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#### Please Note:

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5th, in observance of Independence Day.

#### ZOOM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, July 1st

10:30 am

## July, a Time to Celebrate

Saint James the Apostle, also known as Saint James the Greater, is celebrated on July 25th by Christians everywhere, most particularly in Compostela, Spain, thanks to the popular religiosity of pilgrimages to his shrine. The same James is also the patron saint for our local church community. Symbolized by the scallop shell (that also represents the sacrament of baptism), the church has been rediscovering the spirituality around his person. In our days, the concept of holy pilgrimage has become more and more useful in understanding our journey with God. It is a reminder that our earthly pilgrimage must be done with Christ. Perhaps like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, unaware but with hearts on fire desiring Christ with them.



**On the last Sunday of July**, we will celebrate our patronal feast, in our regular Sunday service. The bible readings are from his feast day, and the hymns will reflect the importance of a life of sanctity. We are inviting you and your family and friends to come and celebrate with us. We will bless those who have made the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela and will bless those who are preparing themselves to go.

Patronal feasts are a jewel in place and time. They create the opportunity to celebrate God's spirit upon all those who participate in the construction of the spiritual building of their local community. We celebrate, the past, the present and summon blessings over our journey towards the future days.

We also invite everyone to share their memories with us. Right now, we are trying to collect photos and stories from our parish. **If you have pictures from sacraments, rites of passage or events at St. James Tempe, and would like to help us to structure our story**, please contact Father Sam or Diana at the church office. Their email addresses are [samdessordi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:samdessordi@yahoo.co.uk) or [diana@stjamestempe.org](mailto:diana@stjamestempe.org).

Father Sam<sup>†</sup>

A day to commemorate the **Feast of Mary Magdalene - The Apostle of the Apostles**  
July 22, 2021 at the church

Morning Prayer - 7:30 a.m.

Movie Night - 6:00 p.m.  
**Mary Magdalene 2018 (R)**

Let's get together to be inspired by one of the great saints of the church, Mary Magdalene. The narrative presents her as midwife, shepherd and repairer of fishing nets, like many women of her time. But she is also a woman of prayer that became the witness of God's power through the resurrection of Jesus. Come with an open heart and with curiosity about this biblical icon. We will provide snacks and soft drinks for an evening to explore her life and her importance for the Church. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w47IjuEV8o>

**Treasurer's Update**

January 1 through June 28, 2021

	Actual	Budget
YTD Operating Income	\$ 148,307	\$ 122,537
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 94,369	\$ 124,866
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 53,938	\$ 2,329

INCOME CONTINUES TO TRACK WELL TO THE BUDGET. SUBTRACTING THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PROGRAM FUNDS OF \$22,925 FROM OPERATING INCOME SHOWS GENERAL NON-RESTRICTED INCOME OF ABOUT \$125,925. SO WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THE TOTALS YOUR PLEDGE CARDS INDICATED. **THANK YOU!!** ON THE EXPENSE SIDE, PERSONNEL EXPENSES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR WERE ABOUT \$25,000 LESS THAN BUDGETED, SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ADD THAT AMOUNT TO OUR OPERATING RESERVES FUND. NOW THAT FATHER SAM IS HERE, OF COURSE, PERSONNEL EXPENSES SHOULD TRACK CLOSELY TO THE BUDGET FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. SO WE SHOULDN'T GET COMPLACENT ABOUT THE LARGE APPARENT SURPLUS -- \$23,000 IS FROM THE FEDERAL STIMULUS AND \$25,000 IS FROM REDUCED PERSONNEL COSTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR — NEITHER WILL COME OUR WAY AGAIN. LOOKED AT THIS WAY, THE 'REAL' SURPLUS IS ABOUT \$6,000 ( $\$53,938 - 23,000 - 25,000 = 5,938$ ).

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By the time this newsletter is published and sent, I have absolutely no idea how this will turn out. But, Go Suns! For the second time time in my life I have been a life long Phoenix Suns fan. The last time was in the 1990s. While surviving through our first period of extreme heat this summer, suddenly becoming a life long fan Phoenix Suns fan has helped. *Allow me to add some personal history here. I enjoyed a 30 year career in the field of college sports medicine. Thus, I never had the desire to watch any sporting events on television. I lived that life. But, if you ever want to discuss music, let me know. That is what lowered my blood pressure.*



But, enough about sporting entertainment. That is all it is, entertainment. None of this compares to the excitement of being able to worship and enjoy fellowship with each other in person again. I know it is hot, but we can have coffee hour inside now! I know it is hot and many of us regularly escape to the mountains, but we have incredible, live, online streaming of our services. This is a great time for us, even though it is hot outside, we are able to bring St. James and Father Sam<sup>+</sup> to everyone!

