



News from St. James

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Rector

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Office Hours at St. James are:

**MONDAY -
THURSDAY**
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

FRIDAY
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Christian Formation at St. James

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The Adult Forum

Lectio Divina - Bible Study

Each Sunday in June, July and August
(Except July 4th) 9:10 - 10:00 AM
in the Orange Building behind the School.

The art of Lectio Divina begins with cultivating the ability to listen deeply, "to hear with the ear of our hearts." (A quote from St. Benedict)

Bob Liston and Lizzie Cain Clark will lead these sessions utilizing the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina. Sessions will begin with a prayer and the scripture to be read will be the Gospel for the Day followed by meditation and sharing its meaning in the lives of each participant and what the Scripture invites us to do on our everyday journey.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Children's Education

The summer "African Prayer Safari" is getting underway. We will watch the original Lion King over the course of the summer. In addition, we will sing songs from the "Kingdom of the Son" CD, make arts and crafts projects, and cook. Meet us on the playground until 10:30am. If you arrive after 10:30am join us in Founders' Hall. The 1:00pm service and the 6:00pm service will conduct the class in the nursery.

We will continue our safari at a traditional Vacation Bible School August 9th - 13th from 8:00am - 1:00pm.

If you are available and interested in volunteering and willing to attend Safeguarding God's Children training, please contact Mila Jackson at milaj4@yahoo.com. Registration forms will be emailed or available in July.

Ministry Quicklinks:

[St. James' Church](#)

[St. James' School](#)

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Good News from the St. James' Community!

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Charles Chargois is home from the hospital and doing much better, and the family thanks you for your prayers.

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The Youth Group received volunteers to help build the playhouse for St. James' children. THANKS!

Don't keep your good news a secret! Send it to office@stjamesaustin.org

CORE VALUES

"COME TO THE WELCOME TABLE"

- Heritage
- Welcome
- Worship
- Stewardship of Service
- Diversity

Announcements

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Newcomers Dinners are back at St. James' . . .
(and not-so-new-comers are definitely included!)

We haven't had Newcomers Dinners during all of our transitions since MLK days, so everyone's invited to attend a St. James' Newcomers Dinner if they haven't attended one before. We have three dinners scheduled this summer, and we'll have them regularly from now on.

See towards the end of this email for a flyer with more information. We hope you'll join us!

If you're an oldtimer who would like to help with the newcomer dinners, please contact the church office at office@stjamesaustin.org

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Home Food Preservation

Overwhelmed by tomatoes and cucumbers? Wish that you could enjoy local berries & peaches year-round? Learn to make the most of your harvest by using home preservation techniques. We will cover basic canning techniques, as well as pickling and jam-making. Participants will get to take home supplies to get started with canning.

Registration required. \$20 fee per participant covers basic supplies for participants to get started canning. In order to reserve a spot, mail contact info (name, phone #, and email) and payment to SFC, 1106 Clayton Ln, Ste 480, Austin, TX, 78723 or contact Jess Guffey at 236-0074 x105 or jess@sustainablefoodcenter.org

When/Where
Saturday, June 26
10am-12pm
St. James Episcopal Church
1941 Webberville Road
Austin, TX 78721

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Our St. James Volunteer Wish List

- Call 926-6339 to offer or inquire!
- 1. Someone to run copies - One time - 2 - 4 hours.
- 2. Someone to babysit the copier as the bulletins are produced - Thursday afternoon or Fridays - length of time could be designed to fit your schedule.
- 3. Someone for data input who has worked with Microsoft Access - work could be arranged to fit your schedule.
- 4. Someone to run occasional errands - needed occasionally.
- 5. Assorted tasks around the church of varying time lengths which could be matched to your schedule.

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Join the St. James' Ministry to Feed the Homeless on Saturday, June 19th

What: St. James' Mobile Loaves and Fishes food outreach and ministry

When: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM on Saturday, June 19th

Location: MLF is located at 903 South Capital of Texas Highway (360) on the grounds of St. John Neuman Church. The Mobile Loaves and Fishes building is on the east side of Capital of Texas Highway between Lost Creek Blvd. and Las Cimas Blvd (look for the historic marker sign). Las Cimas Blvd is the next intersection south of Bee Caves.

Also needed: New or gently used t-shirts (especially large men's sizes), easy on/off clothing like sweat pants and tops, socks and toiletries. Contact Madeline Gill at 468-8688 or redfoxgill@verizon.net for more information or to let us know you can help out.

The church is currently helping a mother and her 12 year old daughter, and the mother is looking for employment. The mother's past work experience has been as a caregiver either in a private home or a caregiver in a nursing home or hospital. If you are aware of any employment of this type, please call or email the office. She is also willing to do any "handiwoman" type jobs as well.

