

Pastor's Corner

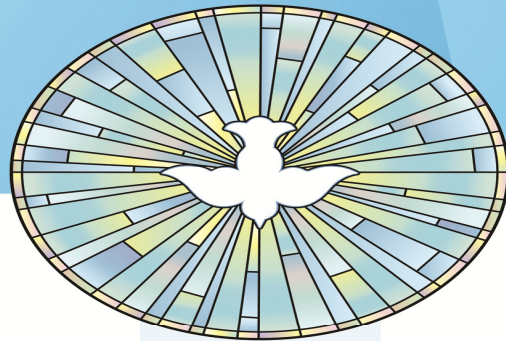
I pray all are having a great Lent. As fast as time goes lately Easter will be here before you know it! As in times gone by the Hershey stock is at an all-time low but just wait for Easter. Pretty soon my face will be famous on every poster in "Chocolate Bunny World" as public enemy #1!

This weekend St. James welcomes Bishop Gregory L. Parkes to our parish as our youth celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. God has always Blessed our Diocese with wonderful bishops and once again we are truly Blessed! Many of you know that the Bishop and I went to the same seminary together for a few years. I speak from experience when I share that he was one of the most welcoming, approachable and joyful men in the seminary.

I confess that I wasn't happy when Bishop Lynch had announced his retirement because you never know who is gonna be next! All my fears and trepidation vanished at the announcement of our Diocese receiving Bishop Parkes. We have met and spoken a few times and I can tell you that he is still the same great man I knew! I confess also that I always feel the need to go out and buy a huge, flat lollipop as next to him I feel like the spokesman for Munchkin Land!

I also want to congratulate our youth who are to be Confirmed. Know that we as a parish are so proud of you and here for you as your parish family! Jesus loves you so much and as you grow in your faith that will concretize and become an amazing reality to sustain you throughout your whole life! Finally, as your pastor I am very proud of you for your work and dedication to our program and to your faith!

*Much Love,
Fr. Mike*



CONFIRMATION

Dominic **St. Joseph** Alfonsi
Maya **St Anne** Bielczyk
Jasmin **St Joan of Arc** Blossfield
Ivan **St Ignatius Loyola** Casamayor
Victoria **St Elizabeth** Crespo,
Benjamin **St Sebastian** Curti
Kevin **St Francis of Assisi** Dionne
Giovanna **St Elizabeth** Ferrara
Logan **St Salvatore** Gates
Matthew **St Matthew** Glynn
Julia **St Elizabeth of Hungary** Hamilton

Benjamin **St Vincent de Paul** Hasapidis
Nolan **St Michael the Archangel** Novak
Makayla **St Catherine of Bologna** Perez
Geoffrey **St Hubertus** Perro
Candice **St Catherine Laboure** Piskac
George **St Joshua** Snyder
Mackenzie **St Stephanie** Szymanski
Sabrina **St Gemma** Tonello
Tiffani **St Stella** Wiegand
Matthew **St Simon** Wofford
Michael **St Elijah** Wofford

Liturgy & Worship

Mass Intentions

<u>Monday: 03/19</u> 8:30am	Lavona Benoit
<u>Tuesday: 03/20</u> 8:30am	Deceased Members Ramirez Family
<u>Wednesday: 03/21</u> 8:30am	Vocations
<u>Thursday: 03/22</u> 8:30am	Maria Massaro
<u>Friday: 03/23</u> 8:30am	Dorothy Zimmer
<u>Saturday: 03/24</u> Vigil 4:00pm	Maria Massaro
<u>Sunday: 03/25</u> 8:00am	Michael Shay
10:00am	George Herzman
1:00pm	Parishioners

**Readings for the
Week of March 19, 2018**

Monday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47



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 **John Cuccio**.

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Offertory Collection	\$11,977.00
Attendance:	1,253
Offertory	\$7,038.00
<i>Non-Envelope Offertory</i>	\$2,681.00
On-Line Giving	\$2,258.00
<i>Total Offertory</i>	\$11,977.00
Debt Collection	\$3,627.25

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: Bob Trudell.

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**.

Lenten Penance Services

St. Michael's the Archangel
St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, March 20th
Thursday March 22nd

6:30pm
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 **6:30am** 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!

Blessed are we...

This year the Annual Pastoral Appeal is themed: **Blessed are we...** A message that displays a great opportunity to give thanks for our own blessings and joyfully be a source of hope and life for each other and people in need here and now, and in the future. Together, let's pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our journey and bestow His grace upon us as we serve others. Please pray for the success of our appeal, which reaches beyond ourselves and our parish, and gives hope to thousands through the ministries, programs, and services that enrich a Christ-centered way of life.

For those of you who may not have received your APA envelope in the mail or last week at mass, you may pick them up at the doors on your way out of mass or in the parish office during the week.

What's Ahead

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Please mark your calendar

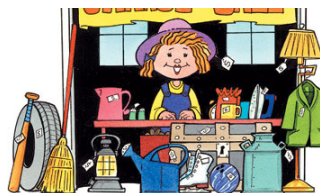
- ◆ March 23 Friday LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00-7:00pm/Centrum
- ◆ March 25 Sunday PALM SUNDAY
- ◆ March 25 Sunday ASSISTED LIVING VISITATION/DQ 2:30-4:30pm
- ◆ March 30 Friday GOOD FRIDAY
- ◆ April 1 Sunday EASTER SUNDAY

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

On behalf of the Youth Group (S.T.A.T.I.C.) their families and the core team, I would like to congratulate all the Confirmandi on this very special day of your faith journey. Our prayers are with you today and may God continue to bless you and guide you always.



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. Thank you.



THIS & THAT SALE

If you plan on starting your Spring CLEANING ...you'll be just in time for our fabulous THIS & THAT SALE !!! We will begin collecting items for the sale this Tuesday, April 3, 2018 after 12:00pm.. Please call the office for more times and details 727-869-3130.
The SALE will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 9am.

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.



Knights of Columbus News

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 next weekend for your donations.



CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG TO THE

Immaculate Heart of Mary

"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

3 P.M.

**Cathedral of St. Jude
the Apostle**

5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg



For more information, visit:
www.dosp.org/heartofmary

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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

Ministry:

Mrs. Lorraine Parsons

Business / Network

Manager:

Ms. Randi Hodgson

Maintenance:

Mr. Butch Toohey

Sacristan:

Mr. Robert Dunn

Music Coordinator:

Mrs. Tina McCann