

# ST. JAMES Good News

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## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Taos, New Mexico



### ST. JAMES VISION

*Sharing ourselves  
and our faith with  
others ... St. James  
is a Christian  
community which  
welcomes all with  
respect for the  
inherent dignity  
and value of every  
person. We strive  
to enable spiritual  
growth through  
worship, educa-  
tion, outreach and  
stewardship for  
the purpose of  
restoring all people  
to unity with God  
and each other.*

## Music School Finishes the Year with a Bright Noise

from ANNA MAE PATTERSON and PENNY VOSS

On May 17, about 200 folks packed the wide front of the church, and energy filled the room for the amazing performances by the students of the Taos Youth Music School.

The Youth Gospel Choir, led by Mary Bruschini, after only one term together, rocked the place at the beginning and Garage Band 102 brought down the rafters at the end!

A highlight of the event was the awarding of the first TYMS scholarship to a graduating student of the music school. This first acknowledgment of the participation and growth of a student was awarded to Austin Jones, who has been part of the school for five years. Home schooled, he has been accepted into a special Living and Learning Program for Pre-Med students at UNM-Albuquerque, where he will begin in the fall.

A not-so-happy note is that, due to health reasons, Carol Huffman has resigned as Executive Director of TYMS. She received warmest wishes for her full and speedy recovery.

We at St. James can be very proud of what our contributions are supporting. A huge round of applause from grateful students and parents acknowledged the financial support and donation of space by our parish.

Our church has supported the music school each year, and matching funds have come from the Taos Community Chorus. The 2008 budget designated \$8,200 from St. James for the school's operations.

## News about Outreach

from MARY ANN BOUGHTON and ANGELA PACHECO

Under the outreach banner fall many of the programs designed to be of service, in our community: our Food Pantry, the Taos Youth Music School, the prescription support program, the Christmas-season Giving Tree, and the emergency assistance program.

The new school food program (*see page 9*) has recently joined that group of valuable services.

Each of these aspects of outreach need and appreciate new volunteers and fresh ideas. We also hope to introduce new ways to serve St. James members and the wider community. Anyone interested in being a part of a brainstorming session to discuss new avenues of service please call or e-mail! Some possibilities are hospice

training, inter-church programs, and vision screening during a Thursday food distribution.

We are also proud to offer to function as a 501(c)3 umbrella for the Taos Awareness Project, which will strive to create a Taos where people with special needs feel fully included.

The Episcopal Church Women of St. James coordinates three major fundraisers during the year—two rummage sales and a festive holiday bazaar. Proceeds from these events typically go to St. James-sponsored and other community projects, by vote of the members after each event.

Food Pantry volunteers know they are doing a much-needed task. As well as bagging and distributing food,

## A Thank-You Note from the Music School

from TIM LONG

On behalf of the staff of Taos Youth Music School, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the body, heart, and soul of the St. James Episcopal Church, for providing financial support and this wonderful space for us to conduct classes. You offer a true gift to the community and the youth of Taos County.

At this time in history, when art and music budgets are stretched to the max or no longer exist, a free after-school music program helps to fill this void of artistic expression and provides a safe place (especially for teens) to be after school.

Our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to Father Rocky, Marcia, the vestry, and the entire congregation and kind hearts of St. James.

## Gearing Up for Fun

The Activities Committee plans four St. James get-togethers every year: Mardi Gras party, Fourth of July picnic, Labor Day picnic, and Thanksgiving dinner.

We would like to add an arts and crafts fair to this list, and are open to other new ideas.

Helping hands are always needed and welcome.

■ Contact: Mary Ann Boughton, 737-5938 or mapb@taosnet.com.

they are busy making environment-friendly cloth bags for clients to use and teaching healthful cooking skills, along with distributing ingredients for the recipes.

All of our outreach projects need volunteers, project planners, or leaders.

■ For more information or to share ideas: Mary Ann Boughton, 737-5938 or mapb@taosnet.com, or Angela Pacheco, 758-5934 or angela.pacheco@state.nm.us.

## Playground Plans

from JACK NOTTINGHAM

We will soon be preparing the ground and pad for the playground equipment. This includes adding a small retaining wall along the sloped contour and the west fence, and then filling in with soil to level the ground.

Once the playground equipment

is installed (early July), we will add wood chips as a base and gravel around the perimeter.

Temporary gates have been installed at the fence and Don Simanton is building new gates, which could be complete before the end of June. The fence will be stained.

This area, once it's furnished with equipment and landscaping, will be a wonderful place for the growing group of children in our care. What a great way to start the summer!

