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ZOOM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 7th

10:30 am

It is finally, "Day". April, 2020 has been such a whirlwind that this is was it comes to. Just saying "Day". It seems that I can't keep track of if today is Friday, Tuesday, or maybe even Saturday. So now it is just "Day". Now that April, 2020 is behind us, we can look back and say, what a month! We have been social distancing and staying home and worshiping in a way that we could not have ever thought we would. All in an effort to keep ourselves and others safe. The strength that has come from this effort will be used as we move forward as a parish. The diocese has a task force that has been meeting to develop guidelines, that follow CDC guidelines, on opening back up in phases. This means that our high risk members need to be our top priority when we do phase in the re-opening of St. James. To love one another means we also need to protect one another.

While we have been worshiping from home, a lot has been happening here. Due to the exhaustive efforts from members of your vestry, we were among the 10% who were granted funds from the federal CARES Act Payroll Protection Plan. The efforts of Mary Hovden, Gerry Carlston made this happen. Diana Bowie's knowledge and experience then developed an identifiable electronic and paper trail that will meet the documentation requirements. Anyone who has had experience of navigating through federal government red tape will understand the magnitude of this. During this month, our worship evolved from live streaming on Facebook Live to pre-recording our worship using the creativity of Pastor Andrea+ and Deacon Robin. It takes hours to record the liturgy and music from different locations. Then, using the editing magic of Nathan Besonen, these videos become an Episcopal Ante-Communion service. These services are then released on Facebook Premiere and YouTube Premiere. We are truly blessed to have so many people willing to step outside of their comfort zones to make this happen in such a way.

While we try to navigate these new normal times, it is a great feeling (at least for me) that everyone who makes up St. James makes St. James who we are! I can't wait until we get to see each other again on "Day".

Peace,

Bob Klassen

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

January 1 through April 30, 2020

My heartfelt thanks to all of you amazing people! April was a good month financially!

	Actual	Budget
YTD Operating Income	\$ 81,801	\$ 90,740
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 60,802	\$ 91,285
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 20,999	\$ -546

First of all, thanks to tireless work by Mary Hovden, St. James received a "forgivable loan" as part of the Federal Small Business Administration's "Payroll Protection Program!" Mary followed up a tip from Bill Potts, the diocesan treasurer, and we were able to apply through Academy Bank in Scottsdale, who successfully submitted our application to the SBA. They received the money only seven days later! Bob Klassen drove up to Scottsdale and picked up a cashier's check for almost \$23,000 that same day. We deposited it in a new account at our credit union that Diana had set up. Diana also got new checks printed in record time. So we will be paying salaries and benefits from that account for the next 2 ½ months! The best part is, we won't have to repay the loan since we'll be able to clearly document that the funds were used only for salaries, benefits, and utilities, per the SBA rules.

It is also so gratifying that our members continue to give generously despite everything! April contributions were higher than March's, which were in turn higher than February's! Thank you!

Gerry Carlston (pgcarlston@cox.net)
Treasurer

**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



April was the month of *New, Different, and Extraordinary* at St. James the Apostle. COVID-19 took St. James into a new world of the unexplored, untried universe of YouTube and ZOOM. Thanks to many people, our parish did not miss a single event during Easter, nor have we missed any since. **Pastor Andrea** and **Deacon Robin** put together a wonderful experiment in internet services and Social Gatherings for all of the self-quarantined parishioners at St. James. They had the help of so many wonderful people. Our music team of **Lali Breen, Tara Papaccio, and Greg Olsen** provided music for all our services and events. Many stepped up to be readers for our services. Special thanks to **Paul and Bunny Hand, Tara and Chris Papaccio, Anna Krithis and Parker Neff, Audrey and Nick Spence**, as well as **Damien Brandeis, Joan Besonen, Jill Leatherman, and Mary Hovden** for the lovely readings. The readers all did a spectacular job while dealing with the added quirks of the internet. An admirable job was done by everyone. None of this could have been accomplished without the amazing talents of our behind the scenes technology team of **Nathan Besonen, Jason Houle and Bob Klassen**. What an awesome, talented, willing group of people we have at St. James. We are truly Blessed.

AND THE GOLDEN HALO GOES TO... HARRIET TUBMAN

Lent Madness 2020 Golden Halo Winner!

This year, with all the bracket surprises, the 'winner' of the 2020 Golden Halo is **Harriet Tubman!** This year, **Denise Boyd and Jill Leatherman both predicted Harriet!** As the winners of 2020 Lent Madness at St. James, **they have decided** that the very generous **\$265 'ministry pool'** gets allocated **to our outreach with UMOM!** Thank you to all who participated, donated to the 'pool', and learned about the saints. Thanks again to Sheryl Houle for so elegantly keeping the large bracket poster updated even if it was cut short! For more information and detailed biography on the newest Golden Halo winner go to www.lentmadness.org. For more information or questions, please see Deacon Robin.

Annual St. James Ladies Tea



Unfortunately we have to cancel the tea for this year. We would simply not be able to accommodate 100 ladies at the tea with the required social distancing guidelines.

We do plan on creating our totally unique baskets for a raffle in late summer. The baskets will be on display and tickets will be available to be purchased when services resume. More details to come in the next newsletter! 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.

Ladies Night

We will not have dinner this month.

Stay home and stay safe!

MEN'S MINISTRIES

We will not have lunch this month.

Stay home and stay safe!

St James Bookies

May's book is "The Chelsea Girls" by Fiona Davis. Enjoy!!

Reading is a great way to while away the hours until we can meet again!





