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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 Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 pm

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

Dear Friends,

An important role for Christians through our baptism is to help build up the Kingdom of God. We remember the Kingdom of God is not a place, we might think heaven; rather, it is God's ways being present and lived. At our baptism, we were anointed with the oil of chrism to share in Jesus' ministry as priest, prophet, and king. King represents the Kingdom, and we help build it through the life we live following Jesus. So, building means one is called to care for all people, all in society. We might use the term "the common good." We work and build not just what is in our best interest or do things that only benefit us, but rather, we use what we have to benefit the many.

Our faith tradition has much to say about the dignity of work. As we celebrate Labor Day on Monday, we honor the work, the labor of those who work for the benefit of others. God has blessed us with human labor, which helps give meaning to one's life. A favorite prayer that I remember goes something like this: Lord, give success to the work of our hands. The prayer asks God to bless the work we do with our hands, and success comes when many benefit from our labor.

May God bless our daily work, that success comes from those who are served by our labor. And may those who labor remember their work is meant to benefit the common good. This is so central to our belief found in our baptism, which is to share in the building of the Kingdom of God.

Happy Labor Day!

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

READ MORE FROM FR. ERIC
HUDDLE UP - WEEKLY BLOG

Christian Disciples in Mission, Living Beyond Sunday

BY **SUE ORLANDO**, Parish Administrator

BY **ERIC TAMAYO**, Coordinator of Liturgy

St. Peter Claver
A Life of Courageous Love

On September 9, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest whose life was dedicated to serving enslaved Africans brought to Cartagena, Colombia. His life offers a powerful reminder that Christian discipleship requires more than words or beliefs. It calls us to recognize the dignity of every person and to respond with compassion when we encounter suffering and injustice.

Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1580 and entered the Society of Jesus. While studying in Colombia, he became deeply aware of the terrible conditions endured by enslaved people. When ships arrived in Cartagena, Peter would go to meet those who had been brought ashore. He brought them food, water, medicine, and clothing. More importantly, he offered them friendship, compassion, and the assurance that they were not forgotten by God.

Peter refused to accept the idea that these men, women, and children could be treated merely as property. He saw them first as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. He learned languages so that he could communicate with them, visited the sick, cared for those who were suffering, and taught them about the Christian faith. He baptized thousands and continued to minister to people who were often ignored and dehumanized by society.

His ministry was not always understood or welcomed. Slavery was deeply embedded in the society around him, yet Peter Claver refused to allow the attitudes of his time to determine how he treated others. Instead, he chose to see Christ in those who suffered. Peter described himself as "the slave of the slaves forever." This remarkable expression captures the humility of his vocation. He placed himself at the service of people who had been stripped of freedom, dignity, and even their names.

St. Peter Claver challenges us today to ask: Whom do I fail to see? Whose suffering have I learned to overlook? Who needs my compassion, my voice, or my presence? We may not be called to the same ministry as Peter Claver, but we are all called to defend human dignity and serve those who are vulnerable. His life reminds us that love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated. When we reach out to those who suffer, we encounter Christ Himself. May St. Peter Claver inspire us to see every person as a beloved child of God and to have the courage to respond with love.

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Stewardship

Jesus tells His disciples plainly that following Him means denying oneself, taking up the cross, and losing life in order to truly find it, which is a hard word for a culture obsessed with self-preservation and gain. Stewardship asks the same paradoxical surrender: what we cling to tightly, we lose, but what we freely give for Christ's sake bears lasting fruit. **Giving** becomes an act of self-denial, a small daily cross that loosens our grip on possessions and reorders our priorities. **Praying** is how we align our will with God's, especially when His plan doesn't match our own comfortable expectations, as it didn't for Peter. **Serving** costs us something: time, convenience, comfort, but that cost is precisely what makes it a share in Christ's cross. What is one thing you are holding onto that Christ may be asking you to release for the sake of a greater good?

