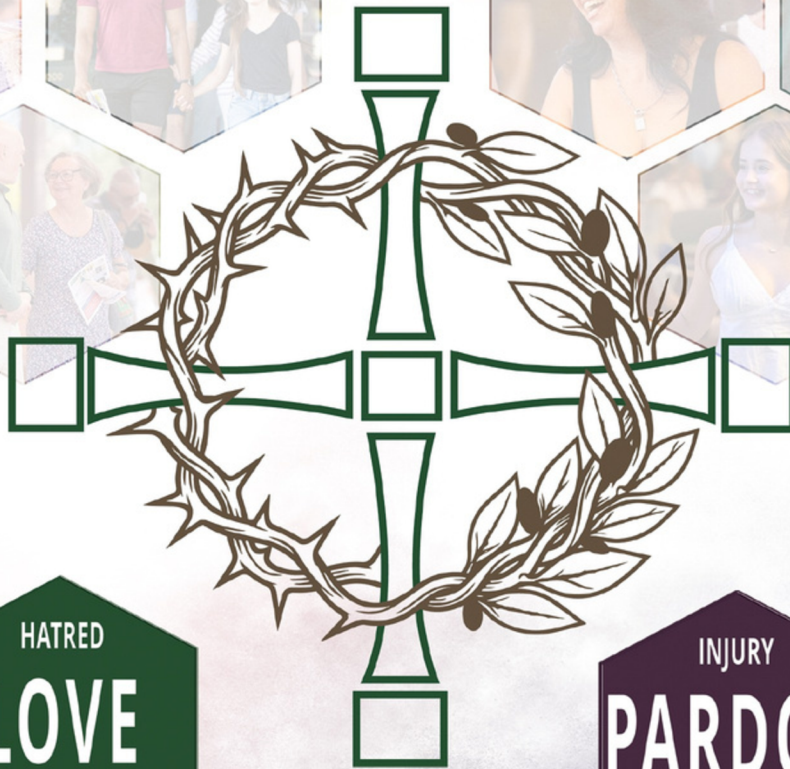


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First Down with Fr. Eric



Dear Friends,

Pope Leo has announced at the beginning of the year that this would be the year to honor the life of St. Francis of Assisi. This year is the 800th anniversary of his death. As our parish leadership gathered to discern what our new theme would be starting this September until next June we gave some thought to a theme that centered on the life of St Francis. Our theme last year was *Lord teach us to pray* and it was rich with reflection and deepening our prayer life.

We asked what does our world need right now? The theme of peace came across our thoughts as we can see that people are in real need of peace, a peace that only God can give. We decided on the theme, **LORD MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE**. This phrase comes from the prayer of St. Francis. Many Christians and others are familiar with this beautiful prayer. It will take the entire year to take each phrase and break open the mystery of what that prayer calls us to remember.

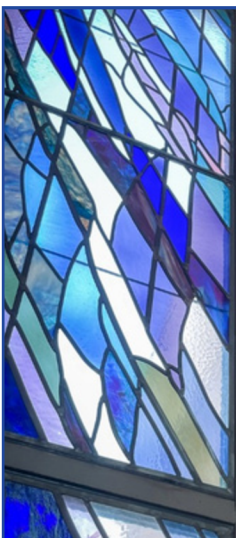
This weekend at all our Masses we will present the beginning of our new theme and will share with the parish the spirituality and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. Soon we will present to all parishioners the prayer of St. Francis so that we can begin to reflect on the powerful prayer that teaches us how to live the Gospel.

Pope Leo has opened the door for us to learn more about that beloved saint, St. Francis of Assisi.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

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Christian Disciples in Mission, Living Beyond Sunday

BY **SUE ORLANDO**, Parish Administrator*Your Story Matters*

As part of Bishop Dolan's seven-year pastoral plan, **TILMA**, the Diocese of Phoenix is hosting synodal listening sessions focused on the Sacraments throughout the fall. These gatherings are an opportunity to pray, share our experiences, and listen to one another as we seek to better understand how the Holy Spirit is moving in the lives of God's people.

St. Patrick will host a listening session on the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and we invite you to be part of this important conversation. The session will be led by **Mary Permoda**, Director of the Office of Mental Health Ministry; **Fr. Chuck Keiffer**, Vicar for Synodality and Planning; and **Ignacio Rodriguez**, Manager of Hispanic Catholic Ministries, all with the Diocese of Phoenix.