Peace,  
 Bob Klassen



Bob Klassen (Senior Warden)  
 Steve Vanden Heuvel (Junior Warden)  
 Gerry Carlston (Treasurer)  
 Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew  
 Joan Besonen

Denise Boyd  
 Mary Hovden  
 Larry Kenyon  
 Tara Papaccio



**Junior Warden update from acting Junior Warden Team Member, Larry Kenyon:** Before I get into “what’s happening around St James” for those of who may not know our Junior Warden, Steve, has had some medical issues that need major attention, among other things, he had surgery last Thursday and he came home from the hospital on June 22nd. Of course at a time like this prayers are greatly appreciated. In the meantime I will be “watching the store” as the acting J.W. team member until Steve is able to return. As usual if you see anything that needs to be done don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Current Work in Progress:** Now for the fun stuff, major tree limbs have fractured and are resting on a wall and the sidewalk requiring removal of the whole tree. We are getting an estimate for removal which will be pricey as is with all tree work. The tree in question is in the A/C area outside the south wall of the Memorial garden. We are also getting closer to working on the total replacement of the irrigation system. We are also in the process of replacing the large fire protection back flow apparatus in back of the church. All large jobs that will need constant monitoring and a large out lay of money.

**Pests:** As soon as we got rid of our pigeon problem we had an invasion of gophers. I’m sure they were a reincarnation of the pigeons. Thanks to Don’s Bees we are rid of both problems. Our regular pest control company is in the process of eliminating the scorpion and other insects problems we’ve had off and on for some time.

**On the brighter side:** A big thanks to Bob and Alicia Klassen’s work around the facility in preparation for the arrival of Father Sam. They painted and prepared his office area giving it a new face lift. Amongst other things they put in new plantings at the front entrance of the church. Also we received approval for in person socials after services, I personally think this is a big deal. Marcia and her team are on top of that.

**Usher Update:** It’s so nice to see our family in person, I don’t know about you all but I really missed that. Our new Usher Team Leader, AnnMarie Bellamy-Bartholomew, is doing everything to make all parishioners feel welcomed back and as comfortable as possible with the existing constraints.

Blessings To All,  
Larry Kenyon



A very, very special thanks to *Bob* and *Alicia Klassen* for taking time out of their summer to paint and refurbish Father Sam's office. We, at St. James, are so grateful to you both for making sure that Father Sam has a fresh, newly painted, and welcoming place in which to work when he is here in his church office.

A special Thank You to everyone who does things quietly, that go unnoticed everyday, every week, and to all those unnamed special people who have helped with providing water and goodies for our coffee hour, helped prepare the offices for Father Sam and spruced up our patio area by trimming and re-potting some of the heat weary plants. It really does take a village of caring folks to make it nice to be back together.

*If you know of anyone who should be given special recognition for what they do at St. James, please contact Ellie Kenyon at [ejkenyon6315@verizon.net](mailto:ejkenyon6315@verizon.net) so she can include that person/those people in the monthly Thank You Column.*

*With summer here and in full swing let's start getting back together!*



## Sunday Bible Study

Godly Play Room

July 11th

## EYC

July 18th

10:30 am (right after the service)

Meet me in the Library!

I will have juice and snacks.

### Important Announcement:

**Safeguarding God's Children & People Armatus Learning System is now Praesidium Academy!**

Leadership of St. James and of the various St. James' ministries are required by diocesan and the wider Church policies to complete the suite of online class sessions designed to keep our people and youth safe. This training is also required to be refreshed every 5 years. The current system is changing to a new platform and a new name. **Effective July 14<sup>th</sup> - users will receive an email inviting them into the new system – Praesidium Academy.** Please follow the instructions and the deadlines.

For any questions or clarifications, please contact Deacon Robin at (480) 242-7178 or at [deacon@stjamestempe.org](mailto:deacon@stjamestempe.org).

### Lector/Reader Schedule (9:30 am)

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Prayers of the People	Acolyte
July 4	Carol Paulk	Jill Leatherman	Careen Henry	Erica Niemoth	Elliot
July 11	Joan Besonen	Denise Boyd	Kathleen Dunn	Pat Maybee	Dylan
July 18	Denise Boyd	Audrey Spence	Careen Henry	Carol Paulk	Pam
July 25	Pat Maybee	Joan Besonen	Erica Niemoth	Kathleen Dunn	Elliot

## BROADER IN MINISTRY

**OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTERS**, “*This Week at St. James*,” and “*Thursday’s Thoughts*” are sent out every Monday and Thursday. Be sure to check your email! If you have not been receiving it, you can subscribe to receive them by going to our website, [www.stjamestempe.org](http://www.stjamestempe.org), and clicking on “Find/Contact Us” then clicking on “Subscribe to Our Newsletter” on the drop down list. After you subscribe you will receive an email from St. James. You must click on the “Yes, Subscribe me to this list” button in the email to complete the sign up. You can also find the link in the Weekly Updates section in the “Events/News” tab.