## Food Ingathering

Food banks around the state are running out of food, so we get uneven supplies of food from the Food Depot for our weekly Food Pantry distribution. Parishioners can help by bringing in some staples on the second Sunday of each month to support our Food Pantry's important ministry in this community.

The Food Pantry can always use meats, tuna, stews, soup, macaroni & cheese, beans, peanut butter, fruit, vegetables, ramen, tomatoes, toilet paper, cereal, and jelly.

Place your contributions in the bin by the stained glass window.

Of course, we can use the food anytime you bring it but on the second Sundays we will present the food as part of our offering.

## Rector's Warden: *Eye of the Beholder*

from DICK FRANKEL

Some questions and observations as I try to catch up and keep pace with our parish.

As a member of what I characterize as a “sadder but wiser” rector search committee, I’ve decided that we did very well. It was an ordeal that I do not want to be part of again.

Rectors, like each of us, have strengths and weaknesses. Rather than compare and critique, would it not be wise to accept who we have? Some people have expressed concerns about Father Rocky’s ability to “get up to speed.” Now, at his first anniversary with us, there is little question about his involvement in the parish, the Taos community, and the Rio Grande diocese. Questions arise about the time, effort, and performance of our rector. How careful and thoughtful are we in our evaluation?

We have lost members but gained new members. This is inevitable. Did we do enough preventive maintenance to avoid some of our losses?

The Empty Bowls fundraiser, benefiting the Food Pantry, was a huge success, as was the vestry’s own fundraising dinner at the Taos Inn. Hopefully, everyone will support and help with the rummage sale conducted by the Episcopal Church Women of St. James, scheduled for June 6–7.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to deal with security concerns. I do not know what their recommendations to the vestry will be. I do know that listening, understanding, patience, and consideration of divergent viewpoints and prayer will be requisites.

Four months ago I saw St. James as a place of confusion and distress. Today I see enthusiasm, excitement, and achievement. As Rector’s Warden, I am learning a whole new meaning for the expression “eye of the beholder.”

## People's Warden: *St. James' Financial Outlook*

from MIKE DOBBS

April was another month of expenses exceeding income, although we are managing the cash flow shortfall as best we can. As promised, in addition to the Operating Fund results, we have included the year-to-date results for the Designated Funds, which are where we support most of our outreach programs. These results will be reported periodically so you have an idea of what we are taking in and spending on outreach.

**Our  
Wardens  
Write**

## Financial Status—April 30, 2008

Operating Fund	2008 Budget	YTD (04/31)	April 2008
<b>INCOME</b>			
Pledges	\$285,000	\$104,710	\$18,361
Donations	36,000	12,074	1,855
Plate	8,500	2,850	544
Fundraising	7,500	100	0
Facilities Use/Rental	21,700	4,945	2,150
Other Sources	750	74	14
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$359,450</b>	<b>\$124,753</b>	<b>\$22,924</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Staff	\$209,108	\$69,190	\$17,526
Music Ministry	3,336	992	700
Education	6,000	228	48
Programs	1,300	43	0
Building and Grounds	26,525	11,786	2,167
Insurance	18,500	12,299	26
Communications	8,680	5,537	2,362
Office/Operations	27,850	8,425	2,884
Diocese Fair Share	46,700	16,142	3,233
National Fare Share	10,800	3,724	746
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$358,799</b>	<b>\$128,366</b>	<b>\$29,692</b>
<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>\$621</b>	<b>-\$3,613</b>	<b>-\$6,768</b>

## Designated Accounts—April 30, 2008

Name of Fund	Bank Bal 01/08	Received '08	Spent '08	Transfers	Remaining
Altar Guild	\$5,132	\$821	2,189		3,764
Memorials	4,834	565			5,399
Food Pantry	3,361	41,872	18,673		26,560
Food Pantry Reserve (CD)	5,000				5,000
Rector's Fund	2,240	6,175	5,760		2,655
Missions	1,049				1,049
Other Outreach	4,396				4,396
Prescription Drugs	1,857		619		1,238
Music Library	2,321	1,056	799		2,578
Organ	78,902	1,354	242		80,014
Education	370	50			420
EFM	0				0
Women of St James	436	100	4,500	4,928	964
Seminary	0				0
Special Collections	1,478	521	266		1,733
Columbarium	2,144	450	36		2,558
Music School	8,200		4,100		4,100
Reserve	6,422			(3,110)	3,312
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$128,143</b>	<b>\$52,964</b>	<b>\$37,184</b>	<b>\$1,818</b>	<b>\$145,741</b>

# JUNE

## St. James Calendar of Events

\* = Items described in articles.