Calling All Social Workers Who Have a Little Time to Share
Diana Bell, who helped found the Trinity Center at St. David's, is willing to share her expertise in working with our neighbors in need. This could become the core group of persons who assist us each Tuesday. It is not required to have a social work degree, and if you are interested in helping with us, please email or call the office to volunteer. office@stjamesaustin.org or 926-6339.

Report on the Office Angel Volunteers
This week, up to the time of printing this E-news, we have had 5 office volunteers who have given all together 7 1/2 hours of volunteer time. Way to go!! We can always use your help. Please email office@stjamesaustin.org or call 926-6339.

Please Schedule Every Room at the Church You Plan to Use
If you are scheduling a meeting or an activity, please call the church office and put it on the master calendar. It really isn't safe to assume that no one else has scheduled an event for that same space and time.

Needed - Quiet Toys for the Children's Area in the Sanctuary
We are in need for some new or clean but gently used quiet toys for the Children's Area in the Sanctuary. The children say THANKS!

JUNTEENTH 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2K Freedom Run/Walk
June 19 9:30am - 10:00am
Comal St. and MLK Blvd

Join family, friends, neighbors, community organizations & businesses at this highly visible, very powerful event that will raise awareness about the increasing prevalence of health disparities within the African-American community. This successful event celebrates freedom and promotes healthy living. Click here to download the 2K Registration Form

**Juneteenth Historical Parade
10am
Comal St. and MLK Blvd**

Floats...Clowns...Bands...Auto Show.
Park Celebration 1pm - 10pm
Rosewood Park - 1182 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Clowns...Face Painting...Kids Area Rides and Games...R&B, Blues, Hip-Hop, Gospel...
Historical Community Program 1pm - 3pm
Doris Miller Auditorium - 2300 Rosewood Ave.
The historically focused program begins immediately after the parade inside Doris Miller Auditorium, includes dignitaries, keynote, historical movements, spiritual, poetry, and praise dance.

PRAISE DANCE COMPETITION

3pm
Doris Miller Auditorium - 2300 Rosewood Ave.

Juneteenth After Party (Playdate Austin)

9pm - 2am
Tres Amigos - 7535 East Highway 290, Austin, TX
Cost \$10.00

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The Art and Science of Love

As you may already know, Dr. John Gottman is world-renowned for his 35+ years of scientific research on what makes marriages succeed or fail. He is the author of hundreds of articles and dozens of books, including What makes marriages succeed or fail, and the NY Times bestseller: The 7 Principles for making marriage work. You can read more about Dr. Gottman at <http://www.gottman.com>.

For the austin workshop for couples, please visit:
<http://www.txcouplesworkshops.com>

Dates: June 26 and 27th, 2010
Location: Sunset Valley City Hall (near Brodie Lane and Route 290)
Registration: \$600 early registration before June 15, 2010 Discounts and CEU's available for health professionals

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The Austin History Center will present a Pre-Juneteenth Observance which will include a photo presentation of six historic African-American Baptist Churches in Austin. Reception to follow. June 18, 2010, 3:00 - 5:00 at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 2611 Angelina St. RSVP requested: 974-7390 or Christie.campbell@ci.austin.tx.us

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Not Just Another Regular Day at the Office

It was just going to be a regular Thursday at the office, and I was thinking that I might actually be ready to start printing the bulletins later in the day. Midmorning I glanced outside to see an unusual looking trailer pulling up in front of the church. Before I knew it, the movers had unloaded the amazing new Grotrian piano, donated by Nick Shumway, and were bringing it into the sanctuary. It looked shiny, majestic, transforming the sanctuary in some way. Nick and Kent took turns playing and the notes of Chopin danced with the strains of "There is a Balm in Gilead", filling the sanctuary from wall to wall and moving through my soul. I listened, I walked and I cried. God can speak to us through beautiful music. I was like Moses needing to take off my shoes because I knew I was standing on Holy Ground.

Later in the day when I still thought I might get at least one set of bulletins printed, one of our parishioners, who comes every day to pray, stopped by the office. Her face was beaming. "You know what, Father Reggie? I am going to do something I have never done before. Believe me, I have never done it before; you can ask any of my friends." "What's that," Father Reggie asked curiously. "I am going to start pledging. I have always said what I gave was between me and God, but you know what? I feel differently now. No matter when I come in this church, you are glad to see me. You never act like I am bothering you. I feel so at home here. Just give a pledge card, and I am going to fill it out, right now!" I thought maybe I was going to start crying again, and I'm not too sure that Father Reggie didn't feel the same way! Later as she was running off some copies to help me out in the office, she exclaimed out of the blue, "I know what it is!" I jumped! "I know what it is," she shouted again. "I know I belong!" No doubt I'm going to cry now!

