

The Spirit



of St. James

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ZOOM Vestry Meeting
Thursday, August 6th

10:30 am

"I'll Go and Do More"

It is hot outside! We have hardly had any rain! Even though I have lived here for decades and worked outside in this heat, this year feels different. It is different. This year, as commanded, we are tested and tasked to love our neighbor as ourselves. In my wildest dreams, I never would have thought that this meant staying away from my personal and St. James families. We all have the right to grieve about not being able to be together. While we have all gone through periods of being upset, we have also grown in our ministry and as part of the church. A year ago, our Navajoland ministry centered on delivering warm blankets and clothing to help bring some comfort during the cold winters. Living in comfort here with almost everything close at hand, it is easy to have what we need delivered to us during this pandemic. This is not the case on the Navajo Nation where there are only 13 grocery stores in an area larger than the entire state of Rhode Island. I need to express my sincere thanks to Lynn Johnson for expanding what started as a personal ministry to including the family of St. James. Our strength that led to becoming a parish again has always been based on loving our neighbor. The actions of St. James helping in donation drives that are coordinated by Lynn exemplify this.

I think that borrowing the expression from Dr. Annie Wauneka, "I'll go and do more", fits. This seems to be how St. James has grown. More importantly, this exemplifies the energy of Lynn during these trying times. After a donation drive and the 7 hour trip each way, she is thoroughly exhausted knowing she still needs to go to work the next day. We just finished the fourth drive and Lynn is planning another! Spend some of this quarantine time to learn about Dr. Annie Wauneka. When she felt she had successfully completed what she set out to do, she would then say: "I'll go and do more". Her activism can easily be considered the most important factor in eradicating tuberculosis among the Navajo people.

Peace,
Bob Klassen

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While we are only meeting virtually, please remember to keep up with our pledges and offerings. The Rector Search Committee has committed a compensation package in the search process and as a new parish. You can contribute to St. James at:

St. James
975 E Warner Rd or <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/st975169>
Tempe, AZ 85284

Treasurer's Update

Contributions have held steady so far this summer. Our expenses are lower than the budget so we continue to have a surplus. As I keep saying, however, once we have a full-time priest, expenses would be about the budgeted amount, so income would also have to increase.

Gerry Carlston
Treasurer
(pgcarlston@cox.net)

January 1 through July 27, 2020

	Actual	Budget
YTD Operating Income	\$ 126,192	\$ 155,868
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 101,732	\$ 156,632
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 24,460	\$ -765

AT YOUR SERVICE: YOUR VESTRY

Bob Klassen (Senior Warden)
Larry Kenyon (Junior Warden)
Gerry Carlston (Treasurer)
Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew

Joan Besonen
Denise Boyd
Mary Hovden
Tara Papaccio

"YESTERDAY I WAS CLEVER, SO I WANTED TO CHANGE THE WORLD.
TODAY I AM WISE, SO I AM CHANGING MYSELF."

— RUMI

Ladies Night

Ladies Night Out will be suspended until we are able to meet again in person for Sunday services.

Everyone please stay home and stay safe.

**MEN'S
MINISTRIES**

Our Men's Lunch will be suspended until we are able to meet again in person for Sunday services.

Everyone please stay home and stay safe.



Annual St. James Ladies Tea

We still plan on creating our totally unique baskets for a raffle in late summer/early fall. The baskets will be on display and tickets will be available to be purchased when services resume. *We have 3 baskets donated and some lovely kitchen items to make up even more!!* We are grateful for all who volunteer to make or contribute to a basket. *Let your imagination soar!* We would gladly accept gift cards to purchase items for the baskets. Money raised through the basket raffle will be used to replace the irrigation system.



After a long and difficult time trying to rid the rafters in the front breezeway of birds, especially pigeons..... thanks to **Don's Bees and Pest Control**, the persistence of the **Junior Warden**, and the expertise of a friend of his, St. James is (we hope) pigeon free. Our thanks go out to **Denise Boyd** for trying to eliminate the bird issue by putting up spikes, and to **Eileen Flock** for her help in putting up chicken wire fence. Both worked for a short time, but it was the daily watering down of the rafters and sidewalks, the bird fencing, and humane trappings by **Don's Bees** that we were finally able to clear the breezeway of all birds and the issues stemming from them (If you know what we mean). No one will have to *tip-toe* into church anymore. The Junior Warden said it was a pleasure working with **Don's Bees and Pest Control** and that if any parishioner ever has any **Pest** issues at home, they might consider calling Don at **Don's Bees** at **(623) 363-5468**.



