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8th Annual Ladies Tea

Vestry Meeting
Thursday, July 7th
10:30 am

PRIDE month is here. Let's celebrate diversity

This year, with the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, we also begin the celebrations for Pride month. Yes. We, The Episcopal Church, across the country, celebrate the diversity of the body of Christ, which is an inclusive spirit.

As Christians, we believe that we are created in God's image and likeness. "And **God** said, Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**." Gen 1,27. God itself is diverse, and we see that when the writer of Genesis uses the word "Us" to address God.

For God, every life is precious, and we are caretakers of each other. As Christians, we are called to walk and empower the disenfranchised, the excluded, and those victims of injustice.

For too long churches have been negligent in expressing God's love and care for people, races, cultures, capacities, statues, and orientations. June became the month to celebrate 'Liberation' from social structures that enslave our people. It also calls Christians to repent from all evil doing against the LGBTQ+ community.

A few years ago, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Right Rev. Michael Curry, wrote a statement to LGBTQ+ Episcopalians that affirms:

"Dear friends, the church has in like manner been blessed by you. Together with many others you are faithful followers of Jesus of Nazareth and his way of love. You have helped the church to be truly catholic, universal, a house of prayer for all people. You have helped the church to truly be a reflection of the beloved community of God. You have helped the church to authentically be a branch of the Jesus movement in our time. Your ministries to and with this church are innumerable. I could speak of how you often lead our vestries, and other leadership bodies in the church. I could speak of how many of you organize our liturgies of worship, lift our voices in song, manage church funds, teach and form our children as followers of Jesus, lead congregations, ministries and dioceses. But through it all and above it all, you faithfully follow Jesus and his way of love. And in so doing you help the church, not to build a bigger church for church's sake, but to build a better world for God's sake."

At St. James, a group of parishioners has been planning events to mark Pride. A movie night to create space for conversation, an evening to share people's 'coming-out' stories, and an evening to learn about LGBTQ+ history in the Greater Phoenix area, with the historian Marshall Shore.

Fr. Sam Dessórdi Leite⁺

TREASURER'S UPDATE

January 1 through May 31, 2022

Operating Expenses were about \$8,500 more than Operating Income through May 31st. The 2022 budget projected we'd have a much larger deficit by now, but that was only my "educated guess". The reality is we've had to transfer more than \$22,000 from our Operating Reserves to cover Payroll and Expenses so far this year. But please don't get discouraged! St. James is on the move!

	Actual	Budget
YTD Operating Income	\$ 92,712	\$ 75,475
YTD Operating Expense	\$ 101,295	\$ 112,955
YTD Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 8,583	\$ 37,480
Transferred from Operating Reserve	\$ 22,320	\$ 29,167
Monthly Deficit and Transfer totals do not necessarily agree. Income is received irregularly throughout a given month, but expenses are incurred and settled weekly.		

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You can contribute online to St. James at:

St. James
975 E Warner Rd or https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2407353
Tempe, AZ 85284



We have an exciting first anniversary this week! Fr. Sam+ began his ministry with the people of St. James on June 1st of 2021. During this year, we have learned much about the early Christians, our patron saint, and how worship can embrace various cultures. For me at least, this has been an opportunity to examine and deepen my relationship with God my chosen Episcopal faith. It has helped me see the eyes of Jesus in my St. James family and in my neighbors. So, let me shout Happy Anniversary, St. James! Thank you, Fr. Sam+ for joining us in ministry! And, thank you, St. James for embracing each other in this ministry. The ground has been prepared and the seeds have been planted leading to the growth of our parish.

The month of June is Pride month. Keep an eye on the announcements for different opportunities to participate and celebrate at St. James and around the diocese.

Peace,
Bob Klassen

YOUR VESTRY:

Bob Klassen (Senior Warden)	Denise Boyd
Steve Vanden Heuvel (Junior Warden)	Larry Kenyon
Gerry Carlston (Treasurer)	Tara Papaccio
Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew	Carol Paulk
Joan Besonen	



Susan Buckley has truly stepped up to the plate to help where she is needed. She comes in to help in the office and to fold the bulletin every Thursday. She also helps **Ann Marie Bellamy-Bartholomew** and **Carol Paulk** with the beautiful landscaping in the Breezeway, the Memorial Garden, and out in front of the church. The front of the church, the memorial Garden and the Breezeway have never looked more lovely. Susan is also putting together all the baskets to be raffled for the Ladies Tea. Your help is so appreciated, Susan.



Holly Erickson our wonderful Flower Lady makes sure we have beautiful flower arrangements for the front of the church every Sunday. We are grateful for Holly's talent as a flower designer and appreciate her dedication to arranging the flowers each week for St. James.