Wednesday, September 16
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

St. Patrick Fenlon Hospitality Center

Your experiences, perspectives, and stories can help our Church better understand how we can accompany individuals and families with greater compassion and care.

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BY **ERIC TAMAYO**, Coordinator of Liturgy*Our Lady of Sorrows*

On September 15, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This title reminds us of the deep suffering and grief that Mary experienced throughout the life, passion, and death of her Son, Jesus. Mary's sorrow was not simply the pain of a mother watching her child suffer; it was the sorrow of a mother who completely loved her Son and faithfully remained with Him until the end.

Traditionally, the Church reflects upon seven sorrows of Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the Temple, meeting Jesus on His way to Calvary, the crucifixion, Jesus being taken down from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. These moments reveal Mary's willingness to trust God even when she could not fully understand His plan.

At the beginning of Jesus' life, Simeon foretold Mary's suffering when he said, "And you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:35). This prophecy was fulfilled as Mary stood at the foot of the cross and watched her Son give His life for the salvation of the world. Yet Mary did not turn away. She remained faithful, trusting in God even in the midst of tremendous sorrow.

Our own lives can also contain moments of suffering, loss, and uncertainty. When we experience the death of a loved one, difficulties in our families, illness, or other trials, it can sometimes be difficult to understand why God allows these things to happen. Our Lady of Sorrows reminds us that suffering does not mean that God has abandoned us.

Mary understands our sorrow because she has experienced profound suffering herself. She teaches us to bring our pain to God rather than carrying it alone. As our spiritual mother, Mary walks with us and points us toward her Son. Through her example, we learn that true love remains faithful, even when the road becomes difficult.

As we celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows, let us ask Mary to accompany us in our own trials. May she help us trust in God's providence, remain faithful in times of suffering, and remember that Christ is always with us.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.

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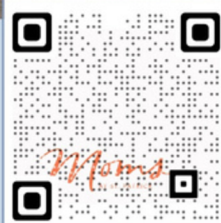
Peter's question about forgiveness opens the door to one of stewardship's hardest lessons: we are called to give mercy as freely as we have received it. The servant who was forgiven an enormous debt, yet refused to forgive a small one, reveals how easily we can hoard grace instead of sharing it. This parable invites us to pray for a heart that remembers how much we've been given before we withhold forgiveness from others. Serving others sometimes looks less like action and more like letting go, releasing resentment so love can move freely again. Stewardship isn't only about what we give away materially, but about what we're willing to give up: grudges, bitterness, the need to be right. Jesus reminds us that forgiveness isn't optional generosity; it's the natural overflow of a heart that has truly received grace. When we forgive as we've been forgiven, we become living witnesses of God's abundant mercy. May we choose today to release what we've been holding onto, trusting that mercy given returns mercy multiplied.

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THE MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

We invite you to join our ministry this fall. We will begin CHRISTMAS Music SOON! We rehearse on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Our rehearsal is a combined one so you can sing for Saturday evening or either Sunday morning Liturgy. Tryouts are not expected, but are available if you want to know which part to sing or play! All are welcome! Call Paul Hillebrand, Director of Music, on his direct line 480-264-4212 with any questions. This could be your big break into ministry!

We have a need for:

- Synth/Piano players - 5:00 pm Sunday
- Guitar - Saturday and Sunday evenings
- Bass Guitar - Various
- Percussionists - 4:30 pm Saturday
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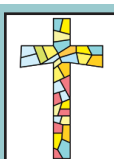
Singing Angels

— Fall Registration —

Our Children's Choir Ministry, the Singing Angels, (Grades 2-8) will be starting the new season on Monday, Sept. 14. If your child loves to sing, we are ramping up our preparations for the fall semester! Rehearsals are every Monday before Edge and ROCK45 from 5:40 to 6:20 pm. There will be registration forms available in the music area after all Masses. The Singing Angels sing once a month at a weekend Liturgy and also Christmas Eve and the Cookies & Carols Concert. Come join this beautiful ministry. Space is limited!

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Alpha begins Wednesday, September 16, and meets every Wednesday through November 18, in the House of Mercy, Building E. Complimentary dinner is served each Wednesday at 6:00 pm, followed by the Alpha presentation and small-group conversation. The evening concludes at 8:00 pm.

