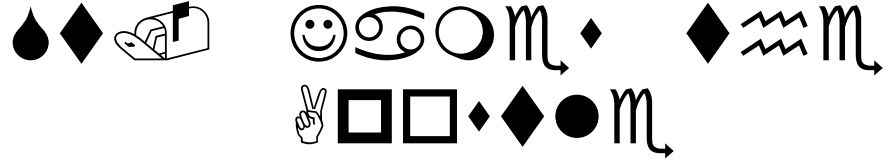


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### Father Henry's Corner

A blessed, wonderful and harmonious day to everyone!

I'm indeed happy and thankful to you, members of our community for your continuous support and concern to our parish and especially for coming up with this newsletter to extend and reach out more to all the other members. It's a good point that we have this kind of communication in sharing our thoughts, parish news, programs and other related ideas that we can avail of by expressing our concern to each and everyone.

Now is my fourth year at St. James and I'm glad to be a part of this parish that serves as my new family with the support of our lay leaders and parishioners. Though I can say that I have my own failures and weaknesses in fulfilling my task as an administrator, GOD continues to use me as HIS instrument to our ministry in spreading HIS love to everyone. We all have our mission to accomplish by being HIS light, hands, feet and heart to everyone in this world.

By offering our time, talent and treasure for the greater glory of GOD, we are able to build HIS Kingdom here on earth. "GOD is always good, all the time! To GOD be the glory!"

My prayers and hope for this parish would be for the greater unity and fellowship for each and everyone. And through this communication tool we have, we can reach out to more members and to those who cannot come to church

on a regular basis due to illness and old age, likewise to those who are affected with the present economic crisis and have moved on to other places for greener pastures.

May the Lord continue to bless and protect us all as we travel in this journey of life and be HIS living witnesses in this world through our love and care for one another.

God bless us all!

*Fr. Henry Salditos*

### Upcoming Events

Below are some important dates for August through October, 2010. Please check the weekly Church Bulletin for updates.

Date	Event
Aug. 14	Living Rosary
Aug. 21/22	Ministry Fair
Aug. 21/22	CCD, Confirmation & RCIA registrations begin
Oct. 4	Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 9	Living Rosary
Oct. 17	Gospel Jazz Brunch

### Thank You!

The Communications Committee wants to thank the St. James community for their encouraging remarks for our last Newsletter. We are always open for comments or suggestions. Any recommendations can be left for the Communications Committee in Parish Council Box in the Church Office.

## Spiritual Enrichment Ministry

The role of the Spiritual Enrichment Ministry is to provide a forum for the prayerful growth, spiritual enrichment, spiritual renewal, and Christ-like living in our community by developing increased participation in parish activities.

These spiritual activities include, but are not limited to:

- St. James Annual Revival -- February 13 - 15, 2011: Rev. Chester Smith
- St. James Parish Advent Retreat
- Bible Sunday --The Living Bible: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November
- Living Rosary -- August 14, 2010: The Assumption of our Blessed Mother: an indoor Living Rosary; and October 9, 2010: Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Fatima: an outdoor Living Rosary
- Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent
- Kwanzaa Celebration: Sunday following Christmas

....and logistics for all other spiritual activities outside of Mass.

Spiritual Enrichment is continuously seeking new members who recognize God's call in their lives based on Ps 95:6-7. Our membership joined Spiritual Enrichment Ministry because they were drawn to do so or felt led by the Holy Spirit.

Serving God through serving His people is the spiritual attitude of all who serve within the ministry. There is a lot of scripture reading and reflections, praying, hard work, and fellowship. "Pray on it" and know that God is leading you to serve within this ministry. Meetings

are held on the first Saturday every other month. The next meeting is September 4 at 10 AM. Come prepared to plan the outdoor rosary and our February revival. Bring your Bible for reflections and for selecting a 'theme' for the revival.

## Parish Council Members

The purpose of the Parish Council is to provide recommendations to the Pastor/Administrator regarding the priorities and direction of the parish through pastoral planning. In doing so, the Council is to become the means of achieving full participation by the whole parish in its mission by giving all a voice in guiding and directing parish life.

Here's a list of the current members of the Parish Council.

### Continuing Members

- Angie Bigas (elected)
- Ouida Brown (elected)
- Ed Martin (appointed)

### 2010/2011 – Elected

- Ray Magiera
- Shawina Tims

### 2010/2011 – Appointed

- Vic Edwards
- Lavonne Lewis
- Tony McGilton
- Mary Schirling
- Zoretta Smith-Gipson

## St. James Gospel Jazz Brunch

SINGING, DANCING, LAUGHING, CRYING: all these are components of the St. James Gospel/Jazz Brunch. On Sunday, October 17, 2010, St. James will host its seventh annual Gospel/Jazz Brunch at the

Suncoast Hotel. This annual affair is a joyous occasion where parishioners and friends come together to enjoy an afternoon of eating fabulous food, bidding on super items in the Silent Auction and being entertained by many exceptional performers brought together to celebrate the fun-filled afternoon. The *piece de resistance* is the St. James Gospel Choir who always sings such spirit-filled songs that the audience is moved to join in and sing, clap and shout.

This event was started when Father Michael was Pastor and right after we moved into our new Parish Hall. Since its inception, the affair has continued to evolve and expand to encompass all nature of worship and praise. The David Poe Band has been a big hit over the last three years and we expect him to join us again this year. His rendition of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" is always a crowd pleaser. Last year we included The Soprano Sisters and we hope to get them again this year. We are also searching for praise dancers and also expect to introduce the St. James Gospel Choir's second CD at this year's event.

