

I pray these lines find all well. All is going well here at the parish, busy but not to busy and preparing for Advent, which will be here before you know it.

Today's Gospel speaks of talents, different from what we may be thinking of but nonetheless we are to translate it as the gifts and abilities we have been given. I state over and over again (So now I'll write it—LOL) each of us is implicitly unique and have very specific gifts which are intended for the world. None of us are allowed to think we don't matter and don't contribute much to society.

As we hear in another part of Scripture, say only the good things people need to hear things that will build them up (ONLY). Tearing down is easy and it is not of God! We need to help others to see and nurture their own gifts for the benefit of us all!

I pray all of you have Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!! Know that you as a parish are among the many things for which I am grateful!!

Love,

Father Mike

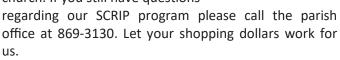
Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

Offertory Collection	\$9,764.84	
Attendance:	1,148	
Offertory	\$6,806.50	
Non-Envelope Offertory	\$1,903.34	
On-Line Giving	\$1,055.00	
Total Offertory 10/22/2017	\$9,764.84	
Debt Reduction 11/06	\$3,128.00	
All Saints Day	\$2,376.73	

SCRIP NEWS!

SCRIP NEWS! It's not to late to get your Holiday SCRIP, the deadline for SCRIP orders is Monday, December 11th so please grab a form now and drop it in offertory basket or front office. Cards will be available for pickup in the church office. You can purchase SCRIP to shop ... for yourself or for others.. You save

money shopping and through your SCRIP purchase St. James Church receives a percentage from your order. SCRIP gift cards make the perfect gift. For more information. Order forms may be picked up in the office or in the vestibule of the church. If you still have questions



Book of Remembrance

During the month of November the Book of Remembrance, honoring our deceased friends and relatives, is in the back of the Centrum for

you to write in the names of the deceased you wish our community to pray for. The book of Remembrance will be in the Chapel during the week and the Centrum on weekends. You may continue to write names in it throughout the month of November.



Happy Thanksgiving
The Parish Office will be closed

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 22nd at 12:00noon and reopen Monday

November 27th at 9:00am. Thanksgiving Day daily Mass will be at 8:30am and be in the Centrum.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving,!

Love,

Father Mike, Deacons Jim and Mark, the office staff and volunteers

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Mass Intentions

Monday: 11/20 8:30am Alcide Rivard

Tuesday: 11/21

8:30am Carl V. Garafalo

Wednesday: 11/22

8:30am Elidia Ruiz

Thursday: 11/23 Thanksgiving Day (in Centrum)

8:30am Sarah and Charles

Minary

Friday: 11/24

8:30am Nick Cannata

Saturday: 11/25

Vigil

4:00pm Manuel Sousa

Sunday: 11/26

8:00am Pauline Smith

10:00am Lavona Benoit

1:00pm Eduardo Saldacruz

Sr. and Lourdes

Saldacruz

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2017

Monday | 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63:

Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday The Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday Saint Cecilia, Virgin and

Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday Saint Clement I, Pope and

Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel

Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr;

Thanksgiving Day

I Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44; I Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday Saint Andrew Dúng-Lac,

Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs

I Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; I Chr 29:10bcd, I labc, I I d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday Saint Catherine of Alexandria,

Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13: Lk 20:27-40

Sunday Our Lord Jesus Christ, King

of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1

Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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 Candles is in memory of William "Bill" Carey.

The Tabernacle Candles is in memory of **Sharon McDonnell**.

Flowers for this weekend were donated by **Charles McGovern** in loving memory of **Marion McGovern**.

Altar Candles

The candle burning on the altar in the Chapel and Church for the month of November is

in memory of Mary Miller and were donated by Sheila Miller.

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.

~SAVE the DATE~

Please join us on Sunday December 10th at 4:00pm for our annual Christmas Concert. We have very talented parishioners from our music ministry programs working tirelessly to make this a very special event for our St. James family.

Admission is free though we will ask for a donation, after the show, with all proceeds going to replenish the cupboards of St. Vincent de Paul Society for all they provide throughout this holiday season and the entire year.

**This is the FOURTH year that our Lord has blessed us with the abilities to put on this small but very heartfelt production.

There are even some new faces in the choir that will add additional fun and talent to the show!

A small reception will follow the show!!

ANNUAL WHITE MASS



The annual White Mass for physicians and other healthcare professionals will be celebrated by Bishop Parkes on December 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm at Christ the King Church (821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa). Dinner will follow in McLoughlin Hall. Speaker is Fr. Scott Francis Binet, MD, MI, Regional

Representative on the National Board of the Catholic Medical Association (CMA). Event hosted by Tampa Bay Guild of St. Philomena.

Registration online: https://www.123signup.com/register?id=hzcnv. Contact for questions: Guild President, Dr. John (Rob) Hamill: 727-785-3445 (leave message) or Tampawhitemass17@gmail.com.

Today from 8:30 until 12:00p the Blood Mobile will be here in the church parking lot. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a blood donation, as lives will be saved by your generosity.