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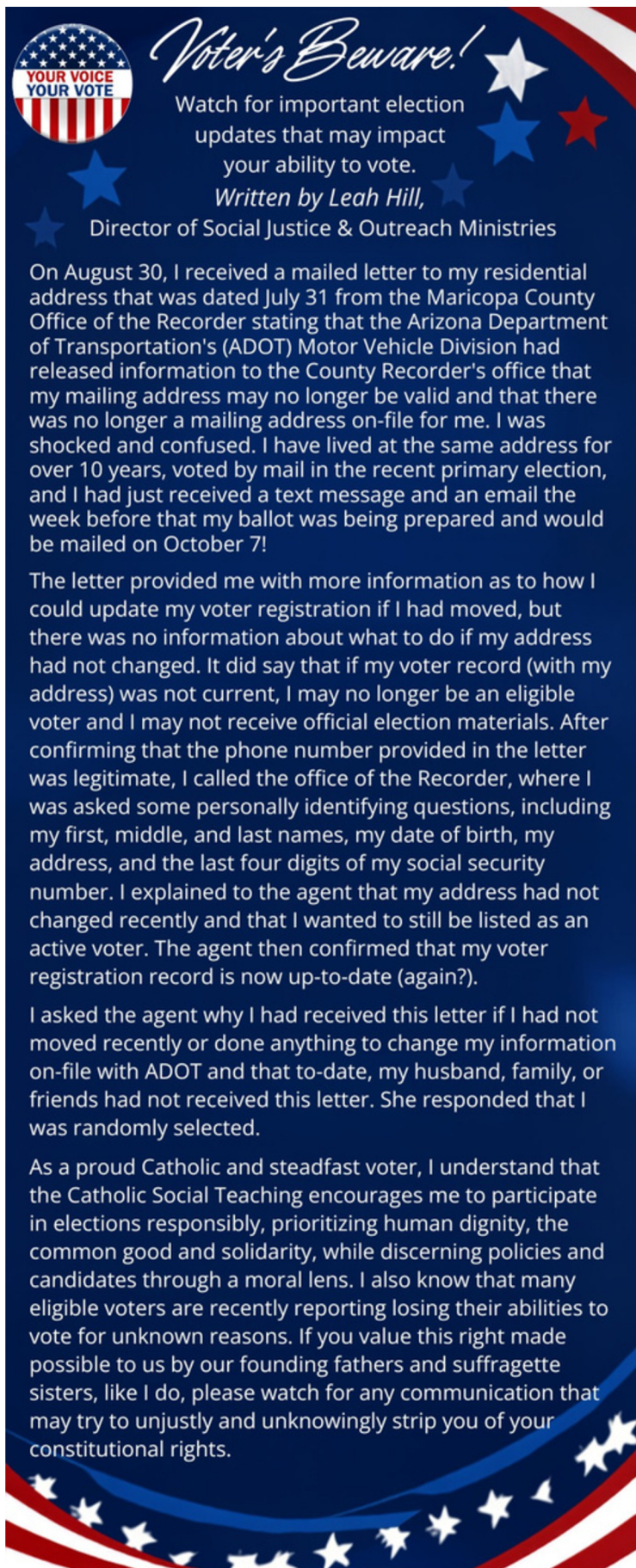
What We Do: Our ministry's events are social, educational, and spiritual.

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Social Justice



Voter's Beware!

Watch for important election updates that may impact your ability to vote.

Written by Leah Hill,
Director of Social Justice & Outreach Ministries

On August 30, I received a mailed letter to my residential address that was dated July 31 from the Maricopa County Office of the Recorder stating that the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division had released information to the County Recorder's office that my mailing address may no longer be valid and that there was no longer a mailing address on-file for me. I was shocked and confused. I have lived at the same address for over 10 years, voted by mail in the recent primary election, and I had just received a text message and an email the week before that my ballot was being prepared and would be mailed on October 7!

The letter provided me with more information as to how I could update my voter registration if I had moved, but there was no information about what to do if my address had not changed. It did say that if my voter record (with my address) was not current, I may no longer be an eligible voter and I may not receive official election materials. After confirming that the phone number provided in the letter was legitimate, I called the office of the Recorder, where I was asked some personally identifying questions, including my first, middle, and last names, my date of birth, my address, and the last four digits of my social security number. I explained to the agent that my address had not changed recently and that I wanted to still be listed as an active voter. The agent then confirmed that my voter registration record is now up-to-date (again?).