Confirmation classes will start **Monday, June 1st** at 9 am. If we are unable to meet in person we will be doing the class via Zoom - more information to come.

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

Lector/Reader Schedule for Online Services May 2020

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Responses for Gospel Bidding	Prayers of the People	Dismissal Response
May 10	<i>May 10th is a Youth-led Worship and Eileen will be assigning the roles for the service.</i>					
May 17	Carol Justice	Anna & Parker	Damien	Erica & Elliot	Lali & Greg	Lali & Greg
May 24	Paul Hand	Chris & Tara	Carol Paulk	Spence Family	Anna & Parker	Anna & Parker

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meets weekly on Wednesday beginning at 3 pm. We are a small informal group who gather on the Zoom platform for reflection, respite, and rejuvenation. Centering Prayer serves the mind, body and spirit.



Topics vary and are always interesting. Our focus is Centering Prayer, originated by Fr. Keating, and consists of a short meditation and silent prayer lasting about 20 minutes. The rest of the meeting is fun, entertaining and a chance to connect with fellow St. James members.

Joining is easy. Simply contact me at dlbrandeis@gmail.com or text / voice message to 602-999-9848. I will send an email invitation to you. Everyone is welcome! Your video broadcast is optional so come as you are.

We hope you will join us this week and every week in the future.

Blessings to you,
Damien



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

Topic: St James Online Fellowship-Coffee Hour @ 10:30 am
Time: Apr 19, 2020 10:30 AM Arizona
Every week on Sun, until May 31, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)
May 10, 2020 10:00 AM
May 17, 2020 10:00 AM
May 24, 2020 10:00 AM
May 31, 2020 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/605507071>

Meeting ID: 605 507 071

Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Join us for our online Christian Formation for All at 1:30 pm each Sunday!
**Join us as we share and study Habits of Grace with
Pastor Andrea and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**

Topic: St. James Christian Formation - Sundays
Time: Meet 1:30 pm Sundays

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83543727112?pwd=TTdMZE1pQ1hDWWhCUlJVcTIUSG44Zz09>

Meeting ID: 835 4372 7112
Password: 683571

Or call in Dial by your location
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 835 4372 7112 Password: 683571

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. ~ Galatians 5:6 (NRSV)”

Responding to COVID-19 in AZ Native American Communities (an excerpt from the Bishop’s E-Pistle)

This month, as we continue our journey together during this time of difficulty, the impact to our indigenous brothers and sisters is devastating and alarming. I wanted to use this writing to share with you a way we can reach out and help. This was published in the Bishop’s e-Pistle on Friday, May 1st.

By The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals, Canon for Native American Ministries

“If you are listening to the news daily, you have no doubt heard about the number of infected persons suffering and dying on the Navajo Nation (which encompasses a corner of AZ, UT, and NM). You may also have heard about the spread of the virus on the Hopi, White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Apache tribes. You may not have heard about the numbers of infections on the Tohono O’odham, Salt River, Ak-Chin or Gila Reservations because those numbers are mostly being reported in nearby counties since this is where folks are generally treated when the virus becomes hospital critical.... Now, the Council for Native American Ministry, along with the diocesan office, have arranged for a way for everyone to respond. You are invited to join us in one of two ways. By the grace of God, many congregations have sewing groups and have already begun making masks and sharing them with first responders and hospitals and other agencies across the diocese. We are asking them to now consider making masks for Native American communities. The Daughters of the King chapters in our diocese have stepped up and committed to making masks for distribution in Native communities. We have requests for masks coming in through our partnerships and contacts. If you are called to respond in this way, gather the masks you have made, mail them to:

*Council for Native American Ministry
The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
114 W. Roosevelt St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1406*

*We will distribute them to those Native American communities who have asked for our help. If you (or your congregation) do not sew, you can still help. Financial contributions are being taken to support the clergy serving the Navajoland Area Mission, Church of the Good Shepherd in Ft. Defiance, AZ. **Checks should be made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona and note “Navajoland COVID-19 Response” in the memo line. Contributions can also be made online (see the link below). We will see that those funds are distributed per the guidelines provided by the Bishop’s office in Navajoland. Stay up to date with the work of your Council for Native American Ministry by joining our Facebook group.”***



Blessings,
Deacon Robin

***online contributions to https://www.faithstreet.com/church/the-episcopal-diocese-of-arizona-phoenix-az/giving?fund_id=navajoland-covid-19-project-the-episcopal-diocese-of-arizona*

MUSIC CORNER at St James



Last month, I noted that everything changed in a week. We were rehearsing for Easter, and all of a sudden, there was no church services. Well, now a month later, we have fortunately settled into a ‘new normal’ and have figured out new ways to be together while separated. We have been blessed with a number of people who are technologically savvy enough to keep services going online.

I am happy to see that we can do a special youth service this coming week, which also gets all the kids involved for the first time since we stopped having in person services and hope we can create some other special services in the near future. (planning a Gospel service soon, we hope).

I have been blessed that my husband, Greg, and Tara can help me keep the music alive here, recording it to be edited into our ZOOM services. We are also blessed that Nick Spence and Kevin Flock have helped us with some of our set-up, recording and sound issues. Audrey Spence has given me song ideas and sent me music as needed which is also much appreciated. As far as the music goes, we are still on a learning curve of what will work and we appreciate the nice feedback that we get. We are all so blessed that Nathan Besonen can integrate our music into the ZOOM services. We hope you are singing along (at least in your heart) until we can be together again!

~ ~ ~ Lali Breen