All parishioners are encouraged to sell ads for our Souvenir Journal. This is one way to support our church by having those businesses you patronize all year long give something back. Please ask the cleaners, hairdresser, nail person and all the other people you deal with to assist you by taking an ad in the St. James Souvenir Journal. These ads will travel around the world as we mail them to all our colleagues.

See you there. Tickets are still \$60 and can be obtained from the church. Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 1:30pm -- we hope all parishioners are in the audience!

## Maintaining the Church Building

Repairs to the St. James building and property continue.

- In April, Korte Construction was paid an additional \$1091.44 for roof repairs.
- In the Church kitchen, in April and May, the deep fryer was repaired, ATM Commercial Service completely cleaned the kitchen (stove, oven, deep fryers, sinks, shelves, roll-up service windows, microwave, overhead lights, vents, and walls), and Adrian Carpet Cleaning cleaned the grout. The cost for this work was \$980.00.
- In June, all light bulbs in the overhead chandeliers in the sanctuary were replaced at a cost of \$603.25.
- In June, after discussion with the Diocese Engineer it was recommended that approximately six feet of the brick wall at the south entrance/exit to the parking lot be removed. Based on the new configuration of the turning lanes on MLK, it is not possible to safely make a right turn onto MLK. This cost is \$1265.00.
- In June, Korte Construction installed three interior windows in the two choir rooms and the usher room. The installation is required to meet the requirements for Protecting God's Children in that all doors must have a view into the room if children are using the room at any time. In addition, Korte installed exterior door/wind stops on three exterior doors and also installed a broken block window in one of the classrooms. The cost was \$2002.25.



## Financial Presentation – June 2010

Did you know that Canon Law requires each parish to have a Financial Council? St. James the Apostle's Financial Council presented the Financial Report to the parish in June. The following is an excerpt of that presentation. You may obtain a copy of the complete presentation from the Church Office.

Our Fiscal Year is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Annually the Council presents our recent Finances and Planning Considerations for the Next Year.

The Financial goals of St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church are:

- To provide support for the liturgical, educational and community programs.
- To take care of the Church personnel, materials, supplies, facility up-keep and other expenses to operate the Church.
- To be self-sufficient and financially capable of taking care of our community.

The Council's responsibilities are:

- To provide oversight for revenue, expenses and bookkeeping functions.
- To share with parishioners the financial status of the church.
- To develop budget and financial guidelines.

The Church's sources of income:

- Total Weekly Collections: \$263,139.92

- Charitable Gifts to the Church: \$8,202.34
- Grants (Black Native American Subsidy): \$13,000.00
- Fund-raising Events: \$51,837.88 (including \$27,395.70 Gospel/Jazz Brunch)

Expenses Include:

- Personnel (\$176,552.81) – Pastor/Administrator, Faith Formation, Office, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Safe Environment
- Recurring (\$97,344.28) - Utilities, Contract Services (Lawn Services, A/C, Security)
- Programs (\$20,339.43) - Liturgical (Masses, Revival, Retreat, Novenas), Music, Education
- Other Distributions (\$68,581.04) - Diocesan Fees, Community Charity, etc.

Total Amount Spent on Maintenance for 2009/2010 was \$50,000.00.

We are using projected income as the basis for creating our Fiscal Budget for 2010/2011. Collections have **DECREASED** for the last two fiscal years. In 2007/2008 the average weekly contribution was close to \$6000; in 2009/2010 it has been less than \$5500.

Projected Expenses for 2010-2011:

- Personnel (\$201,972.00)
- Recurring (\$112,200)
- Programs (15,050.00)
- Other Distributions (62,195.00)

How can you increase your involvement in St. James?

- Participate in Liturgical Activities
- Participate in Parish Ministries and Town Hall Meetings
- Participate in Fellowship Activities
- Participate in the Financial Support of your Church.

THANK YOU!

The Finance Council thanks the parishioners for your unwavering support and for your contributions.

## New Words ... Deeper Meaning, Same Mass

We will soon be hearing new words to the familiar prayers at Mass. A revised English translation of the Mass texts is currently being prepared. These texts are found in the ritual book called the Roman Missal.



The third edition of the Roman Missal was published in Latin in 2002, and is the first major revision of the English Mass texts since 1973. The Mass is not changing, but this English translation will be closer to the original Latin texts and will give deeper meaning to the celebration.

The new translation will not affect the scripture readings, the Prayer of the Faithful, or your favorite hymns. The new translation pertains to the words we speak or sing at every Mass, and to the prayers that the priest recites alone from the Sacramentary. Even the title of the Sacramentary will have a new translation; we will now refer to it as the "Roman Missal".

Translators now have a better sense of how to achieve desired results. They have a firmer grasp of the meaning of the original texts and of the demands of oral proclamation. The revised translations will have more depth. As people say and hear the new words, they should appreciate even more the value of the faith they hold so dear.

## Religious Education Office

All CCD classes ended May 23 and Confirmation classes ended May 30. The office is closed for the summer and will reopen on August 15. We had 20 students receive their First Communion (see picture) and 9 receive Confirmation this year. Registration for the next year will begin the weekend of August 21/22.

We are looking for some adults to volunteer to be catechists. Anyone is interested should contact the Faith Formation Director.