The phone rang. It was a call from a lady we had seen on Tuesday, the day that Father Reggie visits with our neighbors in need. She was here in Austin with her 12 year old daughter and was truly stranded. The distant relatives that she thought she could stay with until she found employment and a place to live didn't want her to stay for more than a day or so. Mary, a name we'll use for the mother, and Dawn, a name for the daughter, still had hope. Mary was determined to make it here, to find a job, to create a good home for Dawn. She had called every shelter on the resource paper we had given her. She had called some of them twice. But there simply was no room. Mary and Dawn were literally out on the street. Using the money the parishioners of St. James donate to the Rector's discretionary fund, we were able to find a low weekly rate at the Red Roof Inn in Round Rock (the bikers had booked Austin solid).

Father Reggie gave her an HEB card for some food, and Mary and Dawn and I all climbed in my little CRV and headed up I35. Mary and Dawn are people you immediately like; you sense their earnestness, and yes, you sense their fear, too. After a stop for some much needed groceries, I delivered them to the Red Roof Inn in Round Rock. We walked in; they were exhausted and hungry and so eager for a hot shower. "Oh," Mary said looking all around, "it looks like a palace in here." And there I was, fighting back tears again. It was late, I was hungry, glad that Bob had agreed to cook supper. I left them at their room and headed down the freeway toward home, knowing that with the help of St. James', these two people will make it; they will in time be O.K. A strange and wonderful quietness came over me. Perhaps I should take off my shoes again!

No, this hadn't been just another day at the office and no, I hadn't started printing the bulletins either.

Prayers for today!

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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Eugene Peterson is improving at St. David's hospital after becoming ill during the 10:15 service.

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Margaret Listberger as she has a significant recurrence of cancer.

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Richard Easley, father of Richelle Easley, who was recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

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Prayers for the departed: Gordon Crail who died June 11.

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Keep all of these folks in your prayers and if you want to add anyone to the prayer list you can link onto that list in the "Ministry Quicklink" section to the left.



Newcomers Dinners

Are you new to St. James?

Have you been attending St. James' for awhile, but haven't had a chance to attend a Newcomers Dinner?

Would you like to meet Father Reggie and some Vestry members and St. James' staff in a casual setting?

Would you like to hear more about the vision of St. James?

Do you want to connect with other newcomers and make new St. James' friends?

Do you want to discover the next step toward getting involved in ministry opportunities at St. James?

If you said "Yes" to any of these questions, then a Newcomers Dinner is for you.

We have three Newcomers Dinners scheduled this summer:

Thursday, June 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Newcomers Dinners are held in the homes of Vestry members or Father Reggie and are casual, free, and fun!

If you want to attend a Newcomers Dinner, please RSVP as soon as possible and no later than Monday before the date you plan to attend. Please fill out the bottom of this page and give it to the church office, or call or email the church office, giving us your name(s), phone number, email (if any), and the name(s) and age(s) of your child(ren) who will attend.

Office email: office@stjamesaustin.org

Office phone: (512) 926-6339

Please indicate which date(s) you want to attend, in order of preference. We'll take reservations for each date on a first-come basis, with a cut-off of 25 for each dinner. We'll have other dinners beginning this fall!

Yes, I'd like to attend a Newcomers Dinner on (indicate preference(s))

Thursday, June 24, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone number (s) _____

Name(s) and age(s) of child(ren) who will attend:

God Willing,
The Right Reverend C. Andrew Doyle
IX Bishop of Texas,
will ordain

<i>James M. Abbott</i>	<i>Isaias G. Ginson</i>
<i>Robert F. Bliss</i>	<i>Meredith L. Kolt</i>
<i>Susanne D. Comer</i>	<i>Eric P. Hungerford</i>
<i>Andrea C. Conklin</i>	<i>Nancy L. Ricketts</i>
<i>Deborah H. Daigle</i>	<i>Glenice Robinson-Como</i>
<i>Christine M. Faulstich</i>	<i>Ted W. Smith</i>

to the sacred order of Deacons
on Saturday, the nineteenth of June
Two thousand and ten
at 10 o'clock

Christ Church Cathedral
1117 Texas Avenue
Houston, Texas

The Bishop and Standing Committee
request the honor of your presence
Clergy: White Stoles

The Board of Trustees of
St. James' Episcopal School
is delighted to invite you to meet our
Interim Head of School

Ellen Jockusch

Thursday, June 17th
6:00 - 7:30pm

At the home of
Jane and Tom Hill
4209 Long Champ Drive
453-6160

RSVP by June 14th to Nancy
nboutwell@stjamesaustin.org or 926-4214

Hors d'ouvres and drinks will be served

Please feel free to bring your spouse, partner or guest

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