**Bold** = New or monthly activities.

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The calendar carries listings of all known parish-related events; if your event is missing, contact the church office.

### 3rd Sunday Vestry Meeting

All parishioners are welcome to come and learn more about the ministries and mission of our parish.

## SUNDAY

### 01

- Worship & Holy Eucharist: 8 AM (Rite I), 9:15 AM (Rite II)
- Sunday School: 9 AM

### 08

- Worship & Sunday School same, plus*
- **Food Ingathering:** 9:15 AM service
  - **Second-Sunday Brunch:** 9:30 AM

### 15

- Worship & Sunday School same, plus*
- **Vestry Meeting:** 10:45 AM
  - **Pets and People Service:** 5 PM

### 22

- Worship & Holy Eucharist: 8 AM (Rite I), 9:15 AM (Rite II)
- Sunday School: 9 AM

### 29

- Worship & Sunday School same, plus*
- **Green Committee:** 11 AM

## MONDAY

### 02

- Book of Common Prayer Class: 10 AM
- Food Pantry Preparation: 11:30 AM

### 09

- Monday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Safe Church Committee:** 2 PM

### 16

- Monday schedule unchanged*

### 23

- Monday schedule unchanged*

### 30

- Monday schedule unchanged*

## TUESDAY

### 03

- Women's Bible Study: 6 PM
- Youth Theatre Group (YTG): 6:30 PM

### 10

- Tuesday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Hike Amole Canyon:** 8 AM (see p. 8)

### 17

- Tuesday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Hike Williams Lake:** 8 AM

### 24

- Tuesday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Women's Agape Luncheon:** 12:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

### 04

- **Rummage Sale Setup:** 8 AM
- **Brown Bag Theology:** 12:30 PM (see p. 9)
- Holy Eucharist with Healing: 6 PM

### 11

- Wednesday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Fishing Cruces Basin Wilderness:** 8 AM (see p. 8)

### 18

- Wednesday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Fishing Rio Los Pinos:** 8 AM (see p. 8)

### 25

- Brown Bag Theology: 12:30 PM
- Holy Eucharist with Healing: 6 PM

## THURSDAY

### 05

- **Rummage Sale Setup:** 8 AM
- Bldg. Com.: 9:30 AM
- Food Pantry Distribution: 3:30 PM
- YTG: 6:30 PM

### 12

- Food Pantry Distribution: 3:30 PM
- YTG: 6:30 PM

### 19

- Thursday schedule unchanged, plus*
- Bldg. Com: 9:30 AM

### 26

- Thursday schedule unchanged, plus*
- **Novel Theology:** 1 PM (see p. 9)

## FRIDAY

### 06

- Centering Prayer: 8 AM
- **Hike Yerba to Lobo Peak:** 7:30 AM (see p. 8)
- **Rummage Sale:** 9 AM  
*Church office closed; rector's day off*

### 13

- Centering Prayer: 8 AM
- **Kayak Eagle Nest Lake:** 8 AM (see p. 8)  
*Church office closed; rector's day off*

### 20

- Centering Prayer: 8 AM
- **Hike Goose Lake Trail:** 7:30 AM (see p. 8)  
*Church office closed; rector's day off*

### 27

- Centering Prayer: 8 AM
- **Mtn. Bike Amole Canyon:** 8 AM (see p. 8)
- **Synoptic Gospels Study:** 9:30 AM  
*Church office closed; rector's day off*

## SATURDAY

### 07

- **Rummage Sale:** 9 AM  
*Rector's day off*

### 14

- **Clean-Up Day:** 9 AM (see p. 10)  
*Rector's day off*

### 21

- No events; church office closed. Rector's day off*

### 28

- No events; church office closed. Rector's day off*

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**Rummage Sale:** A vitally important activity this month for all parishioners is the rummage sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to help support many community ministries. Items may be delivered to the church on June 4 and 5, and the sale will take place June 6–7. *In some way, get involved ... even if it's just buying an item or two.*

*Also, after the sale, we need a place to store the clothes racks and other items that remain. If you have space or know of a space, contact Joella Knapp, 751-3059.*

## Summer Invites Outdoor Challenges

Part of the wonder of the Taos lifestyle is the majesty of our wilderness areas. In the month's ahead, we have many great activities to help you explore and enjoy the full beauty of our region. The degree of difficulty for hikes is based on elevation and miles traveled. It is possible to divide the Friday hikes into two groups, one group for slower hikers and the other for faster hikers.

