

From the Pastor's Desk!

I pray that all are well and already having a great New Year. I look forward to another great year here at St. James. Our parish is growing and I hear almost weekly from people who join us (as they are church shopping) and tell me that St. James is their new home of worship. That is thanks to all of you and for that I am grateful!

And while I am in the grateful mode, I want to thank so many of you from the bottom of my heart—we made APA!!! In previous years I have never checked who contributed, I just blindly thanked God for those who did. This year I checked, and I am very impressed and humbled by those who gave. Some names do not surprise me as they are amazing contributors yearly, BUT, I know others to be in straits, financially, and even they gave. Always remember that God will never be outdone in generosity.. Enough said but please accept my thanks for your generosity and love for St. James. We as a parish owe you our Thanks!

We celebrate this weekend the Baptism of the Lord. In reflecting on this image—you may have questions and I pray you do! I will be preaching this weekend so hopefully all questions will be answered along with an epic new joke, I hope!

God Bless You!

Love,

Fr. Mike

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure

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| Offertory Collection 12/30/18 | \$10,532.68 |
| Attendance: | 1,148 |
| Offertory | \$6,760.00 |
| Non-Envelope Offertory | \$2,705.68 |
| On-Line Giving | \$1,067.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$10,532.68 |
| Christmas | \$13,952.97 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$3,553.50 |

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| Offertory Collection 01/05/19 | \$14,030.31 |
| Attendance: | 1215 |
| Offertory | \$9,213.00 |
| Non-Envelope Offertory | \$2,529.30 |
| On-Line Giving | \$2,288.01 |
| Total Offertory | \$14,030.31 |
| Debt Reduction | \$3,344.50 |



After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. **As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased”.**

This week the Society will be collecting at the doors after each mass.

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday following Daily Mass / Saturdays 1:00 - 2:00pm

Morning Prayer weekdays Monday-Friday 8:00am

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

Liturgy & Worship

Mass Intentions

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| <u>Monday: 01/14</u> 8:30am | Living Intentions for Mary T. Long and Sherry Miller. |
| <u>Tuesday: 01/15</u> 8:30am | Nicholas Azzue |
| <u>Wednesday: 01/16</u> 8:30am | Vocations |
| <u>Thursday: 01/17</u> 8:30am | Greg Cunningham |
| <u>Friday: 01/18</u> 8:30am | Nicolina Petringa |
| <u>Saturday: 01/19</u> Vigil 4:00pm | Terri Porretto |
| <u>Sunday: 01/20</u> 8:00am | Tom Damato |
| 10:00am | Mathew Chowanik |
| 1:00pm | Parishioners |

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2019

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| Monday | Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20 |
| Tuesday | Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28 |
| Wednesday | Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39 |
| Thursday | Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45 |
| Friday | Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12 |
| Saturday | Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17 |
| Sunday | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 |

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 this week is in memory of **Joan Klaproth**.

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: Jean LaForte, Patricia Nash, Joan Murphy, Becky Richgels and Jeanne Richgels.

We remember in our prayers those who have died: Eileen Lorenzo and Ralph Morganti.

Groups that meet at St. James

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| Adoration | 1 st / 3 rd Friday 3 - 4pm 2 nd / 4 th Thurs. 7-8pm |
| Divine Mercy | 1 st / 3 rd Fri. 1:30pm |
| In-People | 4 th Mon. 7:00pm |
| Knights of Columbus | 1 st Wed., 7:30pm 4 th Thurs. 7:30pm |
| Legion of Mary | Tues. 9:45am |
| Respect Life | TBA in bulletin |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | Tues. 9:50am |

Flapjack Fundraiser

Applebee's
8537 Little Road
New Port Richey



Saturday, January 19 8 am til 10 am

Proceeds to benefit St. James Knights of Columbus Council 8155

Tickets are \$7.00 Advance Sales Only

Purchase from a Knight in the East Wing after Mass or Church office on Monday.



Sr. Lila with Fr. Baron

Sr. Lila will begin here next class on Wednesday, January 16th in the William Room from 9:10 (FOLLOWING MORNING MASS) to 10:30AM. Before each class we will read, discuss and pray the Epistle and Gospel for the following Sunday.

Then we will join Fr Baron in a DVD exploring conversion. We will examine six figures from the Bible who changed in response to God's call. By exploring these stories, we will come to a deeper understanding of conversion in our own lives, how to discern God's call to us, how to overcome the obstacles we put up to answering the call, and the fruit of joy in saying "yes" to God. Any Questions leave a message for Sr. Lila at the office 869-3130.

Pro-Life Vigil to Pray for the Overturn of Roe v. Wade

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion. Since then, more than sixty million pre-born babies have died. The Knights of Columbus, Father Felix Council, is hosting a one-hour prayer service to overturn this dreadful decision. For more information, call Cliff Gill at 727-389-1512.

