discipline and not a doctrine, so it can be changed. This is true, technically. But just because something is not a doctrine does not mean it is unimportant. Disciplines are in place precisely because of doctrines and to protect them. Disciplines and doctrines tend to be bound together a lot. To change the discipline of priestly celibacy would call into question a great deal about the doctrine of the priesthood. But that’s for next week.

For now, we will leave the final word to the man who was canonized last week: Saint John Henry Newman. At a young age and while still an Anglican, Newman dedicated himself to a celibate life. Reflecting on his later conversion he wrote: [The Church’s] zealous maintenance of the doctrine and the rule of celibacy, which I recognized as Apostolic, and her faithful agreement with Antiquity in so many other points which were dear to me, was an argument as well as a plea in favor of the great Church of Rome.

Next week: Reasons for Priestly Celibacy

—Fr. Scalia
Stewardship

World Mission Sunday

Today’s Second Collection is for World Mission Sunday. This collection, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, reminds us that we play a vital role in helping our Priests, Deacons, and Sisters, who staff missions around the world, in spreading the word of God and leading souls to Christ’s salvation. Here in the Diocese of Arlington, we support the Báñica Mission in the Dominican Republic, which serves “13,000 people living in the towns of Báñica, Pedro Santana, Sabana Cruz, and in the surrounding 60 rural communities.” Your offering today will help us continue to serve the people of that area. To learn more about our diocese’s work in Báñica, visit http://j.mp/2p8RCoi. Your offering also helps Catholic missions, scattered around the world, continue their vital mission as well. Thank you for your support!

Notice from St. James

St. James Hiring a Director of Development

St. James Catholic Church and School is hiring a Director of Development. This is a full-time position. You may view the job description here: http://bit.ly/2Ivi8z3

The Director of Development implements the Pastor's plan of public relations, marketing, communications, fundraising, and special events promoting involvement and investment in both the Parish and School.

Please forward a letter of interest and resume to Rich Blickendorfer, Business Manager, at rblickendorfer@stjamescatholic.org.

The “Greatest Show on Broad Street” Is Returning October 23—26

Make time to attend this year’s St. James School Bazaar, “The Greatest Show on Broad Street!” The Bazaar will run from Wednesday, October 23, through Saturday, October 26. For a complete schedule of Bazaar events, visit page six. Don’t miss this fun time for the whole family, come and be “part of the show!”

The Rosary

Don’t forget, the Rosary is now being prayed after the 8:30am Mass on Monday, Friday, and Saturday. It is also being prayed in Spanish each night in October, save Sundays, by our Hispanic Community. Please take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to ask Mary to intercede for us. A Children’s Rosary Group is also being formed, visit page eight for details.
Remember in Your Prayers…

the sick of our parish family:

Mary Hurd  
Laura Lareau  
Rob Lemmers  
Jim Lillis  
Ed Murphy  
Stephan Richards

and the deceased of our parish family.

Dr. James Rotchford

and those serving our country:

Our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially:

Justin Berg  
Roger VanSanford  
Major Alan Harvey  
Major Albert C. Young  
Michele Petersen
“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” James 1:22

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or by appointment
Tuesdays 2:30pm—8:00pm

Diocese of Arlington High School Placement Test 2019

The Diocese of Arlington’s High School Placement test will be administered on Thursday, November 21, to students in the 8th Grade at St. James Catholic School. For students in the 8th grade at a public school, the test will be administered on Saturday, November 23, at the four Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Arlington. The exam begins at 9:00am and runs until Noon. The cost of the exam is $35.00. For public school students taking the exam at one of the area high schools, the registration deadline is Friday, November 22. For more information on the exam, and to obtain a registration form, visit: http://j.mp/2B5PP6a

Announcements from PREP

The PREP Parents’ Handbook can now be found on the St. James Catholic Church Website at http://j.mp/2M9208g

The book is full of important information to help your child get the most out of our PREP Program, and we hope you will download it and review it.
Join us at the St. James Bazaar!  
Wednesday, October 23 – Saturday, October 26  
Be a part of the “Greatest Show on Broad Street!”

**Wednesday, October 23**  
6:00pm—10:00pm  
- White Elephant (Heller Hall)  
- Books and Toys (Gym)  
6:00pm—9:00pm  
- Snack Shop and Bake Sale (Kneath)

**Thursday, October 24**  
6:00pm—10:00pm  
- White Elephant (Heller Hall)  
- Books and Toys (Gym)  
6:00pm—9:00pm  
- Snack Shop and Bake Sale (Kneath)

**Friday, October 25**  
5:30pm—10:00pm  
- Italian Night (Cafeteria)  
6:00pm—10:00pm  
- White Elephant (Heller Hall)  
- Books and Toys (Gym)  
- Snack Shop and Bake Sale (Kneath)  
- Games (Gym)  
- Laser Tag (Teachers Parking Lot)  
  (Ages 7+; Ends at 9:30pm)  
- Spirit Wear (Kneath Hallway)  
- Photo Booth (Gym)  
  (7:00pm—9:00pm)

**Saturday, October 26**  
8:00am—Noon  
- White Elephant/Books and Toys  
- Clear Out Sale (Heller Hall/Gym)  
4:00pm—6:00pm  
- Kids’ Happy Hour—Games for Kids  
  3rd grade and under (Gym)  
- Snack Shop and Bake Sale (Kneath)  
6:00pm—8:00pm  
- Games—All Ages (Gym)  
5:00pm—9:00pm  
- Beer Garden & Food Trucks (B-Lot)  
- Spirit Wear (Kneath Hallway)  
8:00pm—New for 2019!  
- Outdoor Movie and Popcorn (B-Lot)

**The Last Day for Collections is Sunday, October 20**

**White Elephant Collection Days and Hours**  
Weekend: October 19-20: 9:00am—5:00pm

The White Elephant accepts donations of gently-used clothing, baby items, toys, books, furniture, knick-knacks, household goods in good condition, working small electronics, tools, and any other treasures you can bring yourself to part with.

Please make sure they are all in working condition and please do not donate anything you would not sell at a yard sale, give to a friend, or donate to any other group.

We cannot accept computers/printers/modems, large electronics, large exercise equipment, cribs, lawn mowers or any gas-powered equipment. If you are not sure your item may be donated, please see a volunteer for prior approval before leaving the item.

Please do not leave items outside on the sidewalk when the doors are locked. We have extended hours and welcome your donations during the hours we are available.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Brophy at 703-371-7554 or by email at brophyeg@gmail.com.

**THANK YOU!!**

**Don’t Miss The Show!**

To See Pictures From Last Year’s Bazaar, So You Can See  
How Much Fun You’ll Have At It This Year  
Visit:  http://j.mp/2B1J2dq!
Recommended Spiritual Reading

In case you missed it in Father’s “On The Way” column, we have posted a list of recommended spiritual reading on the St. James’ website. You can access the list at http://j.mp/2VobgbE. We hope that these works increase your spiritual life, your knowledge of Christ, and that they bring you closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Annual Mass of Remembrance—November 2

On Saturday, November 2, St. James will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance at 10:00am. This Mass remembers all those who have gone before us and who we hope to see again. Email the Rectory Office at rectory@stjamescatholic.org if you would like to arrange a candle to be placed at the altar in memory of your deceased loved one.

St. James Pro-Life Ministry Update

Help Save Lives! In Virginia, over 15,000 children were killed in the womb (source: VA Dept of Health for 2017). We need your help. The fall 40 Days for Life campaign (40daysforlife.com/fallschurch) is underway until November 3, 2019, at the Falls Church abortion facility: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046. For 40 days and nights, people of faith and conscience will stand in constant, peaceful vigil outside hundreds of abortion facilities … to do the single most important thing we can do: PRAY. Join other St. James parishioners on Wednesdays – or any day you are available – for this prayerful witness to life. So far, during this campaign over 50 babies have been saved.

First Saturday Rosary at 10:30am at the Falls Church abortion facility: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046. One of our St. James priests will lead the rosary each month.

There is a Holy Hour the second Tuesday of every month 7:30pm to 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/

The St. James Pro-Life Ministry meets on the first Thursday of every month from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9). New members are always welcome. Join them and take a stand for life!

Take Part in 40 Days for Life

This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign runs from September 25 - November 3 (7:00am—9:00pm daily). Our parish's goal is to maintain the vigil on Wednesdays, but you are encouraged to also pray in front of the clinic on other days of the week. Please see our webpage, https://www.40daysforlife.com/falls-church, for more information, as well as to sign up for vigil hour. Join us, and take a stand for life!

