Around the Community

CFFA (**CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL**) Today we continue our series *The Way of Love.* We meet between worship services in the library! Come join us! Andrea+

GODLY PLAY meets in the Nursery at 8:30 am. All welcome!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP at 10:30 am.

CENTERING PRAYER on Wednesday from 3:15 to 3:45 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on **Wednesday** from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Library. All women welcome!

WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE at 5:30 pm in the Library/Chapel. Find an oasis of God's love and healing at our mid-week service with Holy Communion, prayers and anointing for healing.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Our study continues **Thursday's** at 6:30 pm at the Huls' residence in Scottsdale. All men are invited!

Ministry Opportunities

ST. JAMES MONTHLY OUTREACH to our hungry neighbors: Please sign up for our next service evening at the *Halle Center for Women* (3424 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008), **5 pm to 6:30 pm, Friday, February 14th.** There are 5 spots available.

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. Volunteers at the border report there are needs for the younger kids at this time. We will also continue to accept donations of DIAPERS, and PERSONAL & FEMININE HYGIENE items. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. 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: <u>fronteras.azdiocese.org.</u>

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MINISTRY: We are looking for a few



people who may feel called to visit the homebound and take them communion. We want to make sure everyone gets visited and gets communion regularly and in a timely manner, and it would give our homebound or those who are in the hospital a chance to meet and visit with other members of St James. Prayerfully consider if this is something

you would like to do and if you have questions about this ministry please contact Pastor Andrea+ or Deacon Robin.

HYGIENE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS, put together by our youth group, can be found in the chest in the narthex. Please take a bag or two to give out on your daily travels.

What's Happening at St. James?

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GROUP MEETING:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH (5th-12th grade)

9:30 am to 12 pm

OUR 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED!!

They are on the table in front of the kitchen. Please put your name on your envelope *especially if giving cash.* 2019 Contribution Statements will be sent out in early January.

Coming Soon. . .

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Please join us at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 14th at Spinato's Pizzeria, 4848 E. Chandler Blvd., Phoenix, 85048. If you haven't come before please join us for a fun, friendly evening. Come & bring a friend!

MEN'S GROUP: Thursday, January 23rd at 11:30 am at Biscuit's, 4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix (SW corner of 48th & Elliot).

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH will be held after the 10:30 service on **Sunday**, **January 26th**. We'll elect new members to the Bishop's Committee and celebrate all the great ministries in God's service here at St. James. There will be a couple of positions open and the need to elect a Junior Warden. Please prayerfully consider running for one of the openings. This is your chance to help guide where we are going as a new parish.

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND!! We celebrate the first Sunday of each month as First Fruits Sunday. Thanks to all who already bring in non-perishable food items. Let's put our faith into action, and care for & feed our hungry neighbors.

ST JAMES BOOKIES: January's book is "The Whisper Man" by Alex North. Join us Sunday, February 2nd, after the 10:30 service at la Madeleine French Bakery & Café, 3605 W. Chandler Blvd. We will also have our annual Christmas book exchange during the meeting. Please bring a "White Elephant" book (wrapped) for the gift exchange. Max value \$15.

BISHOP'S VISIT: Bishop Jennifer Reddall will be visiting us **Sunday**, **February 9th**. The Bishop will both celebrate the Eucharist and preach that day. We look forward to welcoming her to our parish!

Meditation Verse

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaíah 42:1

Getting to Know You. . .

DON'T BE A STRANGER! Please wear your name tag so we can all greet one another by name. Familiar face or not, there are always new folks who want to get to know you, or put a name to that familiar face.

NEED A NAME TAG? If you are new to St. James or have just lost your name tag please sign up on the request form in the narthex, so we can get to know one another and greet each other by name at the peace.

Did You Know?

CHURCH FLOWERS: Each Sunday the beautiful flowers in our church are provided by our parishioners. Flowers are offered in memory of departed loved ones, to celebrate blessings, or simply to rejoice in the Glory of God! Simply sign up on the Flower Chart in the narthex & place your flower offering envelope in the offering basket. And many, many thanks to Bunny Hand who creates such beautiful arrangements each week!

MANAGE YOUR GIFTS WITH SIMPLEGIVE: We have electronic giving available through the St. James website. This is particularly useful for those who are taking vacations and want their giving to continue uninterrupted, or for those who prefer the ease and simplicity of electronic giving. To set up and manage your on-line gifts, please go to our website, www.stjamestempe.org and click on the SimpleGive logo. You can also click on the "Donate Now" button on our Facebook page. Thank you for your generous support.

FRY'S REWARDS: Remember that every time you use your VIP card at Fry's, St James gets a percentage (2.5%) of your sale. If you haven't registered your VIP card for St. James, instructions are available on the flyer in the Narthex. Or simply call the office and Diana and set it up for you.

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.