Stewardship

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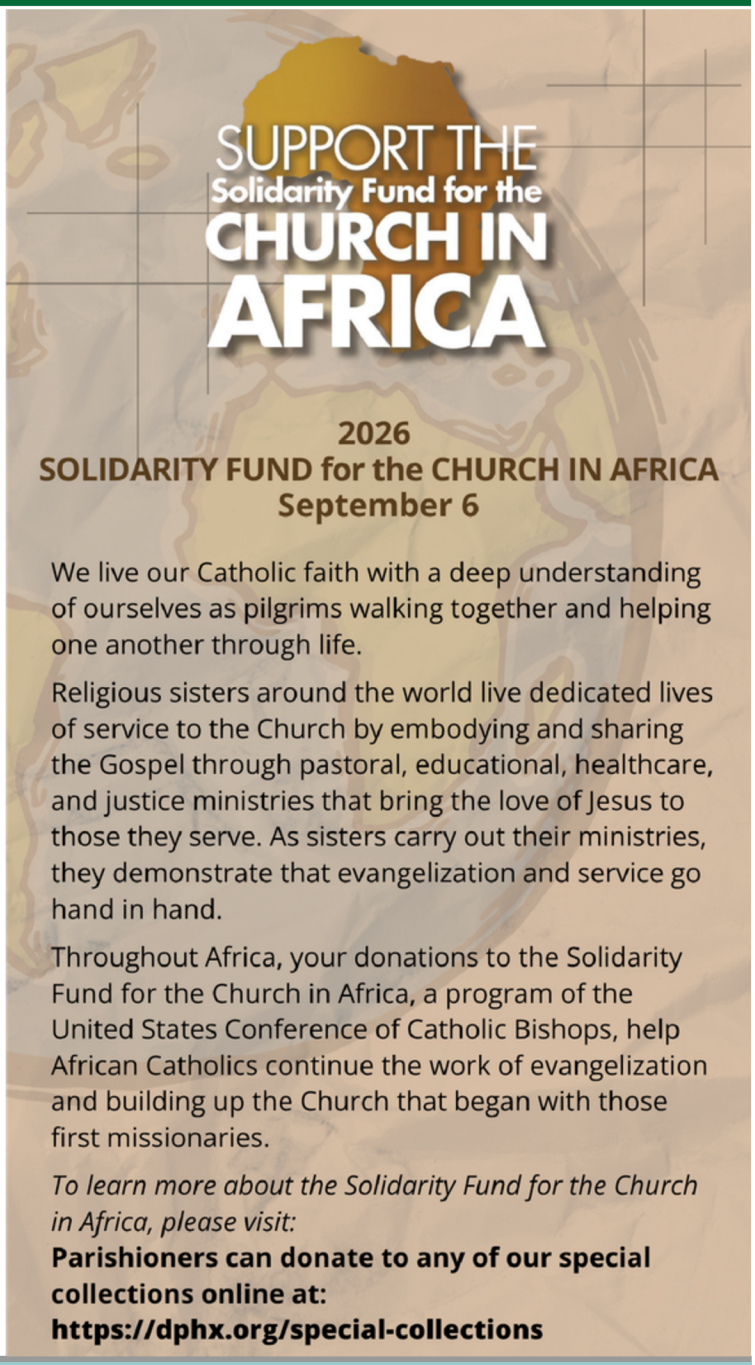

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September 6

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Throughout Africa, your donations to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, help African Catholics continue the work of evangelization and building up the Church that began with those first missionaries.

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St. Patrick Catholic Community Women's Fellowship Ministry

Women's Fellowship Ministry

Hosts

Women's Social Dinner

Wednesday, September 23 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Please join us for a social evening including a delicious catered dinner, wine & refreshments.

Pastor Jackie Parks, founder of South Scottsdale Presbyterian Church will talk briefly about the **Community House**: "a place in Scottsdale belonging to the least, last, lost and left out in our city."

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The Next Chapter

Grief's Next Chapter

At St. Patrick, we offer a ministry known as
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for those who find themselves further along in their journey of grief.

Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 pm
House of Mercy
"Whatsoever is, Even in the Middle of Chaos"
Presenter: Libby Patrick,
Founder of Blue Robin Downsizing

Educational and spiritual discussion meetings are held September through May on the ***second Tuesday*** of each month at **1:00 pm in the House of Mercy**.

Social gatherings are held at a local restaurant on the ***fourth Tuesday*** of the month at **4:00 pm.**

All are welcome!!

For more information, please contact **thenextchapter@stpatcc.org**.

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IS HOSTING A FREE

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 20

Following the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

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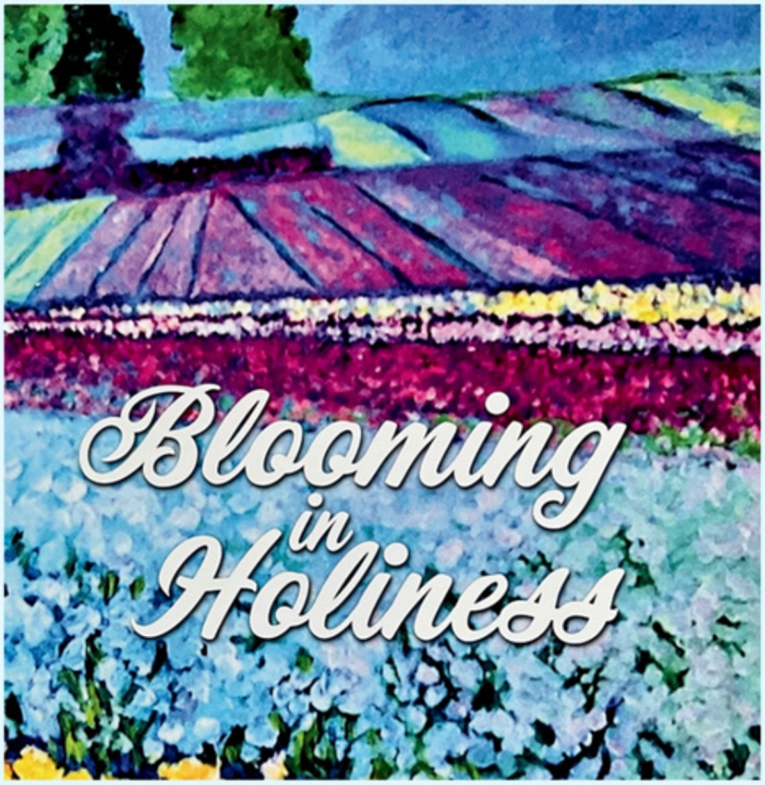
Ladies, join Magis Women this Fall for "Blooming in Holiness"



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Together, we will explore the beauty of holiness, the gift of femininity, and the unique ways God calls each of us to bloom in the life He has prepared for us.
This study offers simple steps to help women grow in faith, embrace our God-given identity, and walk more fully in the beautiful adventure of holiness.
Questions? Email Terri Harris at **magiswomen@stpatcc.org**

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Into His Marvelous Light
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All parishioners are welcome to attend this enriching program designed to foster understanding, compassion, and civil dialogue in our community.
This is an eight-session program meeting weekly (two meeting time options are available) with an included immersion experience.
Course fee is $45 for materials; scholarships are available.

TUESDAY MORNINGS, OCTOBER 6 - NOVEMBER 24
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

OR

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, OCTOBER 7 - NOVEMBER 25*
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Social Justice

Labor Day Prayer

Giving thanks for work, rest, and human dignity

As we celebrate Labor Day, we give thanks for all who work with skill, patience, and care. Through the daily offering of our hands and minds, workers help sustain families, serve neighbors, and build the common good. We remember with gratitude those whose labor is seen and unseen, and we pray for all who seek meaningful work.

Labor Day invites us to honor the dignity of every person who labors, which is a privilege, not a right. Work is more than a means of earning a living; it is a way to share our gifts, provide for those we love, and participate in God's ongoing care for creation. This day also reminds us that rest is holy. May our workplaces respect the worth of every person, and may our communities stand with workers who face uncertainty, unfair wages, or unsafe conditions.

