Pastor's Corner

I pray these lines find all doing well. I'm so glad baseball season is almost here (also incredibly glad for the lengthening of the season!!!) I am able to bring this up because, contained in today's Gospel is one of the only bible passages that makes a game, John 3:16. Jesus also speaks about Moses, having lifted the serpent in the desert that whoever looked upon it was healed, so in the same way all who look upon the cross and understand also receive healing!

I really pray that this Lent is a very personal one, that you and the Lord are growing closer than ever before! If not—YET—there is still time. I beg you, please do not let this opportunity pass you by!

Have a great week"

Love, Fr. Míke



Palms

We have containers if you would like to bring in your old palms. Please only put them in containers that are marked for Palm collection.

SCRIP



Easter is right around the corner and you may be needing spring cleaning supplies, and a new change of clothes. Have you considered using the scrip program to get gift cards to all the stores you will be

shopping at, from Applebee's, for that lunch while you are out or T. J. Max for a new outfit to Walmart for food for Easter dinner. You can help St. James while running your day to day errands.. Also get your Easter (chocolate) bunnies for Fr. Mike. LOL. Pick up your order form at the church doors, the parish office or on -line.

Orders are due by March 22nd.

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Offertory Collection	\$14,062.26
Attendance:	1,330
Offertory	\$9,739.00
Non-Envelope Offertory	\$2,625.26
On-Line Giving	\$1,701.00
Total Offertory	\$14,062.26
Debt Collection	\$3,627.25



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. On March 23rd the youth Group will be doing Living Station in the Church at 7:00pm. All are invited.





St. James' Knights of Columbus Council 8155 want to thank everyone who attended our Lenten Fish Fries. They were a big success and we are looking forward to next year's event. Again, Thanks for your support.

St. James' Knights of Columbus Council 8155 will be collecting plastic eggs and Easter candy for their annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish. Collection containers will be at the doors the next two weekends for your donations.

Mass Intentions

Monday: 03/12 8:30am	Gerard Pete Gauthier
<u>Tuesday: 03/13</u> 8:30am	Patricia Taylor, John Kellner and Dona Taylor
<u>Wednesday: 03/14</u> 8:30am	Vocations
Thursday: 03/15 8:30am Litta	George and Rose
<u>Friday: 03/16</u> 8:30am	Jeanmarie Grosso
Saturday: 03/17 Vigil 4:00pm	Raymond Dedea
<u>Sunday: 03/18</u> 8:00am	Gail Milk
10:00am	Barton Tormey
1:00pm	Parishioners

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Monday Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Saint Patrick, Bishop

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9;

Jn 12:20-33

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 Tabernacle Candle is in memory of Kathleen M. Melanson.



Altar Candles



The candle burning on the altar in the Chapel and Church for the month of March is in memory of Elizabeth and Edward

Nemethy and were donated by Winifred Barker.

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..

We remember in our prayers those who have died: Margaret Bailey and Gene Ulmer.

Lenten Penance Services

St. Vincent de Paul Thursday, March 15th 4:00pm and 7:00pm

St. Michael's the Archangel Tuesday, March 20th 6:30pm

St. Thomas Aquinas Thursday March 22nd 3:00pm /and 7:00pm

Mass Times:

Chrism Mass, Tuesday March 27th, at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle at 11:30am.



Mass of the Lord's Supper - Holy Thursday— March 29th 7:00pm *only*

Stations of the Cross — Good Friday—12:00noon only.

Passion of the Lord — Good Friday— March 30th at 3:00pm only

Holy Saturday Vigil - March 31st, 8:00pm

No Sacrament of Reconciliation or 4:00pm Vigil

Easter Sunday — April 1st— The Resurrection of the Lord — Sunrise Mass at <u>6:30am</u> in front of Bishop Larkin School (weather permitting/bring lawn chair) and 8:00am and 10:00am in the Church

Easter Egg Hunt: April 1st

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Following 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday

Office Hours:

The Office will close Wednesday, March 28th and will re-open Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Have a Blessed Easter!



St. Vincent de Paul invites everyone to join us on April 7th at Gulf High School for Walk-A-Thon, which will include a fun day of music, games, raffles, food and drinks. The Annual PAC-A-SACK WALK-A-THON is our only event to raise funds for the PAC-A-SACK program. Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000. These proceeds will go to feed our hungry children in Pasco County. The program provides food to over 1,000 children in the 24 schools associated with the PAC-A-SACK food program. The program provides them with food for them to eat over the weekend, when they are not part of the School's feeding Programs.

To meet this goal we need your help. There are several ways you can help.

- 1) Become a proud Corporate Sponsor
- 2) Join our walk-a-thon and be a proud member of our walkers which include children and community leaders
- 3) Don't walk but, just make a donation from \$5.00 to \$5,000

You can put your donation in an envelope mark St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Pac-a-Sac and put it in the offertory basket or drop it off in the office.

God Bless you and thank you for your help and support.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Please mark your calendar

♦ March 23 Friday LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6:00-7:00pm/Centrum

♦ March 25 Sunday PALM SUNDAY

♦ March 25 Sunday ASSISTED LIVING VISITATION/DQ: 2:30-4:30pm

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

Thank you George, Gary, Michael,
Jahra, Giada, Zelinda and your sisters who helped –
Ylenia and Chloe,. Zach, thanks for chaperoning
and a huge THANK YOU to Judy Licari for taking
the lead that Sunday. The home team (Residents)
did it again!!! They won! LOL!! The youth group
needs to practice.



The Youth Group would like to invite all our parishioners to the Living Stations of the Cross which will take place on March 23 in the Centrum from 6:00pm-7:00pm. All youth participants please be in the Youth Room to practice the parts/roles at 4:30pm. If you have not signed up and want to help and participate please do so this weekend. Thank you.



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"May Mary's example of trust and faithfulness be our strength, our light and our guide." – Bishop Gregory Parkes

Save the Date

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 STITUDE *JOL 3 P.M.

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg





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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

Pastor:

Reverend Michael Cormier

Retired Clergy:

Reverend Paul Goudreau

Deacon:

Rev. Mr. James Minary

Deacon / Director Of Faith

Formation:

Rev. Mr. Mark Manko

Parish Clerk: Mrs. Judy Licari Director of Youth

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