For more information on how to get involved, contact Rich Hunter at stjameslife@gmail.com or call him at 571-423-6482.

If you cannot make it out to the abortion facility, NOVA for Life is encouraging everyone to participate in a resolution to spend an hour in adoration and pray the rosary in silence before the Blessed Sacrament in intercessory prayer for an end to abortion, for the protection of the lives of the unborn and for the conversion of all those involved especially within our Diocese.
Parish Library Open House—October 20

Stop by the St. James Parish Library at 913 Park Avenue (House of Ministries) for coffee, cider and cookies on October 20 after the 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and Noon Masses. We have more than 600 titles waiting for you to check them out. The library is in the House of Ministries on Park Ave. Look for the sign out front. The Parish Library is open on the first and third Sundays of each month from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Stop by to check out books and chat with Library volunteers.

“Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book.”
St. John Bosco

El Rosario en Español Durante Octubre

Todos los días, pero los domingos, durante octubre el Rosario se reza en español a las 6:00 pm en la Iglesia. Por favor, únase a nuestra comunidad hispana en esta poderosa oración a María por su intercesión en nuestro nombre.

During October, the Rosary will be prayed in Spanish at 6:00pm every evening, save Sundays, in the Church. Please join our Hispanic community for this powerful prayer to Mary for her intercession on our behalf.

New Children’s Rosary Group Meeting Monthly

A Children’s Rosary Group is forming and will be meeting on one Wednesday a month at 7:00pm in the Church. The November meeting date will be announced soon, so stay tuned. Led by Father Steven Oetjen, this group presents a great opportunity for children to grow in devotion to Our Blessed Mother, gathering once a month to pray the Rosary. Children will have the opportunity to lead the decades of the Rosary, write prayer petitions, and present roses to Our Lady. The group is open to all children in the Parish. Please help your child take advantage of this opportunity to engage in powerful prayer to Mary for her intercession for us. For more information, contact Fr. Steven Oetjen at fatheroetjen@stjamescatholic.org

Support the Race for Seminarians

St. James’ own Jean Gliot, joined by former St. James Priests Fr. Edward Horkan, and Fr. Brian Bashista, and individuals throughout the diocese are running in the Marine Corps Marathon or 10K on October 27, as a part of the Race for Seminarians. This prayerful and social effort, which is in its tenth year, supports vocations promotion for the Diocese of Arlington and the personal expenses of seminarians that the diocese does not usually cover. If you wish to sponsor Jean, a priest, or any of the other runners, you can make a donation to the Diocese of Arlington/Race for Seminarians by check or online at https://bit.ly/2xMExkU. Checks can be sent to: Catholic Diocese of Arlington Race for Seminarians P.O. Box 1960 Merrifield, VA, 22116-1960. Thank you for your support!

27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

The 27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary, Priests for Life, and others are asking or individuals, families, prayer groups, and parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from November 2 to November 10, 2019.

For more information on this week-long event, and how you can get involved, visit www.iwopf.org or call 888-478-PRAY.

The St. James Bazaar is Coming—October 23 to October 26—Don’t Miss the Greatest Show on Broad Street!
Mass and Reception for Homeschool Families—October 25

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge celebrates Mass for homeschool families at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Rd, Gainesville, Virginia. RSVP to catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org by October 11. Please let us know how many members of your family will be coming.

After Mass, continue the celebration of family and fellowship by joining us for a light reception of beverages and desserts.

Attendees are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch.

Communication Workshop for Couples—November 9

St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Avenue, Reston, Virginia, will host a Communication Workshop for Couples on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00am to 2:30pm. The event will feature clinical psychologist, Dr. Margaret Laracy. She will guide participants through the differences between men and women, and how those differences lead us to perceive and express ourselves differently. The event will feature three talks by Dr. Laracy as well as prayer. To register for the workshop, visit: http://j.mp/33k2AGb

Convent Visits (Nun Runs) - November 3

The Diocese of Arlington is sponsoring “Nun Run Convent Visits” on Sunday, November 3, in an effort to promote vocations among young women who are discerning a call to the religious life. This year, participants will visit the convents of the IHM Sisters (Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), the Servidoras (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará), and the Sisters of Life. For more information on the event, and to download a permission form, visit: http://j.mp/33qrK6b or call the Diocese of Arlington Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514. The cost of the program is $20.00.

