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Dear Friends,

I recall in my youth the days before the end of the year. The radio or television would have programs that had a Year In Review. There would be pictures, voices and videos of many of the major events of the past year. Some things I would remember and be amazed by. Other events, I forgot or could not recall. They were not in my memory.

As we get older and accumulate more years, we can get a little fuzzy on past events or trying to remember what years certain things happened. Yet there are some things that happen we cannot forget.

The same happens in our relationship with God. God offers us so many blessings that we cannot easily remember them all. Other blessings we remember with clarity. The faith journey is to REMEMBER all that God has given to us. We remember to GIVE THANKS for this past year, and recall the moments that God’s guiding hand was present in our lives.

As January 1, 2024 approaches, we remind ourselves that there is much to be grateful for and this weekend we tell God, thank you for every good gift. Blessings to all of you as we begin another year.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric
Take a look at these Young Disciples in Mission!!!

We celebrate “Family Mass” monthly - if you are looking for your children to be engaged in Mass, come join us! Watch the bulletin for the next “Family Mass” at 10:30 am.

One Hundred and Fifty families were adopted for our Adopt-A-Family Program for Christmas. Thank you St. Patrick Catholic Community for your love and support to these families!

We are closed Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of New Year’s Day.

A Prayer to Prepare for the Year Ahead

Dear God,

Thank You for new beginnings. What an incredible day this is with a fresh year’s potential stretched out before me. I want to be found faithful this year in each and every opportunity You bring to me. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen. — Pastor David McGee
Stewardship

Opening prayer:
Lord, you designed all perfectly. You designed our love to reflect yours, yet we failed to love as you do. Please bless us with the grace to live lives of holiness, especially with our families. Teach me how to be the best person you have called me to be within my family and to never take for granted the love and support I have from those closest to me. Today, please bless those who struggle to find peace within their homes. Amen.

Why did God ordain that Mary marry Joseph? It wasn’t for protection. God could have assigned Mary and Jesus as many guardian angels as he desired. It wasn’t to put food on the table. God fed the Israelites manna and quail. We see that in God’s intentional and perfect design, a family is made up of a mother and a father. While single-parent homes demonstrate a heroic virtue on the part of one parent doing the job of two, the best scenario is one in which both sexes work in self-sacrificing complementary to one another. Both mother and father offer an indispensable witness to a child, as we hear in the first reading from Sirach. God the father designs, unique roles for both mother and father, and empowers them with his authority, and with a mission: to raise up children, who will know and love him.

Raising a homely family requires that the souls doing the raising know the Lord, and seek him daily, which St. Paul stresses to the Colossians in the second reading. Practically speaking, a virtuous life looks like a home in which the parents (and kids) know they are loved by God and offer compassion, forgiveness, gentleness, and patience. It will be a home ruled by peace-filled hearts in which the Word of God dwells. A holy family will fill the air with wisdom, gratitude, joyful music, all “in the name of the Lord.”

Even in times of sorrow and (impending) suffering, as found in the gospel, a holy family keeps their eyes fixed on God. Unwavering in love, faithful through trials, and confident in God’s mercy, a holy family is one that “fears the Lord and walks in his ways.”

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Mass Readings

The Holy Family
First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Next Sunday:
The Epiphany of the Lord
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 1
9:00 am ★ Guido Antonecchia

Tuesday, January 2
8:00 am ★ Felicia Riccio

Wednesday, January 3
8:00 am ★ John Brindee

Thursday, January 4
8:00 am For the people

Friday, January 5
8:00 am ★ Tom Mulligan

Saturday, January 6
4:30 pm ★ Robbie Robinson

Sunday, January 7
8:30 am ★ Bill Gray
10:30 am ★ Julee Ann Crever
5:00 pm ★ Diana Delamore

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

As the year 2023 comes to an end, the Social Justice and Outreach team wishes all of you, your family, and friends a very Happy New Year. We are always here to assist you in bringing your ministry talents and experiences into the community around us. Think about what discipleship looks like for you this upcoming year. Consider deepening your own spiritual development and faith formation or outward service ministry to the community.

