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Cleverly Family

St. Patrick is a Wonderful and Vibrant Community

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In 1982, Ariane and I attended St. Patrick for the first time. Back then, Mass was held at Cochise Elementary School and Fr. Brian asked us to bring the gifts to the altar. When we approached him with the gifts, he said how nice it was to have this young couple here and how he welcomed us to be long term parishioners. We appreciated his comments, but we had to tell him that we were leaving the next day to move to Philadelphia!

After six years in Philadelphia, we moved back home to Scottsdale in 1988 and have been attending

St. Patrick ever since. Fr. Brian's statement turned out to be true. St. Patrick has always been home to us and our four sons, Garrett, Tyler, Carson and Logan.

Ariane was born in Saigon, South Vietnam before the Vietnam War while her father was a diplomat with the U.S. Embassy. Her dad is from Maine and served in the Navy in WWII, and her mom is from New York City, (Queens). They met on a cruise ship going to Italy and have been married 56 years.

I was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, and my parents are from northern New Jersey, and moved to

Tucson to attend the University of Arizona in 1948. Go Wildcats! My dad also served in the Navy as an officer after the Korean War, and my mom became a licensed pilot.

We were both raised Catholic. I attended Most Holy Trinity Church on 7th Street in Phoenix where I was baptized and received my first communion. I was later confirmed in 1998 at St. Patrick as an adult. As a child of public schools, my parents had me attend catechism on Saturday mornings. I did not like this since most cartoons were on Saturday mornings! My family

Newsletter Notes From Fr. Eric

The Cleverlys, our family featured this month in **Stories**, is a family dedicated to this parish. They are committed to attending Sunday Mass and service to our community. Bob and Ariane have done an outstanding job raising four boys that are truly outstanding young men. I am very grateful

that they stepped forward and shared their gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The Cleverlys are also huge Cardinal football fans. They are such good Cardinal fans that they were fans when the Cardinals were struggling. The kids would wear their Cardinal

shirts to school and would be given grief but they were fans!

I know you will enjoy reading the story of their faith journey and finding a home in our Catholic community.

Fr. Eric Tellez



Tyler, Logan, Garrett and Carson

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Fr. Simon and Bob

Get Involved

moved to Scottsdale and I graduated from Chaparral High School. My two brothers, their families and my mom live in Scottsdale.

Ariane lived in Europe (Madrid, Paris and Amsterdam) and Washington DC, where her parents live today. After graduation from high school in Holland she went to the wild west and the University of Arizona. By coincidence, I was also a student at U of A, and we first met at my fraternity. At the time, my plan was to take a different date to each home football game since I was a member of a social club that had 50-yard line seats and thought I was big stuff. Well, my plan never materialized, and Ariane ended-up going to every game with me, and we've been together ever since!

In October 1981 we were married at St. Bedes in historic Williamsburg, VA, where her parents were living. It was a wonderful wedding! News came in later that night at the reception that U of A beat USC in football, first time ever! We then set up home in Scottsdale, until we got the itch to move to a big city and choose Philadelphia in 1982.

The boys love playing sports and are huge Cardinals fans. We have been visiting the Cardinals summer training camps for such a long time we remember years ago when players out-numbered the fans. Garrett graduated from ASU (ouch), Tyler attended ASU, (another ouch). Carson is a senior at Desert Mountain High

School, plays football, and swears he'll attend U of A. Logan is an 8th grader at Mountainside Middle School. We are a house divided on this U of A/ASU battle.

Our sons have been involved at St. Patrick in various ministries as lectors, altar servers, hospitality and Eucharistic ministers. They have participated in Stepping Stones, The EDGE and Life Teen and attended several St. Patrick retreats including Notre Dame University with Life Teen. We attend the Sunday night teen Mass and many years ago, when our sons were quite young, we thought it best to sit near the front so they would "pay attention;" it worked, and we're still there!

Ariane is a Eucharistic minister and previously was on the core team for The



Boys at Club Med

Rock/The EDGE. She created the t-shirts for The EDGE and also designs the graphics, banners and posters for the liturgical themes for Advent and the Triduum. I'm a sacristan and I'm on the core team for The EDGE.

For fun, we like to travel and our favorite is visiting Club Med. We've been to many and this past summer we went to San Salvador,

Bahamas. This tiny speck of an island with its brilliant white beaches and turquoise water is home to Columbus' first visit to the new world. Garrett currently is employed by Club Med as a water ski/wake board instructor in the Bahamas and we enjoyed visiting him this summer. Ariane is a graphic and web coordinator with the Scottsdale Unified School District, and I'm a commercial relationship manager with BBVA Compass Bank.

For almost five years now, I have been part of a group of ten men who meet every Friday morning (6:15) to share fellowship and Christian values. We are not a bible study group, but a band of brothers who share one common interest: love of God and Jesus. This group of incredible men came together because of St. Patrick.

On a bigger scale, St. Patrick has five men's prayer breakfasts per year where men of all ages meet to share Mass, breakfast, fellowship and hear an inspirational speaker. My group of ten men help organize and run this program.

St. Patrick is such a wonderful and vibrant community. We realize we don't come here just to hear the great homilies, but come here because of our faith and our love for God and Jesus. Our family comes to St. Patrick for the same reasons.

If you would like to become involved in some of the ministries Bob mentions, here are their contacts:

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