

Pastor's Corner

I pray these lines find all well. All is going well here at the parish, busy but not too 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 too 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 regarding our SCRIP program please call the parish office at 869-3130. Let your shopping dollars work for us.



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 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.

Liturgy & Worship

Mass Intentions

<u>Monday: 11/20</u> 8:30am	Alcide Rivard
<u>Tuesday: 11/21</u> 8:30am	Carl V. Garafalo
<u>Wednesday: 11/22</u> 8:30am	Elidia Ruiz
<u>Thursday: 11/23 Thanksgiving Day (in Centrum)</u> 8:30am	Sarah and Charles Minary
<u>Friday: 11/24</u> 8:30am	Nick Cannata
<u>Saturday: 11/25</u> Vigil 4:00pm	Manuel Sousa
<u>Sunday: 11/26</u> 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 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Saint Andrew Dúng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-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=hzcnev>. 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.



What's Ahead



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 Will Work for Food Collection. 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.



Who knew a werewolf could do face painting?!!



Photo Booth Fun and Games for all Ages!!!



Pretty Princesses on Parade!



Look out Pacman the ghost kept in the family with Colin, Evan and Lydia.

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,

Gwen



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
 Jason Best
 John Birmingham
 Schuyler Brown
 Msgr. Janusz Burzawa
 Robert Carey Jr.
 Angela Casalaina
 John Cuccio
 James Dalton Jr.
 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 BEFORE US.



Jerry Marino
 Maria Massaro
 Dorothy McComisky
 Judy Misslich
 Ronald Mortensen
 Carmela Musumeci
 Joseph Noriega Sr.
 Vito Palumbo
 Anna Peterson
 Allen Rankin
 Theresa Rawlings
 Maryann Rooney
 Estela Rosa
 Theresa Rossi
 Elidia Ruiz
 Carolyn Scanlon
 Adrienne Schuler
 Luis Tarvares
 Regina Tiflao
 David Timmons
 Barton Tormey
 Jean Vavrik
 Mary Virga
 Anne Voccia
 Dorothy Zimmy
 Wanda Ziokowski