As we enjoy a day of rest, let us carry a spirit of gratitude into the days ahead: working honestly, treating one another with compassion, and seeking justice for all.

Let us pray: Gracious God, bless all workers and sanctify the honest labor of their hands. Give strength to those who are weary, dignity to those whose work is overlooked, and hope to those seeking employment. Strengthen our families, protect every workplace, and guide us toward fair wages and just conditions. Bring justice and peace to all who labor, and teach us to receive rest as a gift. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Readings

This Sunday:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7–9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8–10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

Next Sunday:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30–28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7–9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 7
8:00 am ✞ Melchor A. Torres

Tuesday, September 8
8:00 am ✞ Russell T. Bundy
5:30 pm ✞ Tom Fox

Wednesday, September 9
8:00 am ✞ Noel Verzosa

Thursday, September 10
8:00 am ✞ Connie Bayerque
5:30 pm ✞ Sean Ahearn

Friday, September 11
8:00 am For the people

Saturday, September 12
4:30 pm ✞ George Bohnert

Sunday, September 13
8:30 am ✞ Ben Terracciano
10:30 am ✞ Jay Martinez
5:00 pm ✞ Pedro Rafael Weffer

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

September
is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers among men, and early detection can make a meaningful difference. Many men with prostate cancer have no symptoms in its early stages, which is why talking with a healthcare provider about individual risk and screening is important.

Age, family history, and other risk factors can affect a man's chances of developing prostate cancer. Men are encouraged to ask their healthcare provider when prostate cancer screening may be appropriate for them.

A diagnosis of prostate cancer affects more than the patient—it touches spouses, partners, families, and friends as well. This September, consider reminding the men you love to take care of their health, keep their medical appointments, and have that important conversation with their healthcare provider.

Sometimes caring for one another begins with a simple question:

"Have you talked with your doctor about prostate cancer screening?"

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 A team of men and women in Arizona and beyond are honored to pray for your intentions. All requests are confidential: first names only are encouraged. 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 call the Parish Office 480-998-3843.

Benefits Assistance Program Assistance with Medicare and other health insurance benefits available for seniors, the disabled and caregivers. For information, please call the Parish Office 480-998-3843.

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

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We are accepting inquiries for new members of this team.

Please contact:
Eric Tamayo at **etamayo@stpatcc.org**

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Saturday, October 17
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We can't wait to kick off a new semester of **ROCK45** on September 14! There's still time to register, and we'd love for your child to be part of every moment of faith, friendship, fun and adventure. Register today and make sure they don't miss a thing!

And we could use a few more helping hands! If you're a caring, faith-filled adult or a high school freshman or older, we'd love for you to join our ROCK45 Core Team. Core members build relationships with our upper elementary students while sharing faith, leading activities, serving together and, most importantly, creating a place where kids feel known, loved and excited about their faith.

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

EDGE

Jen D'Costa
jdcosta@stpatcc.org
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sptheedge.org

Middle Schoolers - Your Mondays Just Got an Upgrade!

EDGE is back, and registration is officially open! If you're in 6th–8th grade, mark your calendar: starting Monday, September 14, join us from 6:30 - 8:00 pm for an unforgettable weekly experience in Fenlon Hospitality Center. Each EDGE night is packed with fun games, meaningful conversations, faith-filled moments, and friendships that last.

Whether you're new or returning, this is your chance to grow in your relationship with God, discover who you are, and be part of something bigger.

Register now on our website and come be part of the EDGE community!
Email Jen D'Costa at **jdcosta@stpatcc.org** with any questions.

Last year's kick-off was a western-themed night with lots of games. Come check out this year's kick-off on September 14 at EDGE!

LIFE TEEN

Jack Gordon
jgordon@stpatcc.org
Website: **splifeteen.com**
Facebook: **facebook.com/splifeteen**
Instagram: **splifeteen**

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!

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