For your safety, helmets are required on all bike rides.

As always, friends of St. James are welcome, too.

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	START LOCATION
6/6	Hike (advanced) Yerba to Lobo Peak	7:30 AM	Yerba Trailhead
6/10	Hike (easy) Amole Canyon	8 AM	St. James
6/11	Fishing Cruces Basin Wilderness	8 AM	St. James
6/13	Kayak (introductory) Eagle Nest Lake	8 AM	St. James
6/17	Hike (easy) Williams Lake	8 AM	Williams Lake Trailhead
6/20	Hike (advanced) Goose Lake Trail	7:30 AM	KTAO Lot
6/27	Mt. Bike (moderate) Amole Canyon	8 AM	St. James
7/2	Fishing Conejos River	7 AM	St. James
7/9	Fishing Valle Vidal Costilla	7 AM	St. James
7/11	Hike (advanced) Gold Hill via Long Canyon	7:30 AM	TSV Parking Lot
7/15	Hike (easy) Agua Sarca Trail	7:30 AM	St. James
7/18	Kayak Rio Grande, Co. Line/Embudo	8 AM	St. James
7/23	Fishing Valle Vidal-Shuree Pond	7 AM	St. James
7/25	Mt. Bike Brazos	8 AM	KTAO Lot
8/1	Hike (advanced) Gavilan via Columbine	7:30 AM	KTAO Lot
8/6	Fishing Cimarron River	8 AM	St. James
8/8	Hike (advanced) Italianos to Gavilan	7:30 AM	Italianos Trailhead
8/15	Mt. Bike Brazos	8 AM	KTAO Lot
8/22	Hike (advanced) Jicarita Peak via Serpent Lake	7 AM	St. James
8/27	Fishing Rio Chama	7 AM	St. James
8/29	Mt. Bike Garcia Park to Black Lake	7:AM	St. James
9/5	Hike (advanced) Wheeler Peak	7 AM	Williams Lake Trailhead
9/10	Fishing Rio Grande/Red River	8 AM	St. James
9/12	Mt. Bike Costilla Pass	7:30 AM	KTAO Lot
9/20	Hike (advanced) Lake Fork via Kachina Peak	7:30 AM	Williams Lake Trailhead
9/26	Hike (advanced) Trampas Lakes	7:30 AM	St. James

■ Questions or more info: Bruce Marier, 751-7458.

## Novel Theology Features *Suite Française*

The June book is *Suite Française* by Irène Némirovsky.

Set in Paris and later in provincial France during the Nazi occupation of the 1940s, the book tells a story of people thrown together in circumstances they cannot control. As people flee Paris, human folly shows itself in all imaginable ways. Then later, as the story moves on, the reader sees how the French learned to coexist with the occupying forces.

Our discussion will be at 1 p.m. on June 26 at the home of Winn Kalmon.

■ For directions: Winn, 737-5955.

## Brown Bag Theology

The group is discussing *Ten Things Your Minister Wants to Tell You (But Can't Because He Needs the Job)* by Oliver Thomas.

During June, discussion will move on to *Hinduism: A Very Short*

## Taos Schoolkids to Eat at St. James This Summer

Our parish hall will be a site for this summer's school food program. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be furnished by Taos public schools at many sites around town, and St. James will welcome children from age 1 to 18 from our neighborhood.

Volunteers are needed to assist with serving and setup, during the serving times Monday through Friday 9–10 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., and around 3 p.m.

■ For more information or to volunteer: Mary Ann Boughton, 737-5938 or mapb@taosnet.com, or Angela Pacheco, 758-5934 or angela.pacheco@state.nm.us.

*Introduction* by Kim Knott.

The Brown Bag group meets Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Santiago Room of the church.

Everyone is welcome.

■ Information: Norm Ferguson, 751-0049.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

■ **Thank You** from HERB and HEATHER LIEBMAN

We would like to sincerely thank friends at St. James for their prayers, good wishes, and many kindnesses extended during Heather's recent surgery and convalescence. We are sure that the concern of so many fine people contributed to Heather's recovery. Thank you all.

## Good Stewards in Action

from JESS HEALD

■ **Spring Clean-Up Day:** On May 3, about 15 hearty souls under the leadership of Tom Knapp conducted a spring clean-up at the church. Notice the freshly groomed gardens and clean windows. After some three hours work, Jack Nottingham treated everyone to Subway sandwiches. Our church is a little prettier, thanks to these good stewards. Tom is planning this as a monthly activity, with the next one scheduled for Saturday, June 14.