Cities for Life/Cities against the Death Penalty

Join us for an Interfaith Service and light reception beginning at 7PM on Thursday, November 30th. On this date, cities across the world mobilize to renounce the death penalty and work for a more civil form of justice. Speakers include Deacon Andy and Kate Grosmaire, authors of *Forgiving My Daughter's Killer*, Allison Ferber Miller, Sr. Public Defender, and local clergy. St. Cecelia Church (820 Jasmine Way, Clearwater). Contact Sabrina with questions: sab@dosp.org; 727-344-1611.



Coffee and Donuts

All Parishioners are invited to the East Wing following the 8 am and 10 am masses Sunday, **November 19**, for "Coffee and Donuts" hosted by St. James' Knights of Columbus Council #8155.

November is *National Diabetes Awareness Month* so the Knights will be partnering with **Terri's Tears Foundation** to raise both awareness and funds to assist research and development to someday find a cure for diabetes.

Donations received this month will in turn be re-donated to **Terri's Tears Foundation**. In addition, in the spirit of Charity, the first principle of our order, the Council will match donations received. A representative of Terri's Tears will be on hand to provide information and answer your questions.

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

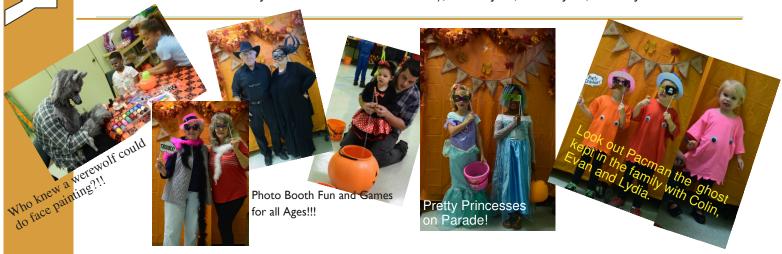
St. James Teens Active Together in Christ Middle and High School Youth Ministry

- ♦ December 2nd Youth Night 5-7pm Youth Room
- ♦ December 16th Youth Christmas Party East Wing
- ♦ December 17th Assisted Living / Dairy Queen

Stop by the Youth Table and check out what's happening and sign up for events and activities and pick up a recent calendar. Thank you and God bless. Ms. Lorraine Cell Phone (best way to contact me via text): (727) 967-3768 Office: (727) 869-3130 ext. 1309 Email: youth.group@stjamesportrichey.org

The youth group would like to thank all of you for your monetary donations from last week's <u>Will Work for Food Collection</u>. We are so grateful that we are able to help St. Vincent *de Paul Society's and their Pack a Sack Program and the Knights of Columbus' Veterans in Need Program*.

On behalf of the Youth Group, I would like to thank the Falloween Committee for the hard work. Every year we try to add something new for everyone to enjoy and participate in. I also like to thank the parents who helped me decorate the Youth Room and William Room for the Haunted House (Mr. Geoffrey Perro and Anne Donahue), thank you, thank you, thank you.



Thank you to the Falloween Committee Judy, Janet, Melissa, Lorraine and Cathi for all our meetings, brainstorming, shopping, setting up, cleaning up, etc.

Thank you to all the ministries and individuals who donated baskets and candies, the trunk or treat participants and to all who came and supported and enjoyed the Falloween. A special thank you to our volunteers for the evening and our youth group for their Haunted House, Great Job to you and your fearless leader Miss Lorraine!

Each year we get bigger and have more fun. Next year we would like to see more parishioners volunteer as well as attend. We will expand on our trunk or treaters so get your decorations and ideas going (nothing to scary).

We were able to donate \$1260.00 to both St. Vincent de Paul and to our Youth Group for a total over \$2,500.00 raised. We could not have done this without the support and love of our St. James Parishioners.

We have in the front office a copy of the pictures from the photo booth. So please stop by and pick your photos up (we still have some from last year too):

So on behalf of myself and the whole Falloween Committee thank you and God Bless,

Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

Entrance Antiphon · Cf. 1 Thes 4:14; 1 Cor 15:22 · Daily Roman Missal

REMEMBERING THE **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

November is the Month of All Souls, when we remember and pray for our dearly departed. A Remembrance Mass was held Saturday, November 18, 2017 to remember all those we have lost from November 12, 2016 until October 14, 2017. Keep all those faithfully departed and their families in your prayers.

Lavona Benoit

lason Best

John Birmingham

Schuyler Brown

Msgr. Janusz Burzawa

Robert Carey Jr.

Angela Casalaina

John Cuccio

lames Dalton Ir.

Raymond DeDea

Loretta DePerte

Richard Dwan

Sarah Ferrara

Joan Fiola

Vivian Flynn

Alvin Gallant

Dr. Gerald Joseph Gambale

Anthony Giambarberee

Domenic Greco

Sophie Guzzo

John Hainey

Olga Helms

Kirsten Hobbs - Murch

Margarite Peggy Leahy

Antoinette Leszek

Jennifer Marie Lynch

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE DEFORE US.





Elidia Ruiz

Carolyn Scanlon

Adrienne Schuler

Luis Tarvares

Regina Tiflao

David Timmons

Barton Tormey

Jean Vavrik

Mary Virga

Anne Voccia

Dorothy Zimmy

Wanda Ziokowski

