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#### **PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:** Starting May 27 through September 3

Monday 8:30 - 4:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

#### LITURGY:

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00 am Holy Days: 8:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm

#### **SACRAMENTS:**

Baptism: To arrange a baptism and begin the required preparation class, call 480-998-3843 a minimum of three months in advance.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made a minimum of nine months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick:** To request either sacrament, call the Parish Office.

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# First Down with Fr. Eric

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Dear Friends,

Next week our parish will again host Family Promise in our House of Mercy. For many years St. Patrick has had the honor of hosting families transitioning from homelessness to stable living situations. For one week organizations and churches host the families.

for the next day's process. I am grateful for parishioners who this year and in the past have provided home-cooked meals and an opportunity to sit with the families and get to know them. There are also parishioners who spend the night with them in the House of Mercy. I am so pleased that the families experience the hospitality of home-cooked meals and conversation. It is a powerful statement of full presence to our guests. We are grateful that Family Promise keeps using our parish to help with this very effective program/organization.

We ask God's blessings on all organizations and agencies that work with the homeless and those searching for stability in their lives. The work never ends, yet for those who are supported and helped, it makes a big difference to them.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

# STAY CONNECTED stpatcc.org/connection Scan the code to subscribe to the weekly *Community* Connection email to find out about events and ministry at St. Patrick. You can also contact Laurie Coffman at Icoffman@stpatcc.org or 480-998-3843 ext.126.

# Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY ERIC TAMAYO,
Pastoral Associate

# The Benuty of Music

I am sure we have all experienced walking into a church for the first time and being struck by the music in a certain way. Whether that experience was positive or negative, it points to the importance music plays in worship and our faith. If you look at the psalms we sing during mass, you can see just about every human emotion covered. Some psalms talk about joy and blessings, while other psalms focus on suffering or despair. Music has a way of touching our souls in a unique way, it allows us to process our emotions and allows us to put a voice to those experiences.

Music has long held a special place in the life of the Church. Music especially holds an important place within liturgy and the celebration of the Mass. In fact the Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about music, "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy." The composition and singing of psalms, often accompanied by musical instruments, were already closely linked to the liturgical celebrations of the Old Covenant. The use of music in the Church has also long served as a source of teaching and evangelization. In the past people principally learned about their faith through artwork and music.

Showing the importance of singing, St. Augustine once said, "when you sing you pray twice." When we sing from the heart, we are praying from the heart, and that is always the best way to pray. Music can tap into a place within our hearts that other forms of art cannot. There is a unique beauty to music, and when we experience something that is beautiful and true we are really experiencing the truth and beauty of God. When we sing at Mass, we move away from simply being a spectator to someone who is actively participating in the celebration of the Mass along with others as a community of faith. You might think you don't have a good voice or you might be too shy to sing out loud, but when you do sing God hears your voice.

Here at St. Patrick we are blessed to have an amazing music director and choir who spend hours practicing and making sure each celebration is the best it can be. If you are interested in joining the choir I invite you to contact Paul Hillebrand at

phillebrand@stpatcc.org or contact the parish

office. Joining the choir is a great opportunity to use your talents to direct others to the beauty of God through music. Whether you are young or old, consider becoming a member of our music ministry.











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# Stewardship

Loving and merciful God, though you have made me for eternal things, my fallen humanity makes it difficult for me to look past temporal things. Help me to look to Christ in difficult moments, so that I may continue to passionately strive for heaven, which you have made for me. Renew in me daily, the ability to trust in the eternal weight of glory, rather than be overcome by any temporary affliction. I asked this in Jesus' name. Amen.

This week's readings invite us to open our eyes to the war between light and darkness constantly happening around us. The first reading gives us the famous story of humanity's beginning in Eden. As we hear Adam and Eve's responses, we begin to learn more about the enemy's strategy and God's sovereignty. The gospel advances that same theme as Jesus dispels the rumor that his power comes from the evil one. "How can Satan drive out Satan?" he challenges the scribes. He reminds everyone that God is mercy and the only unforgivable sin is blaspheming against the Holy Spirit, which is the refusal to except God's forgiveness and mercy.

Sandwiched between these two clear accounts of the reality of darkness and spiritual attack lies this deep meditation from St. Paul to the church in Corinth. He encourages the church, and us, to peer beyond our temporary, earthly reality and consider how much greater God is than this "transitory" existence on earth. He urges us not to get too weighed down with the earthly, least we miss or lose the "eternal."

There is a battle for our eternal souls, and those who have "eyes to see" and seek God's mercy will emerge victorious.

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#### Join Us in Bringing Comfort and Care to HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Hospital

Are you passionate about making a difference in people's lives? Do you have a heart for serving others in times of need? If so, we invite you to join our team of Ministers of Care for HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Hospital.