New Year Prayer
Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.
Nurses Corner

Tips on Managing Stress during the Holidays

WEEK 3

- Avoid alcohol and drugs. They don’t actually reduce stress: in fact, they often worsen it. If you’re struggling with substance abuse, educate yourself and get help.
- Spend time in nature. Studies show that time in nature reduces stress.
- Volunteer. The act of volunteering can provide a great source of comfort. By helping people who are not as fortunate, you can also feel less lonely or isolated and more connected to your community.
- Find support. Whether it’s with friends, family, a counselor, or a support group, airing out and talking can help. Consider attending a free support group provided by your local NAMI affiliate. See NAMI information to the right under Care and Support.
- Experiencing a crisis, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Line at 1-800-273-8255; use the Crisis Text Line by texting NAMI to 741-741 to connect with a trained crisis counselor for free, 24/7 crisis support via text message.
- Keep up or seek therapy. If you’re feeling overwhelmed, it may be time to share with your mental health professional. They can help you pinpoint specific events that trigger you and help you create an action plan to change them. If you’re already seeing a therapist, keep it up.

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 Drlik 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 Bohner 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: namimaricopa@gmail.com.

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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Have you been BAPTIZED but never received your CONFIRMATION? Now might be the right time to receive your final Sacrament of Initiation.

All you need to do is show up on January 27, 2024, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with your baptism certificate, sponsor (if they can come), and your birth certificate. If you need a bit more time to get your Baptism Certificate or Birth Certificate, Dr. Lenny will work with you to get it done.

Dr. Lenny Kelley is doing a one-morning Sacrament of Confirmation workshop for all Baptized Catholics. I know many of you have been thinking about receiving your Confirmation for some time because you have told me. Now is your chance.

The Actual Confirmation will happen at the Easter Vigil (March 30, 2024) or when the Confirmation Mass is scheduled by the Diocese of Phoenix’s Bishop’s office (TBD at this time).

What do you need to do to receive your Confirmation?

1. Register by emailing lkelley@stpatcc.org with the subject line reading “Adult Confirmation.”
2. Get your baptism certificate from the parish you were baptized.
3. Send your baptism certificate to lkelley@stpatcc.org or bring it with you on January 27, 2024.
4. Show up at the Easter Vigil or when the Bishop schedules Confirmations and receive your Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lenny at 480-998-3843 or lkelley@stpatcc.org.

Would you like to feel closer to your spouse by resolving conflicts effectively? The more we can work through our issues effectively, the closer we will feel to each other, and the more we will feel heard!!

COUPLE COMMUNICATION PROGRAM - January 13 & 20 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Cost: $200 per couple, includes a continental breakfast and materials. Held at the House of Mercy, St. Patrick.

Start off your year connected!! After our January workshop, the next one will not be until Fall, 2024!! Contact Bonnie to sign up or get more information!

This Program will teach Talking and Listening Skills and a Conflict Resolution Process. It is a wonderful Marriage Enrichment and it is also offered to our Engaged Couples as they prepare for their Marriages.

We have had married couples and engaged couples in this process in the past and it has been most rewarding for all involved! Please join us and improve your communication skills and have some fun!

Contact Bonnie Lewis, LMFT (Instructor) for more information at bonnie@therapywithheart.com.
ROCK45 invites 4th & 5th graders to deepen their faith with fun, dynamic evenings that invite them to encounter God’s immense love for them. Through games, crafts, service, scripture study and prayer, students grow deeper in knowledge of Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. ROCK45 helps our youth foster faith-based friendships. All 4th & 5th graders are invited on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Church/Narthex area. For more information, please reach out to Diane Kar (dkar@stpatcc.org 480-998-3843 ext. 209).

ROCK45 is OFF for the Christmas Season and will resume on January 22. Find our Winter/Spring 2024 Schedule online at stpatcc.org/families/kids.

Thank you to our EDGE Core for all of your hard work. You may not know that every week 30 loving adults and caring older teens come together to welcome our EDGE middle schoolers. They engage with these young teens and share their faith journey with them. In this season of giving we are so grateful for the gift that they make each week. If you see an EDGE core member, please say thank you, on behalf of our entire community!

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Contact: Carol LoPorto at cloporto@stpatcc.org.

On Christmas Break for Children's Ministries.

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