■ **Fundraiser Dinner:** The fundraising dinner drew 63 participants and raised \$1,600 for our budget. Fun, fellowship, and good stewardship combined over a delicious dinner served by Doc Martin's Restaurant. I understand Barbara Martinez is anxious to entertain us on the karaoke machine she purchased during the impromptu auction.

■ **Green Committee:** The Buildings & Grounds committee has approved use of some of our vacant land for a community garden, which the Green Committee will coordinate with the local organization EcoKids. We're hoping that some of the produce grown can be distributed by the Food Pantry.

■ **Coffee Hosts:** Here's a good way to combine stewardship and fellowship: Host our coffee hour one Sunday per year. We have enough parishoners to fill the calendar easily. Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall each Sunday, or you can pick a date and phone it in to the church office. See you by the coffee pot!

## Helping Newcomers Feel at Home with Us

from BAMBI STURBOIS

The Newcomers Committee is looking for folks who would welcome visitors to our worship space. Each Sunday we greet visitors in the parish hall and narthex, inviting them to stay for coffee hour after worship. This very rewarding ministry of extending the hospitality of our Christian family requires a commitment of being "official" greeters once every five to six weeks. We will provide you with the details and support as you move into this ministry. If you would like to volunteer, call me at 776-5739.

Our committee is expanding to include an incorporation group. Members of this group will follow new folks after their initial brunch, helping them feel welcome and "at home" at St. James. If you would like to help incorporate new members into our church family, call Hank Daniel at 751-3937.

Just a reminder, please wear your nametags!

## Milestones

### Birthdays

- 2 Connee Camp, David H. Griggs
- 3 Deb Garland
- 4 Marty Jagers
- 5 Paul Rychener
- 6 Elizabeth Ann Pacheco
- 7 Jack Nottingham
- 8 Erica Chafin, June Fancher
- 9 Dawn Heino
- 15 Janet Neville Browne, Michael Martinez
- 16 Sabrina Buchanan
- 18 Elizabeth Rockenfield
- 20 Billie Blair, Katharine Anne Pacheco
- 24 Edris C. Raiser
- 25 William Dedmon
- 26 Kate Yost
- 27 Evie Butler
- 29 Dan Ashton, Ed Hughston
- 30 Penny Voss

### Anniversaries

- 6 Allison & Catherine Guynes
- 8 Dee & Jock Fleming
- 15 Bill & Penny Voss
- 18 Linda & Robert Aubrecht

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear, call the office, 758-2790, and have us add you to the celebration list. Thanks!

### St. James Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(Father Rocky's days off: Friday and Saturday.)

### Pastoral Care Emergency Numbers

For emergencies after office hours: the Rev. Rocky Schuster, 776-8581. In extreme emergency, call the Rev. Cristina Sumners, 758-9035, or the Rev. Walter Allen, 758-1043.

### ST. JAMES VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Dick Frankel

People's Warden: Mike Dobbs

Mary Ann Boughton, Outreach

Jesse Heald, Stewardship

Heather Liebman, Membership

Colin Nicholls, Leadership and Volunteers

Angela Pacheco, Outreach

Stacy Quinn, Education

### DIOCESE/DEANERY

#### DELEGATES:

Marcia Oliver

Barbara Stillwell

Caryle Zorumski

ALTERNATE: Tom Knapp

### COMMITTEES

Agape Groups: Heather Liebman

Altar Guild: Anne Marie Petrokubi

Building: Wes Patterson

Columbarium: John Cain

Finance: Wes Patterson

Food Pantry: Marilyn Farrow, Jane Compton

Memorial Fund: Dee Fleming

Pastoral Care: Mary Burns

Sunday School: Monica Corral

Women of St. James: Joella Knapp

Treasurer: Wes Patterson

**The Rev. Rocky Schuster, Rector**  
**Penny Voss, Minister of Music**  
**Marcia Shultis, Office Manager**

## To St. James, With Love

*from* KAREN ASHTON

It is with difficulty that we say goodbye.

A little more than nine years ago we were “called” to this parish. Now, we are “called” to Silver City.

Over the years, we have found friends and family. We have shared joys, fears, sorrow—life. As a family, the members of St James have ups and downs. There have been times I’ve said angry words and also received angry words. Distrust and dislike have also occurred from myself as well as others.

But love has overcome any situation. Thank you for the love.

I hope we have given as well as we have gotten. Christ’s message was and is love. We are family members in the parish, diocese, and world. Our neighbors live everywhere. Remember, no matter what our disagreements, we are a family in God’s world!

Love welcomed our family; continue that love among the world and yourselves. You are all worth loving!

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