Pastor Andrea, many thanks for your very up-lifting homily on July 19th. Many parishioners commented on what an inspirational sermon it was. We are so glad that you have been with us during this time of the CORONAVIRUS and that you agreed to be our interim priest. We hope **Pastor Andrea** had a great Birthday on July 25th. And thanks to **Deacon Robin** for the lovely homily you gave on Sunday, July 26th. Many also commented what a good sermon it was.

We would be remiss if we didn't recognize **Diana Bowie** for keeping our church ship afloat and on a steady course through the rough storm of COVID-19. We appreciate that you are always there, in the office, when we need you.

If you know of anyone at church that should be mentioned for special recognition in the *Thank You Column*, please let Ellie Kenyon know at eikenyon6315@verizon.net or give her a call at (480) 248-7457.

Topic: St. James TAIZE Service @4:30 pm [2nd & 4th Tues]

Join Zoom Meeting

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UMOM Walk has been rescheduled

September 19th, 6 am to 9 am at the Phoenix Zoo

Registration Team Name: Flock Flyers

Register early for discounted pricing.

We would love to see you all there.

PRICING

All Walk registrations include a pair of flip-flops, a commemorative Walk 2020 t-shirt & an all-day, same-day pass to the Phoenix Zoo



adults (ages 18+) before 9/6: \$25

family 4-pack: \$60

adults (ages 18+) after 9/7: \$35

students (ages 3-17): \$10

children (ages 2 & under): FREE

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meets weekly on Wednesday beginning at 3 PM and concluding by 4 PM.

We are a small informal group who meet on the Zoom platform for reflection and society. Our practice serves the mind, body and spirit. The weekly focus varies from Scripture to a work of poetry or prose. After reflection and discussion, the group sits in quiet prayer for approximately 20 minutes. The session concludes with group recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Joining is easy. Simply contact me at dlbrandeis@gmail.com or send a text or voice message to 602-999-848 for admission. I will email an invitation to you.

Everyone is welcome! Video broadcasting is optional so come as you are.

We hope you will be with us this week or in the near future.

Many thanks and blessings to you,

Damien



Lector/Reader Schedule for Online Services

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Responses for Gospel Bidding	Prayers of the People	Dismissal Response	Recording Date
August 9	Carol Justice	Lali & Greg	Paul Hand	Erica & Elliot	Anna & Parker	Anna & Parker	Thurs. August 6
August 16	Paul Hand	Chris & Tara	Carol Paulk	Anna & Parker	Lali & Greg	Lali & Greg	Thurs. August 13
August 23	Mary Hovden	Jeff & Jill	Erica Niemoth	Chris & Tara	Anna & Parker	Anna & Parker	Thurs. August 20
August 30	Carol Paulk	Anna & Parker	Denise Boyd	Nick & Audrey	Jeff & Jill	Jeff & Jill	Thurs. August 27

St James Fundraiser Corner

Say "amen" if you are missing your St James community and everything that we do together. Well, you are not the only one. I am missing each and every one of you and our times together. I know it isn't the same as being together but we still can show that we are St James & act as a community by taking part in our fundraising projects. As before the success of these depends upon each and **everyone of you**.

Evening of Music 2020 "*In the comfort of our homes*"



- ~ Save the date Sunday, October 25th, 4:00 to 5:30.
- ~ If you would like to perform in this wonderful event, please contact Lali Breen at lb.dbstrings@gmail.com.
- ~ Details to come in future communications

Arts & Crafts Online Auction



~ We have always had a silent auction at the performance but this year we are doing it differently. The auction will be on line through eBay with 100% of the money bid going directly to St James the Apostle as our parish is listed as a charity with "eBay Giving"

~ To make this happen we need donations of your beautiful arts & crafts. If you are willing to donate one of your paintings or craft items, please email me with the details. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible so I can give you a deadline for finishing the item so it can be photographed, valued and described in the auction listing.