I asked the agent why I had received this letter if I had not moved recently or done anything to change my information on-file with ADOT and that to-date, my husband, family, or friends had not received this letter. She responded that I was randomly selected.

As a proud Catholic and steadfast voter, I understand that the Catholic Social Teaching encourages me to participate in elections responsibly, prioritizing human dignity, the common good and solidarity, while discerning policies and candidates through a moral lens. I also know that many eligible voters are recently reporting losing their abilities to vote for unknown reasons. If you value this right made possible to us by our founding fathers and suffragette sisters, like I do, please watch for any communication that may try to unjustly and unknowingly strip you of your constitutional rights.

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30–28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7–9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

Next Sunday:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6–9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16a

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 14

8:00 am ✠ Letty Halili

Tuesday, September 15

8:00 am ✠ Greg Bond

5:30 pm ✠ Bentley Ryan

Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am ✠ Donald Frank

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am ✠ Geraldine Basek

5:30 pm For the people

Friday, September 18

8:00 am ✠ Eugenio Zavala

Saturday, September 19

4:30 pm ✠ Mario Santilli

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am ✠ Michele Petrie

10:30 am ✠ Arthur Colella

5:00 pm ✠ Anne Sposi

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



Invitation to join our Nurse Ministry Team

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- Liaison with Mental Health Ministry

If you're interested in becoming part of this ministry or if you have questions, please email: **Nancy Poniatowski at nponiatowski@stpatcc.org**

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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: info@namivos.org or web: namivos.org

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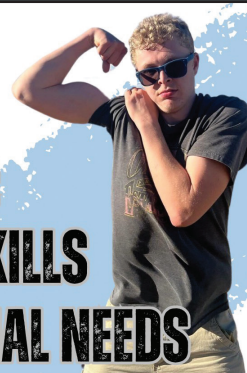
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Our kick off is tomorrow! We could not be more excited to start our semester titled **Be the Light!** All 4th & 5th graders are welcome. We meet in the church building on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please see the website for our fall calendar.

Come be part of the joy, laughter and faith of ROCK45—we'd love to have you on the team!



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Don't Miss Our EDGE Kick-off Sept. 14!

Our first EDGE night begins this Monday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Fenlon Hospitality Center. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome. We will enjoy a night of fun and games to kick off our year. Come ready to have fun and make new friends! EDGE registration is still open. If you have any questions or want more information, please check out our website or email **Jen D'Costa at jdcosta@stpatcc.org**.

FREDGE is happening on Sept. 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Garage. Don't miss this night of food and fun. Come enjoy pizza and bring your A-game to a night of BINGO where there are many prizes up for grabs! All EDGE middle schoolers are welcome! RSVP to attend at **stpatcc.org/fredge**.



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All high school teens are invited to be part of our **Life Teen** youth ministry! We meet Sundays after the 5:00 pm Mass from 6:00 - 8:15 pm in Fenlon Hospitality Center.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is our weekly formation program for children age 4 through 3rd grade, incorporating Montessori principles to help children hear and respond to the loving call of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has loved them first and calls them by name. Classes meet after school and early evening for an hour and a half, once a week, September through April. Contact: Renee Genetti at rgenetti@stpatcc.org, 480-998-3843 ext. 223.



CLOW is a special time during Mass when children in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to hear the Word of God in a way they can understand and reflect on. They are encouraged to ask questions and grow in faith through age-appropriate teachings.

Children are blessed and sent forth following the Gloria and return to the congregation during the Offertory. All are welcome—no registration required!

If you're interested in being part of this meaningful ministry, please reach out to Yasmine Rodriguez at yrodriguez@stpatcc.org. We'd love to have you join the team!



Young Disciples (Ages 3–5) is a special program created just for potty-trained preschoolers to experience the joy of the Gospel in a fun and meaningful way! Offered during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses, children begin in the church with their families, are then blessed and sent forth to continue worship, where they remain for the rest of the Mass.

Want to learn more or are you interested in becoming a volunteer minister? Reach out to Yasmine Rodriguez at yrodriguez@stpatcc.org.



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