#### What We Do:

As Ministers of Care, we have the privilege of bringing the Eucharist to patients at HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Hospital who are unable to attend Mass.

#### Who We're Looking For:

We seek compassionate individuals committed to serving others with kindness, empathy, and respect. No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to make a difference in others' lives.

#### **How You Can Help:**

- Volunteer to become a Minister of Care and receive training in providing Communion to hospital patients.
- Commit to a flexible schedule that fits your availability.
- Make a meaningful impact by bringing solace and spiritual support to those in need.

#### Together, We Can Make a Difference:

Join us in bringing hope, healing, and compassion to patients at HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Hospital. As a Minister of Care, your service will touch hearts and uplift spirits during challenging times.

To learn more about becoming a Minister of Care at HonorHealth Scottsdale Shea Hospital, please contact Dr. Lenny Kelley at **Ikelley@stpatcc.org** or call him at 480-998-3843.





# **FOOD JUSTICE**

We thank you for your continued contributions and generosity towards our weekly food bins. This food reaches those in the wider community who have so little and who live in areas where food insecurity and food deserts are common.

We now invite you to look over this list of healthier options when donating nonperishable items to the food bins. Being more mindful and aware when choosing food items for others recognizes the dignity of the people we serve. It is also a faithful response to putting the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



- Shelf stable milks like Almond/Oat/Rice/Coconut/Ensure
- Healthier beverages (avoid sodas and high fructose juices)
- · Whole wheat or spinach pastas
- Grain and Nut cereals instead of high-sugared items like Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, etc.
- Oatmeal
- Healthy blend of trail mixes
- Spices for cooking needs
- Honey
- · Whole grain breads instead of white bread
- · Wheat crackers instead of potato chips
- Canned Fruits (low sugar)
- Canned Vegetables (low sodium)
- · Dried fruit

- Jerky (beef, turkey, salmon, buffalo). Try to avoid preservatives or artificial flavors.
- Different types of nuts (cashew, almond, shelled pistachios, walnut) instead of chips
- · Granola or protein bars
- Peanut Butter with no additives or preservatives
- Almond butter
- Healthy soups (avoid high sodium)
- · Albacore Tuna instead of "chunk" tuna
- Canned salmon
- Grains like oats, rice, and barley (they can also be added to soups)
- Broth (Beef, chicken, vegetable)
- Canned and dried beans
- · Nuts (walnut, pistachio, cashew, almond)



# **Social Justice**

# Summer Months

The summer months are upon us and that means many parishioners travel or temporarily leave for cooler climates. Subsequently, our non-perishable food donations tend to decline. As we come and go, the one constant that remains are those who face hunger as a consequence of food insecurity.

In Arizona, about 13%, or 467,827 households rely on SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Nearly 30% of our neighbors are considered working poor and living on wages that barely cover housing and other basic necessities.

We ask that you keep this in mind during these upcoming summer months when you do your daily or weekly grocery shopping. Maybe consider adding a few "extra" items for our green food bins that are placed in front of the church doors at each weekend Mass. We share your gifts with several food organizations who serve the poor throughout the Valley.

Also, we should be mindful that many families rely on school food programs during the course of the school year as well. During the summer break, many of these programs are suspended until the beginning of the new school year.

As a reminder, the green food bins are placed in front of the church doors every weekend during Mass. We kindly ask that your non-perishable food items be placed into these bins which will then be delivered by our parish ministers to the organizations in need. Please see the accompanying food justice flyer (please see prior page) for a list of healthier non-perishable items to choose. As always, we thank you for your generosity and prayers.



# **Mass Readings**

# **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35

Next Sunday:

# **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

# Mass Intentions for the Week

# Monday, June 10

# Tuesday, June 11

8:00 am PMarilyn L. Hettel

# Wednesday, June 12

8:00 am PAngelo Fratantoni

# Thursday, June 13

8:00 am Patricia Cholena

# Friday, June 14

8:00 am For the people

# Saturday, June 15

4:30 pm 🕏 ग्रेJoseph Marcario

# Sunday, June 16

8:30 am †Andy Frimer 10:30 am †Fred Bonhag

5:00 pm Sean and Andi DuPre

If you would like a specific Mass Intention offered for someone, living or deceased, please come to the Parish Office to schedule one.

#### **Nurses Corner**

# Men's Health Week June 9- 16

# THINGS YOU CAN DO THIS

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

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Your story or post a positive message about men in your life on your social media.



Men live 9 years in poor health, mostly preventable by making small lifestyle choices.

## CONNECT

With friends and family to avoid social isolation.



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If you need help - just ask!

"Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." — Albert Einstein

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." — Abraham Lincoln

"We need men who can dream of things that never were." — John F. Kennedy

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." — Martin Luther King Jr

#### **CARE and SUPPORT AT ST. PATRICK**

**Cancer Support** This support group is for those dealing with the effects of cancer in their lives and their families' lives. Group meets virtually the first Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. For more information please contact Gloria Yturralde at 602-370-7042.

**Divorced/Separated** The "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" is a twelve part program of sharing, comfort, and healing for divorced or separated people. It is a journey of learning, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. This course is offered in the spring and fall. For more information contact Benny Jetson at 602-920-1671 or Therese Mexas at 480-278-3805.

**Family, Personal Support** Catholic Charities Counselor available Mondays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For an appointment call 602-749-4405. Fees based on sliding scale.

**Annulment Support**—A group of annulment ministers help people navigate the system of annulments in the Phoenix Diocese. For an appointment call 480-264-4319.

**Prayer Support** Small Christian Communities is a support for people who have a desire to pray with others in a supportive community. For prayer requests email to **weprayforyou@stpatcc.org**.

**Grief Support** Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly Monday or Tuesday seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Please contact Kathleen Trilk at **ktrilk@stpatcc.org**.

**Benefits Assistance Program** Assistance with Medicare and other health insurance benefits available for seniors, the disabled and caregivers. For information, please call Connie Jada at 480-998-3843 ext. 138.

**The Next Chapter** A group for men and women further along on their grief journey to address the ongoing needs after the loss of a loved one through spiritual, educational and social activities. Please contact Peg Bohnert at **thenextchapter@stpatcc.org.** 

**NAMI Family Support Group -** This group is a free, confidential and safe place, open to family members, partners and friends of individuals living with a mental illness in order to support each other. Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm in the House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room. Questions:

email: I.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org or web: namivalleyofthesun.org

**Hope Exists** Is a confidential, no cost support group for parents and families suffering from the effects of a loved one's addiction. We offer educational topics from the recovery community and a network of support that goes beyond just the meeting. We meet Sat. 10-11:30 am at St. Patrick's House of Mercy building E. For more information call 480-998-3843 or email **hopeexists@stpatcc.org**.



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# Advanced Theological Studies with Fr. André

The next meeting will be held on **Monday**, **June 17** at 9 am in Fenlon Hospitality Center.

**Future dates:** We will be taking a summer break and will not meet in July.

We will return on **August 19, September 23** and **October 21**.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Coordinator of Stewardship and Development
- Facilities Director
- Coordinator of Communications and Digital Media
- Coordinator of Edge
- Coordinator of Liturgy (part-time)

For more information about these positions or to apply, please go to: rock.stpatcc.org/iwantto/work

"The Lord never tires of forgiving.
It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."
"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
-Pope Francis





Diane Kar 480-998-3843 ext. 209 dkar@stpatcc.org

ROCK45 is off for the summer and will resume in the Fall. In the meantime, here are some fun, creative ways to nurture your tweens' faith this summer. Enjoy!

#### **Reflection Questions:**

Every day, my husband, daughter and I ask each other two questions so we can connect and learn more about each other's life. The first question has worked well at our dinner table to encourage conversation: "What are you GLAD about today?" This is a little acronym we developed, so my daughter starts things off by sharing something she is Grateful for from that day; something she Learned; something she Achieved; and something that made her feel **Delighted.** The answers have often evoked laughter and curiosity as my husband and I ask follow-up questions to deepen the conversation. And then it's our turn to answer the same auestion.

The second question concerns faith: "How were you like Jesus to someone today?" This prompts my daughter to reflect on her day to consider the opportunities she had to be kind, forgiving or inclusive to someone in need. - Colleen Lasky

We are always looking for new core members. Do you have Monday nights open from 6:15 - 8:30 pm? Would you like to share your faith with the next generation?

Mentoring EDGE Youth is highly rewarding and we have a terrific time. Contact Sharon Fabyanic in the parish office to find out more about joining this transformative team.



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We need your help in keeping the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program running.

Contact: Carol LoPorto at cloporto@stpatcc.org.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is looking for caring adults who can help facilitate the program during Sunday Mass times. No prior knowledge is needed and training is provided. Please contact Yasmine Rodriguez (yrodriguez@stpatcc.org) at the parish office if you would like to find out more about CLOW.



Young Disciples is a program for potty-trained preschool aged youth, 3-5 years old to encounter the gospel through story, puppets, drama and song. Contact: Yasmine Rodriguez at **yrodriguez@stpatcc.org**.





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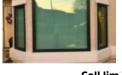
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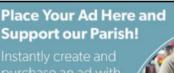
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