

Pastor's Corner

I hope these lines find all doing well. Back on dry land (cruise reference) and right into Lent! I pray Lent is going well so far. I am writing this the Monday before Fat Tuesday so I am pre occupied with thinking how can I make the most of Fat Tuesday in fact how can I BECOME Fat Tuesday! LOL No worries, I will make the most of it!

Once Wednesday hits it's back on the Lenten trail once again. One of my favorite parishioners gave me a wonderful writing from someone we all know well. Definitely a good read to the point on placing it in my article and potentially .

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

As always, the Holy Spirit did an Epic job in our Holy Father! Have a great week!

Fr. Mike

Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9am.

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Offertory Collection	\$13,283.60
Attendance:	1,295
Offertory	\$8,443.00
Non-Envelope Offertory	\$2,943.60
On-Line Giving	\$1,897.00
Total Offertory	\$13,283.60

SCRIP



Don't forget our exciting SCRIP program. Order your gift cards at no extra charge and help the church. St. James gets a proceed from each card purchased. Orders are due the 22nd of every month. So the next order is due February 22nd. Order forms available at the church doors and in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

<u>Monday: 02/19</u> 8:30am	Tom Dalton
<u>Tuesday: 02/20</u> 8:30am	Bobby Abresch
<u>Wednesday: 02/21</u> 8:30am	Phillip Roberts
<u>Thursday: 02/22</u> 8:30am	Robert Carey Jr.
<u>Friday: 02/23</u> 8:30am	Dorothy Zimmy
<u>Saturday: 02/24</u> Vigil 4:00pm	Carolyn Scanlon.
<u>Sunday: 02/25</u> 8:00am	Robert Carey Jr.
10:00am	James Ouelette
1:00pm	Parishioners

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2018

Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Candles & Flowers

Remember your loved ones or your special intentions. You can do this with candles that burn all week in the Chapel or in the grotto or a monthly candle. You can also request to support the flowers that are on the altar for the week.



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested 727-869-3130.

The Grotto Candle is in memory of **Ken Miesner**.

The Tabernacle Candle is in memory of **Ken Miesner**.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be Fridays during Lent starting on February 17th following the 8:30am daily mass and again at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

Altar Candles



The candle burning on the altar in the Chapel and Church for the month of February is **in memory of Patricia Gaffin** and were donated by **Robert Dinoski**.

Our Parish Family

We welcome into the parish community all new members and those returning Home to us.

We remember all who are sick at home or in the Hospital.: Bob O'Brien and Winifred Barker.

We remember in our prayers those who have died: James Tauber.

What's Ahead

Sponsored By **Fish Fry**

St. James 8155
Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 2

5:00 pm

Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert

Ice Tea, Coffee or Water

\$8

in advance

Take-out box available

\$10

at the door



Save the Date

Walk For Life 2018 on the Bay

Ben T. Davis Beach
7740 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway
Saturday - April 14, 2018
Registration: 8 - 9 am Walk/Run Begins: 9 am
• 1 mile • 2 miles • 5K

Benefitting Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center: Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco & Pinellas Knights Women's Center, Tampa. Register Today Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center 6515 N. Armenia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604 For more information please call: 813-631-4393

Email: foundationsoflife@ccdosp.org

Register Online at: www.foundationsoflife.org



Blood Drive

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE... donate BLOOD Sunday, February 25, 2018 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St. James The Apostle Catholic Church All donors will receive a OneBlood Long Sleeve T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening!

Help us better serve you!

Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #12489

Lenten Penance Services

St. James the Apostle	Tuesday, February 20 th	4:00pm
St. Peter the Apostle	Tuesday, March 6 th	7:00pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace	Thursday, March 8 th	4:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul	Thursday, March 15 th	4:00pm and 7:00pm
St. Michael's the Archangel	Tuesday, March 20 th	6:30pm
St. Thomas Aquinas	Thursday March 22 nd	3:00pm /and 7:00pm

S.T.A.T.I.C. CALENDAR

Steubenville Conference and Good Samaritan Project sign-up sheets are on the youth table. I am hoping to double the numbers from last year.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ February 24/25 Sat/Sun CONFIRMATION RETREAT St. Leo
- ◆ March 3 Sat. YOUTH NIGHT 5-7pm Youth Room
- ◆ March 3/4 Sat/Sun WINDSHIELD WASH During Mass / Parking Lot

Please stop by the youth table after mass for more info. Best way to contact me is via text : (727) 967-3768.

Email : youth.group@stjamesportrichey.org

Youth Ministry office : (727) 869-3130 ext. 1309 .

Thank you and God bless . Mrs. Lorraine Parsons



The goal for the Souper Bowl Collection was reached once again!! We collected \$1,352 (a little more than last year). This would not have been possible without the parishioners' donations and the time that the youth and families had given in collecting for that weekend. I am so grateful for all who helped. To the 4:00pm group (the Giambanco family-Susanna , Giada, Zelinda , Ylenia and Chloe) and Lisa and son Javan; the 8:00am group (Robin and George Snyder, Vivian and Vincent Wright, Amity and Brett Sowash); the 10:00am group (Mya Skinner, Dominik Licari, Jahra Bajala, Jaide Lauron, Geoffrey Perro, Ian Keyser , Savannah and Summer Huthnance; and to the 1:00pm group (Gary Gonzales, Michael Licari, Tyler Rajner, Madison Jackson, Mrs. Annette Merto, Mr. Jim Murphy and Judy Licari . Some of the 10am group are not in these photos (sorry, I forgot to take a group picture- I just remembered when most of you left. LOL!!) THANK YOU ALL very , very much!!

Baptism: Congratulations on the upcoming birth of your child! The Baptism of your child provides an opportunity to examine your own Christian Life and spirituality and we want to extend this to your child. Please contact the Parish Office to inquire about the preparation process for the Sacrament of Baptism.




Marriage: At least six months preparation needed.



Renewal/Blessing of Marriage Vows: Please contact the Parish Office one month before.

The Sick: If you know of anyone who is sick, at home or in the hospital, and in need of a visit please contact the parish office.



 **Joining the Parish:** To join the parish we invite you to visit us in the parish office, Monday–Friday. Our hours are 9-12 and 1-4. Stop by and meet us and we will get all the necessary information from you. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 727-869-3130. We look forward to meeting you and saying hello.

Staff

Pastor:

Reverend Michael Cormier

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Reverend Paul Goudreau

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Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-12noon/1:00-4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm in Chapel

Morning Prayer weekdays Monday-Friday 8:00am in Chapel

Adoration: 1st and 3rd Friday (3pm) and 2nd and 4th Thursday (7pm)

Masses: Daily: Monday - Friday 8:30am/Saturday Vigil 4:00pm/Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm