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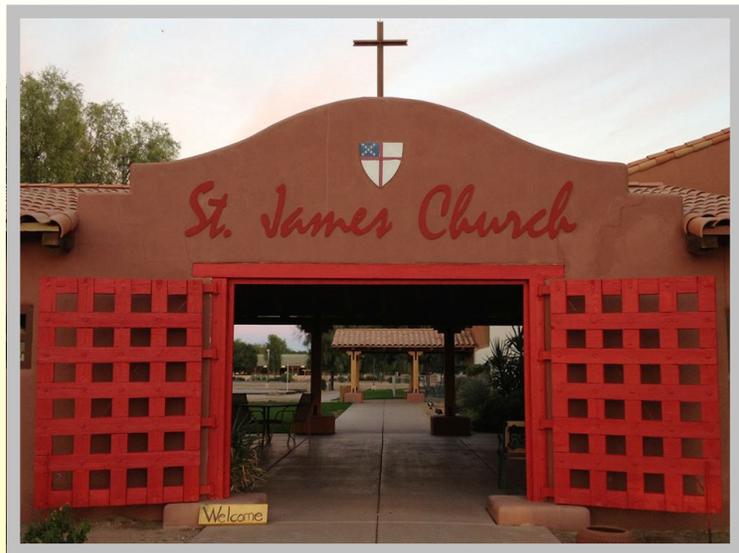
*Music Corner  
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**Vestry Meeting**

**Thursday, January 9th**

10:30 am

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



This year, 2020, has a lot in store for us and a lot for us to celebrate. In the next month, we will be having our first Annual Meeting as a parish. This means that we have the autonomy to no longer have to operate under the direct supervision of the diocese, but with their guidance instead. This also means that we now have our own future in our own hands and all of the financial commitments that go with this autonomy. We are finally in control of our own future and if we work together this future is really bright. This highlights the importance of celebrating our Annual Meeting as a parish on Sunday, January 26th. Then two weeks later on February 9th, Bishop Jennifer Reddall will visit and worship with us. Both of these events give us the opportunity to show ourselves, and Bishop Reddall, that we are the church. We are St. James. We could not and would not be where we are right now without joining together with hard work and our love for each other. Because of this hard work and love for each other we are able to truly celebrate the journey that being a parish brings us.

Let me start the year saying thank you. And If I may, I would like to ask you to thank yourselves also. We have so many who have donated their time and lives because of their belief in St. James. Bishop Reddall said that we have a story to tell and we are that story. Happy New Year and lets celebrate!

Peace,  
Bob Klassen

**Treasurer's Update**

Thanks to all of you, we ended 2019 with an operating surplus of just over \$18,000. Your enthusiastic commitment to St. James is especially heartening during this time of transition.

Gerry Carlston ([pgcarlston@cox.net](mailto:pgcarlston@cox.net))  
Treasurer

January 1 through December 31, 2019

	Actual
YTD Operating Income	\$ 236,007
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 217,816
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 18,191

**Junior Warden Report**



DURING DECEMBER, THE CHURCH AND THE SCHOOL WERE ASSESSED FOR FIRE SAFETY AND ALL ISSUES IDENTIFIED WERE TAKEN CARE OF. I CONTACTED THE TEMPE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE MET TEMPE FIRE CODE.

IT SEEMS THAT ADVENT HAS FLOWN BY. THE CHURCH AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES WERE BEAUTIFUL. NOW WE MOVE ON TO A NEW YEAR. AS I MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS, I HAVE STEPPED DOWN AS JUNIOR WARDEN AS OF THE END OF 2019. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE PARISH OF ST JAMES THE APOSTLE. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS POSITION AND PUTTING YOUR NAME FORWARD AT THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

DENISE BOYD

**AT YOUR SERVICE:  
YOUR VESTRY**

- Bob Klassen (Senior Warden)
- Denise Boyd (Junior Warden)
- Gerry Carlston (Treasurer)
- Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew
- Joan Besonen
- Mary Hovden
- Larry Kenyon
- Tara Papaccio

**Annual Meeting**

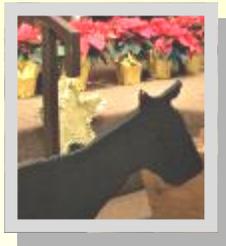


SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH WHICH WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2020. WE'LL ELECT NEW MEMBERS TO THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE AND CELEBRATE ALL THE GREAT MINISTRIES IN GOD'S SERVICE HERE AT ST. JAMES.



**St. James Monthly Outreach** to our hungry neighbors is at the UMOM Halle Shelter. There are 5 spots available each month. Please sign up for our next service evening beginning at **5pm and ending about 6:00pm on Friday, January 10th. The Halle shelter is located at 3424 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008.** Anyone who is 13 years and up is welcome to be part of the team. *Also, please remember that if you sign up you are committing to show up, otherwise we'll be short staffed.* If you can't come please arrange for a replacement.

# Christmas at St. James





A very special *Thank You* to everyone who helped with all the very special Christmas and Musical events this Holiday Season. *Thank You* also to all of you who did so much throughout the year to keep St. James up and running and a place to come to for love, fellowship, community, friendship, and spirituality. We are *thankful*, too, to those of you who provided that love, fellowship, community, friendship, and spirituality. We are especially *thankful* for all the unnamed souls who do the work of the Lord for St. James silently and without recognition, you have our deepest gratitude. May each member of St. James be blessed with a New Year full of Hope, Joy, and Peace and may God Bless each and everyone with Good Health and Happiness in 2020.

~~~ The Social/Hospitality Team

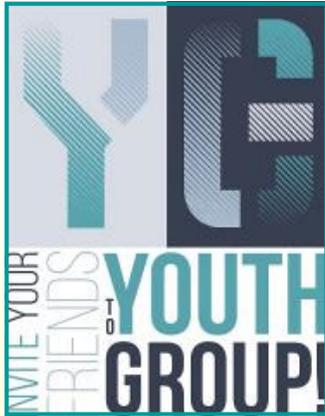
Hospitality would also like to thank all those who helped make the seasons of Advent and Christmas so lovely at St. James:

- ♥ The Music was just wonderful!! thank you Lali and all the musicians.
- ♥ Thanks to Eileen and her elves for Angel tree gifts & food boxes and her delivery crew.
- ♥ Thank you, Bunny, and others who helped make the church so festive.
- ♥ Thanks to all who provided delicious refreshments.
- ♥ Damian those Yule logs were special as was the gift of incense and censer stand.
- ♥ Thank you to the altar guild, Alicia Klassen & Barbara Bell for the new Torches and stands.
- ♥ Thank to the Worship Team, the services were beautiful.

Special thanks to Dr. Damien Brandeis for providing the thurible (incense) and being our thurifer for the late Christmas Eve service. We were able to use the hypoallergenic incense and we appreciate everyone's support. Traditionally, using incense during the service is a practice that has been with us for millennia. Historically speaking, the use of incense in worship is found throughout the Bible in both the old and new testaments. The idea of the smoke as it permeates the Church, has been known to suggest mystery and "otherness and the scent makes it possible for worshippers to devote themselves to God with their senses rather than just their mind". During the service, the altar is censed, the offering on the altar is censed, and all the people are censed as signs that all are offered to God as a "pleasing offering." The censuring of the people is a special way of saying that everyone present in the church is counted as family and has a vital part to play in worship!

**Acolyte Schedule for January 2020**

| DATE           | 8:30 am Service | 10:30 am Service |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2020 January 5 | Pamela          | Dylan            |
| January 12     | Elliot          | Careen           |
| January 19     | John            | Allison          |
| January 26     | Damien          | Brandon          |



This has been a busy December for the youth group!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with Angel Tree this year. From buying the gifts to bringing in the food for the boxes, we could not do it without all of your support. We were able to provide the 21 families with food boxes and 45 children with gifts. Again thank you for all that you do to make this past Christmas season a wonderful one for the Angel tree children and their families.

Christingle Sunday the children got together in Nursery and we decorated the oranges with ribbon, candies and candles. We then had a Christingle service in the church. The donations that were collected will be used for Angel tree 2019. Thank you for all the support you give each year to our youth here at St. James.

The Godly play Christmas story was a great way to tell the story of Jesus birth. I am very proud of the all the children for their performance this year. It was enjoyed by all.

2020 for youth outreach will be a very busy one. I am looking for some help for some events I am looking to plan for the New Year and the Youth group:

- ✦ Feed My Starving Children event
- ✦ Chapel Rock summer camp
- ✦ VBS
- ✦ Angel Tree
- ✦ Hygiene Bag Ministry

These are just some of highlights for the up-coming year. If you are able and willing help with any youth events please let me know.

**For more information:** Contact Eileen at [eflock@cox.net](mailto:eflock@cox.net) or text her at (480) 586-1124.

**Ladies Night**  
**Tuesday, January 14th**  
**6:00 pm**

**Spinato's Pizzeria**  
 4848 E. Chandler Blvd, Phoenix, 85048

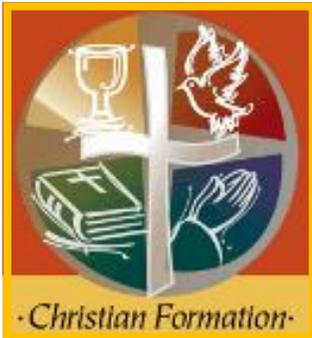
*Come & check out their new remodel and menu, and join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. Hope to see you there. And bring a friend!*

**Join Us for Lunch!!**  
**Thursday, January 23rd**  
**11:30 am**

**Biscuit's**  
 4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix  
 (SW corner 48th & Elliot)

*St James Bookies*

January's book is "The Whisper Man" by Alex North. We will meet **Sunday, February 2nd**, after the 10:30 service at la Madeleine French Bakery & Café, 3605 W. Chandler Blvd, Chandler 85226 (between McClintock and Price on the south side of the street).



## Christian Formation For All (CFFA)

We continue our study of *The Way of Love* this month in the library between services at 9:45 am. We will listen to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry talk about "The Way of Love," a subject close to his heart. Our study will begin with questions that will give us an opportunity to reflect on what he says. Since the podcasts are long we will be listening to shorter portions of the podcast each week. One does not necessarily have to attend every session to enjoy the program. All are welcome!

Andrea<sup>+</sup>

## Other CFFA Opportunities

**Centering Prayer** for spiritual health provides a way to experience God's presence in our lives, and equips us to live faithfully and in the abundance of God's love. All are welcome and invited! Centering prayer is 3:15-3:45 pm on **Wednesday afternoon** in the sanctuary. Find the time to find God's peace.

**Women in the Word, our Women's Bible Study group**, continues our study of key Bible stories. We meet at 4:00 pm on **Wednesday afternoons** in the sanctuary. All women are welcome!

**Men's Bible Study** meets every **Thursday** at the home of Deacons Pat & Fritz Huls (2620 N. 68th Street, Building 7, Apt. 103, Scottsdale, 85257) at 6:30 pm. All men welcome!



## Pastoral Care Team Ministry

If you feel called to serve as a member of the Pastoral Care Team (Lay Eucharistic Visitors), please contact Deacon Robin. Training for this ministry will be conducted after the first of the year. In order to participate, the Diocese requires that those in the ministry complete the Safeguarding God's Children and God's People training. This training is completed online through a number of modules and done at your own pace. Once you speak with Pastor Andrea or Deacon Robin to confirm your interest in participating, you will receive a link with your user name and password and instructions for completion. Thank you in advance for helping with this important ministry.

## Refugee Ministries

Our goal at St. James will be to focus on the **children** at the border. Donations of **kids clothing, shoes, games/toys** will be greatly appreciated. One of our members, Pat Maybee, volunteers medical care at the border and reports there are needs for the younger kids at this time.

We will also continue to accept donations of **DIAPERS, PERSONAL AND FEMININE HYGIENE** items.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. For questions please contact Dixie Lane, Don Oswald, Ann Marie Bartholomew, or Carol Paulk.

Other ways of donating to Border Ministry are monetary or mailing items directly. For more information about these methods of donating, go to: [fronteras.azdiocese.org](http://fronteras.azdiocese.org).