Join us for a special Pentacost worship service on Sunday, May 23 at 9:30am

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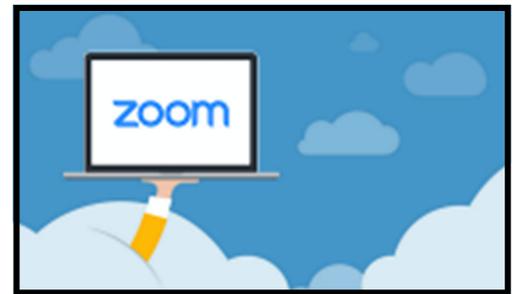
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### Christian Formation and Taizé Are taking the summer off!

**Join us in August for Christian Formation**  
**each Sunday at 1:30 pm**  
**after the service!**



### *Ladies Night Out – We will be back!*

See you in September! We will take just a little longer break as many people are away in the summer and it gives a few more months to get back to “normal”. We will continue to have our night out on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have ideas on where to eat out or if you don’t get my email and want to receive it, please email me at [joanbesonen@gmail.com](mailto:joanbesonen@gmail.com). I am looking forward to seeing many of you and being able to visit. More info to come. Have a great summer.



### *St James Bookies*

We haven’t met in over a year but we’re still reading! Please contact the church office, (480) 345-2686, if you are interested in getting together with coffee, good food and great books! CDC & Diocesan COVID protocols will be followed.



### MEN'S MINISTRIES

**Join Us for Lunch!!**

Thursday, July 22nd  
11:30 am

**Biscuit's**

4623 E. Elliot Road, Phoenix  
(SW corner 48th & Elliot)

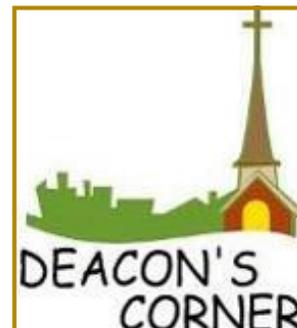
**WARMER IN FELLOWSHIP**

### *Freedom's Blessing*

One definition of "freedom" found in the dictionary is "*the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved*".

Today, many in the U.S. celebrate our freedom from the tyranny and economic enslavement by Britain on the colonies as we enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We celebrate the freedom gained from the sacrifice of many fighting for this right. And yet, even today, we have members in our society who were not free then and are not free today. Just this year, the freedom associated with the Emancipation Proclamation, 2 years late is now celebrated by all on Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>). Still today, we have members of our wider community who are not free from poverty, from illiteracy, from homelessness and from accessing healthcare. In our Episcopal tradition we have not always been the most exemplary in ensuring freedom for all. The Episcopal Church (TEC) today is now focused on how we can work for freedom for all. As members of the Jesus movement, we are all called to live into our Baptismal Covenant which expects us to ensure freedom for all while respecting the dignity of every human being. In a way, as we begin to emerge from the global pandemic, as followers of Jesus we are positioned to be those guardians of freedom. It's our actions, our call to be missionaries into our communities where we will answer God's call and step up and step out to take the actions that provide freedom for everyone - everyone, regardless of who they are. By working to keep freedom's light for all, we are blessed and share in the light of Christ.

Blessings,  
Deacon Robin



"Spirituality is about being ready. All the spiritual disciplines of your life - prayer, study, meditation or ritual, religious vows - are there so you can break through to the eternal. Spirituality is about awakening the eyes, the ears, the heart so you can see what's always happening right in front of you."

- Richard Rohr



### MUSIC CORNER at St James

We are hoping that July actually cools down, with our current June heat wave. We were very relieved to see coffee hour move indoors just before we all melted for one more week! We have had an exciting new month with our new rector and are looking forward to implementing his ideas and working with him in the future.

Greg and I will be (finally) missing some Sundays coming up. July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first one and Audrey and Gerry have put together a great program and our singers should be there in (the current) full attendance so we are anticipating a very celebratory 4<sup>th</sup> of July and I hope that all have time to attend church that day. Audrey Spence is working with me to plan service music as well and we are collaborating for the next services that I am missing in August and September.

We will be back on July 11<sup>th</sup> and Greg and I are doing a couple of 'specials' with vocals, violin and guitar as it is also our anniversary that day. We will have our instruments with us on the road (we are traveling to Oregon, so hope to have some rehearsal time as well).

Father Sam would like to celebrate our saints and the first Saint Celebration will be for our own St James on July 25<sup>th</sup>, so for those who like the traditional music, we will be featuring more organ and familiar hymns to celebrate. St James has really survived and exceeded expectations for this church in spite of the pandemic and we are all in anticipation of what it to come!

~ ~ ~ Lali Breen