We are also so thankful to our Senior Warden **Bob** and **Alicia Klassen** for becoming the go to folks. They are Here, There, and Everywhere for St. James and for Father Sam. They have become our johnny-on-the-spot volunteers for all the new and exciting activities we are experiencing at the church. Thanks for all you two do for St. James and for Father Sam.



The **Altar Guild** continues to prepare the linens and set the altar for each Sunday service. It is a job that requires washing and ironing the linens and making sure that all the elements are ready for the delivery of communion on Sunday. Thank you all who prepare the Altar for Sunday service.

Kelly Kringen and **Lauri Pagano**, have been involved in different ministries at St. James. This week a big thank you note for using their Monday to work on covering the graffiti on the wall of the church. We are looking much better with a new coat of paint!



Coffee Hour helpers: You know who you are, and so do we! Several people gently help us clean up after Sunday Coffee Hour. You are doing this out of love and without seeking attention. We are grateful that you support your church family with gestures of kindness and love.

What would we do without our volunteers? Thank you all!!!!!!



EfM Matters Closing the Year

The EfM Reading and Reflection Guide, “Living Faithfully in Your World”, states, “Closure is a time to acknowledge what has been, to celebrate what now is, and to anticipate what will come.” Looking back on our 36 weeks together, we acknowledge the blessing of our group’s time together, sharing emotional, spiritual, and intellectual support for each person’s ministry. Our final meeting in June will be a celebration over a shared meal, and accompanied by much good humor and laughter.

EfM helps participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian Tradition and bring it into conversation with each person’s experiences through studies, worship and theological reflection. Another year will begin in September 2022. We are seeking individuals to join us.

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MUSIC CORNER at St James

This year has gone by quickly. We head into our first year with Father Sam, the first Sunday of June, with our Pentecost Service, which will feature all the musical ‘hits’ of the Holy Spirit, wind, and fire.

June 12th is Trinity Sunday, and on June 19th we will remember and celebrate Juneteenth, which is a very new holiday, but I am sure that Father Sam will provide some great context for us to understand it better. We will continue to feature Spirituals in June to help with the celebration.

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are certainly feeling the winds of change at St James, but I think we are going to see growth and development as we have some new energy here.

Considering the toll that the pandemic has had on churches, generally, we should be proud that we are weathering the current uncertainties and still have good people and good programs that should appeal to everyone.

~ Lali Breen



EYC

As the school year has concluded for the summer, I hope everyone is enjoying the school break. We did have a great time bowling here are some pictures from the event. I will be traveling for most of the month of June so we will not have EYC for this month. We will resume in July, date and activity has not been set yet. Have a great June and see you all in July.

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Ladies Night

Tuesday, June 14th
6:00 pm

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

If you haven't come before please join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship. And bring a friend! For the safety and health of everyone it is asked that you be fully vaccinated to attend.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Join Us for Lunch!!

Thursday, June 16th
11:30 am

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



SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

EVENING OF MUSIC PRESENTS "ST. JAMES JAMS"
A MUSICAL EVENT & SILENT AUCTION

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE EXCITING NEWS NEXT MONTH

Warmer in Fellowship

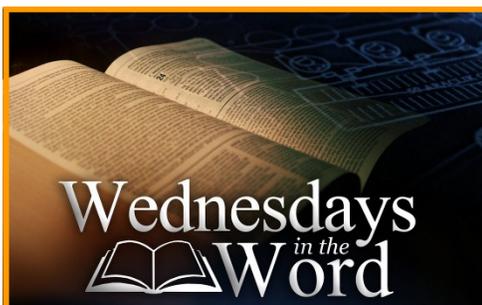
Lector/Reader Schedule (9:30 am)

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Prayers of the People	Offering Plates & Ushers	Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Acolyte
June 5	Juneva	Kristy	Denise	Erica	Patricia	Commissioning of Lay Liturgical Ministers	Elliot
June 12	Joan	Allison	Lauri	Paul	Juneva	Paul/Jim	Careen/Jim
June 19	Kathleen	Shane	Linda B.	Carol P.	Ann Marie	Carol P/Careen	Careen
June 26	Joan	Carol J.	Carol P.	Patricia	Ann Marie	Denise/Bob K	Denise

As of 25 April: For scheduling purposes, these are the dates for individuals when not available to be scheduled or to back up. For future updates/changes, please send to Father Sam (rector@stjamestempe.org)

- Brandon and Dylan Flock – Months of June and July
- Kim Gillespie and Randy Maughan – From May 16 until October (time to be determined)
- Pat Maybee - June 5, June 12

Commissioning our New Lay Liturgical Ministers



Wednesday's at St. James (resumes in May):

- 4:00 pm – Prayer and Meditation (at the Church)
- 4:45 pm – Fellowship (at the Church)
- 5:00 pm – Study of the Bible (at the Church Library)

Warmer in Fellowship

8th Annual Ladies Tea — June 4, 2022