St James Quarantine Cookbook & Survival Guide



~ Thank you so much to those of you who have submitted recipes & survival ideas, but we do need more, more, more.

~ **Deadline for submission is August 21st** so we can have time to put the recipes & survival tips together in book form with drawings from our volunteer artist. We are planning to produce this as a PDF & Booklet, buyer's choice. It will be publicized & offered to the entire Diocese so here is your chance to shine statewide.

Please contact Jill Leatherman at nikman4444@gmail.com or call me at (480) 284-4595 with your recipes, ideas, questions and artwork submissions. We need you all.





Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour and Fellowship each Sunday at 10:30 am after the online service!

Virtual Coffee Hour:

Topic: St. James Virtual Coffee Hour

Time: Sunday @ 10:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99773398325?pwd=RzU0RTUvOWNUbDlwT3JHdzNtN3pHZz09>

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Christian Formation:

Topic: SJC- Christian Formation

Time: Sunday@ 1:30 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96775452149?pwd=UGFBSSGRvaXF2elhWTjBJamdaTnY1QT09>

Meeting ID: 967 7545 2149

Password: 053997

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www.youtube.com/channel/stjamestempe

instead of our current URL:

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Currently we have 32 subscribers. Thank you!

"Finger Painting Prayer"

As people of faith, we pray in many ways and at any time. We don't just relegate our prayer life to Sunday's. In our St. James' *Christian Formation for All*, we are sharing in the study of the second season of the "Way of Love" podcasts. At the end of July, Episode 7 "Praying with our Bodies and Creativity" held much inspiration. While we share our prayers together on Sunday's, during the week at Centering Prayer and at Taize services, praying is a very individualized experience. What we learned in this episode, is that being creative in our prayer life can help us to stay focused and energized with the Spirit. There are artists who paint, even finger paint...there are those who sing, there are those who write and there are those that find any time the right time to pray. As we are blessed to live in a world of technology, we find this can be a catalyst to trying something new.

We learned of 2 free apps to help with our prayer life. One is "*Pray as you Go*". This app provides guided prayer time lasting between 10 to 13 minutes and combines music, scripture, and some questions for reflection – a mini-meditation! It is based on Ignatian Spirituality. The other app shared is "*Ceaseless Prayer*". This free app provides you with scripture readings and then syncs with your contacts to show you 3 people to pray for and if your contacts are like mine, the list includes grocery stores, doctors, etc. You have the option to skip them or pray for them (This could be another way to pray for the essential workers!). This app includes a way to create a prayer journal. Of course, painting of any kind and/or praying by coloring are other options for creative prayer and they don't require technology. We are truly blessed to have ways for the Spirit to move within our lives and for us to pray for blessings on others. Why not try a little 'creative praying' by any means? During this period of 'stay-at-home', this just might be the creative spark we've been waiting for... so go, be blessed, bless others, and pray!

Blessings,
Deacon Robin

**MUSIC CORNER at St James**

Here we are, heading into August 2020 with no relief in sight----the heat or Covid, it seems.

The Spirit, the services, and the music proceed at St James, in any case! Over the last 2 weeks, we recorded 28 pieces of music for future services. We have now recorded several pieces that will be used to start a virtual choir

program and hope by next month to have gotten that going. Over these last few months, I have transitioned to some online teaching and bringing musicians together online isn't as easy as it looks! Fortunately, we have a number of tech-savvy people here and we all appreciate their hard work, which keeps us having meaningful services and connections. I can't thank Nick, Nathan and now Parker who will work on our virtual choir program.

I want to give you an example of the difficulties of online performance. My daughter recently told me of a youth orchestra in Portland that put out some music of their virtual performance that was really well done. However, the director of the group admitted to another colleague that the recording had taken him over 200 hours to edit, and he ended up bringing in professional musicians to improve the performance. Fortunately, recording a few voices is not the same as a whole orchestra. Even though we hear more and more of virtual groups and I am really excited to create it here, I think it's worthwhile to understand that it is work and we continue to appreciate and thank our 'editors' for letting us grow and move with the times and keep this wonderful flow and connection we still maintain here at St James.

~~~Lali Breen