Sunday, January 20 at 6PM

The Volunteer Way, 8061 Congress Street (one mile south of Ridge Road), Port Richey

DEFEND THE DEFENSELESS - CHOOSE LIFE!

Marriage Jubilee Mass



The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Gregory Parkes will take place at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 10th at 3:00pm. This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate 25, 50 or more years of marriage during the 2019 calendar year. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday January 21st. 727-869-3130.



We cordially invite you and your family to come see what Bishop Larkin Catholic School is all about. We feel that it is a special place and we know you'll feel the same way. This is a place where lifelong friendships are made, not only by the students, but by their families as well. From our academic programs to our athletic programs and all the extra-curricular activities that we offer, we have something for everyone in a Christ-centered Catholic environment. Come see what we are all about and consider joining our family!

BISHOP LARKIN OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH



Youth News

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

St. James Teens Active Together In Christ

Please mark your calendar :

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| ♦ Jan. 13 (Sun) 2:30pm | Visitation | Regency Asst Living |
| ♦ Feb. 2/3 (Sat/Sun) after each mass | Souper Bowl Collection | Church |
| ♦ Feb. 10 (Sunday) 2:30-4:30pm | Visitation | Assisted Living /Dairy Queen |
| ♦ Feb. 16/17(Sat/Sun) | windshield wash during mass | Church parking lot |

Please check the youth table for latest updates, calendar, pictures and sign up sheets. Best way to get in touch with me is text/call @ (727) 967-3768. You can also email me at youth.group@stjamesportrichey.org or call the office of the Youth Ministry @ (727) 869-3130 ext. 1309 .



Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need

We will be collecting after each mass on Feb. 2 and 3
All donations will go to our St Vincent de Paul Society.

Last year we collected \$1, 352.

Let's make it happen again this year!!



St. James Knights of Columbus Council 8155 will be having their annual Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 20, after the 10 am mass. It will be held at the outdoor basketball court at Bishop Larkin School. This is for both boys and girls age 10 to 14. For more information contact Ed Pflieger at 727-364-9882.



Divisions & Ages:
T-Ball: 4-5
Minors: 6-8
Majors: 9-11
Seniors: 12-15
*Ages as of May 12th

For questions or comments e-mail
kofcsportsleague@gmail.com **REGISTER ONLINE:**
<http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/kocsports> Find us on
Facebook too! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kofc5869sports/>

Registration Dates/Location

- Saturday January 12th - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Thursday January 17th - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- (Final Registration) Saturday January, 19th - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration Fee: \$60.00 includes uniform shirt, pants, hat and socks.

- Check or Cash Accepted,
- ***** NO credit cards or debit cards *****

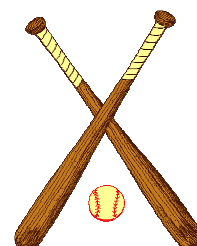
Location: Saint Michael The Archangel Catholic Church 8014 FL-52, Hudson, FL 34667 – Parish Center

Additional Info

→ **YOU MUST SIGN UP ONLINE PRIOR TO COMING IN FOR REGISTRATION**

<http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/kocsports>
A ten game season will be played on
Saturdays starting February 23rd

→ Games will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, Hicks Rd., Hudson
****Must present Birth Certificate at time of registration for Senior Division****



Blessed are we...

*Who have **gratitude** for our past,
joy in our present moment and
hope as we embrace our future.*

To date \$87,733.00 has been pledged
to the Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA),
bringing us to 100% of our parish goal
from 331 of our 1040 families!



Our gifts to the APA enable us to be evangelizers through over fifty ministries, programs and services that support not only our parish, but all parishes within our five-county diocese. Our gifts allow us to be teachers of the Word in Catholic schools and faith formation programs; and offer us the chance to be the face of Christ for individuals and families seeking counseling, refuge and stability through Catholic Charities. Our gifts to the APA are a blessing to countless in need.

Thank you to our faithful parishioners who have already participated in the APA this year. In addition to helping thousands in need across our diocese, your gift is an enormous help to our parish as it decreases our annual assessment dollar for dollar which enables us to strengthen our own ministry and maintain a vibrant parish.

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. For information about the Annual Pastoral Appeal please visit our webpage at: www.dosp.org/apa/. You may also be interested in our Annual Report at: www.dosp.org/stewardship/2017-annual-report/, and all diocesan accountability at: www.dosp.org/accountability/.

*Please keep the success and unity of our
parish and our diocese in your prayers.*

Lord of All Creation,

*You are the reason for our beginning and the end to which we aspire.
Every moment, every breath comes from you.*

*With gratitude for our past, joy in our present moment
and hope as we embrace our future,*

***blessed are we,**
your faithful people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.*

*We give you thanks and praise
as we celebrate 50 years as a local Church.*

*Guide us in the years to follow,
that we will reaffirm our commitment
to live as missionary disciples of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ,
through whom we offer our prayer
with the help of your Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

*Join the celebration
of 50 years of blessings!*

