

Around the Community

CENTERING PRAYER: Are you missing Centering Prayer on Wednesdays? We'd like to try something new since we are all at home "sheltering in place." If you're thinking you'd like to stay connected in a prayerful way email Damien Brandeis (drbrandeis@cox.net) or give him a call at (602) 999-9848. He has some ideas of ways we can do centering prayer together.

CREATING A SACRED SPACE AT HOME: In these times when we are sheltering at home worship might not have quite the same feel. Creating a sacred space at home helps put us in a frame of mind for worship and especially now with Holy Week and Easter coming up. I encourage you as you are sitting in on our live, online worship to participate to the fullest extent possible: light candles, sing, pray. I am including an article from the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado with suggestions about creating a sacred space at home. Try it out. Even if you don't have the space for something permanent when it's time for worship light candles. As you light candles acknowledge God's presence in that space: "We light this candle to remind us that God is with us in this place, at this time." Prayers and blessings to you all. Andrea*

Here is the article:

A sacred space is a space set apart that can help us come closer to God. Create a sacred space in the home where you can pray, read scripture, and worship. If your home allows, make it a quiet, out-of-the-way space, free from clutter. If you have limited room, even a shelf will do. Gather symbols of our Christian faith and other items that are meaningful to you: candles, a cross, an icon, incense, a cloth. Invite family members, including children of all ages, to contribute to the location and design of the space, with each person adding items that help them make meaning. Items might be added to the space throughout the week, e.g., a bowl and cloth on Maundy Thursday, a black cloth covering the cross on Good Friday, water symbolizing Holy Baptism on Holy Saturday, photos of people you are praying for.

Ministry Opportunities

MATTHEW'S CROSSING FOOD BANK is in need of donations. They are making drive-through food distributions from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. The drive-through food distribution will take place at 2541 N. Arizona Ave in Chandler. For more information on how to donate, call (480) 857-2296.

REFUGEE MINISTRIES: Cruzando Fronteras still needs medical supplies. For questions please contact Dixie Lane, Don Oswald, Ann Marie Bartholomew or Carol Paulk. For other ways of donating to the Border Ministry go to: fronteras.azdiocese.org.

What's Happening at St. James?

March 29, 2020

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

TBA

Stay Safe Everyone!

WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP OR ANSWERS....

Pastor Andrea* is available to answer your questions, to respond to pastoral concerns, to offer support and counseling, and, most of all, to listen. You can reach her at the office, or by email at andrea@stjamestempe.org.

Officers of St. James: Bob Klassen, (480) 225-3342 or bob.klassen@gmail.com; Larry Kenyon, (571) 212-3180 or lbkenyon4@verizon.net; and Gerry Carlston, (480) 678-2710 or pgcarlston@cox.net.

Prayer Chain: Call Diana in the office, (480) 345-2686.

Pastoral Care: Please call the office, (480) 345-2686.

Godly Play/Children & Youth Ministries: Eileen Flock, (480) 586-1124 or eflock@cox.net.

Music Teams:

8:30 Worship: Lali Breen, lb.dbstrings@gmail.com; or (480) 205-5635;

10:30 Worship: Audrey Spence, audrey_d_spence@accountant.com (480) 460-3259,

Parish Nurse: Patricia Maybee, pmaybee@gmail.com.

LAST WEEK AT ST. JAMES:

Worship Attendance: 0

Giving -

\$ 885 (Operating)

\$ 0 (Designated Gifts)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

YTD Operating Income:	\$ 31,381	(as off 2/28/2020)
YTD Operating Expenses:	\$ 26,726	Surplus/Loss: \$ 4,655

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this community, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation Verse

Jesus said to her,
"Did I not tell you that if you believed,
you would see the glory of God?"

Luke 11:40

The 12th Annual
WALK the WALK
TO END HOMELESSNESS
FOUNDED BY THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
RESCHEDULED: SEPT. 19, 2020

2020 MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING CLINIC POSTPONED - "SOCK SACKS" STILL NEEDED: The foot washing clinic has been postponed. It is the hope of the organizers that this ministry can be done later in the summer/fall. More information will be available at a later date. Thank you to those who have prepared "sock sacks". Please hold on to them as they will be needed even more than ever. If you'd like to create sock sacks during this time of staying home and staying safe...these are the items needed in each "sack": 1pr white socks; 1pr black socks; 1pk pocket tissues; 2 granola bars (or, even better, nutigrain bars or soft bars); 2 water bottles; Toenail clippers without a file; and paper emory boards we can order from Amazon. Please let Deacon Robin know if you are able to make some of these and hold them for the future. Contact Deacon Robin (robin.b.hollis@gmail.com) or at 480.242.7178.

THE 8TH ANNUAL LADIES TEA has been postponed and tentatively re-scheduled for **Saturday, June 13th**. Contributions for the baskets are still needed. Let your imagination soar! Please email Susan Buckley (buckleyaz@cox.net) for more details.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the Church of West Malaysia.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please remember the Church of St. Matthew in Tucson.

Please Pray for our Church Family. . . . Janey, Dana, Kristy, Carrie, Simon, Patti, Ray, the Muller family, the Spence family, Sandra, Robert, the Hollis family, the Huls family, Luke, Patricia, John, Bruce, Jeff, Russ, Ellen and Anne Marie. We acknowledge, pay respect and pray for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community as the original people of the land and their role as custodians of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God. We pray for all affected by violence, terrorism & natural disaster, and we pray for those in the military. We pray also that God will send us those who are hungry to know and follow Jesus, that we might welcome & walk with them on their spiritual journey.