Prayer Service for Healing of Victims/ Survivors of Sexual Abuse—November 19

All Saints Catholic Church Chapel, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, Virginia, will host a Prayer Service for the Church to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse, at 11:00am, on Saturday, November 9. Fr. Lee Roos will lead the Prayer Service, and the event will be followed by a light reception in the Parish’s library. All are invited to participate in this vital, and free, event. The prayer service is sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington’s Office of Victim Assistance. Please note, the All Saints Catholic Church Chapel is located by the All Saints Catholic Church’s Brinkley Lane parking lot.

Mass to Commemorate and Pray for the Beatification of Servant of God Frank Duff

On Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00pm, Saint John the Beloved Catholic Church, 6426 Linway Terrace, McLean, Virginia, will hold a Mass to commemorate and pray for the beatification of Servant of God Frank Duff, Founder of the Legion of Mary. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. To learn more about Frank Duff, visit http://j.mp/2B5i44E.

Mornings of Mercy for Divorced Catholics—November 9

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd, Reston, VA 20191, will host a “Morning of Mercy for Divorced Catholics” on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00am to Noon. The event will include a private mass at 9:00am, followed by retreat that will have time for Confession, reflection, prayer, and Benediction. To learn more, or to register, visit: http://j.mp/33k2AGb.
October Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, October 20—White Elephant Collection in Heller Hall (Door 13)
8:30am—2:00pm St. James Parish Library Open House
11:30am—2:00pm Hispanic RCIA
1:00pm—2:15pm Hispanic PREP
1:30pm—3:30pm Bible Study (Co-Ed)
4:30pm—6:00pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
5:00pm Holy Hour

White Elephant Collection in Heller Hall (Door 13)
House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
School—Door 16
School Library—Door 17
House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue
Church
House of Ministries—913 Park Avenue

Monday, October 21
6:00pm—6:45pm Hispanic Rosary
7:00pm—8:00pm Lector Meeting with Father Scalia
7:00pm—9:00pm Hispanic Catechists Meeting
7:00pm—9:00pm Hogar ESL Classes

Wednesday, October 23—Bazaar 2019 Begins, See Schedule on Page 6
6:00pm—6:45pm Hispanic Rosary
7:00pm—9:00pm Hogar English/Citizenship Classes

Thursday, October 24—Bazaar 2019 Continues, See Schedule on Page 6
6:00pm—6:45pm Hispanic Rosary
7:30pm—9:00pm CONNECT Young Professionals Community

Friday, October 25—Bazaar 2019 Continues, See Schedule on Page 6; School Closed
11:15am—11:45am Confessions
6:00pm—6:45pm Hispanic Rosary

Saturday, October 26—Bazaar 2019’s Last Day, See Schedule on Page 6
3:30pm—4:30pm Confessions
6:00pm—6:45pm Hispanic Rosary
7:30pm Confessions

Know Your Patron Saints—St. Dominic of Silos, Patron Saint of Shepherds

Born in Cañas, Spain, St. Dominic of Silos entered life as the son of peasants and worked as a shepherd to help support his family. Discerning a call to vocations, Dominic became a Benedictine Monk and Priest at the Monasteries of San Millán de la Cogolla. He held several leadership positions in the order but was eventually driven out of the monastery, along with a few other monks, after a land dispute with King García Sánchez III of Navarre. Dominic and his fellow monks took refuge in the town of Silos at the Abbey of St. Sebastian. Finding the abbey in disrepair, and staffed by only six monks, Dominic and his friends rebuilt the abbey, turning it into a center of book design, scholarship, and charity. Dominic died on December 20, 1073. Blessed Joan of Aza prayed at the shrine of St. Dominic, about a hundred years after his death, asking for his intercession in the hope that she would deliver a healthy baby during a difficult pregnancy. God granted her prayer, and she gave birth to another Dominic, who became St. Dominic of Guzmán, founder of the Dominican Order. For more on St. Dominic of Silos, whose Feast Day is December 20, visit http://j.mp/35uHreu.