

On a Wing and a Prayer

November 2013 Newsletter

Guardian Angels Catholic Community – Just. Faithful. Catholics.

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Join us for Mass every Sunday at 9AM and every Wednesday at 7AM



The story behind Guardian Angels beautiful Icon by Sheila Green, Guardian Angels parishioner and iconographer:

I have been painting icons since 1986, although my interest and study of them began around 1980. It seems almost like another lifetime ago, I was a member of City of the Lord, Catholic Charismatic Christian community and part of their 3 yr mission to Jerusalem, Israel. It was there while working for the Sisters of Sion and living in their convent, I began painting. My first teacher was, Sr. Abraham, an Ethiopian nun (how she became one, I don't know, she was Danish and blonde ☺) she painted Ethiopian icons, very simple joyful. Then I studied with Sr. Mary Francis a Carmelite nun.

I was hooked. When the mission closed and we returned to the USA, I was heartbroken, I expected to stay there forever. I had one clear direction when I returned to the States, *paint icons!* Everyone thought I was a bit nutty, but I felt it was a clear direction and pursued it. I have painted for St Thomas Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Stevens Byzantine Catholic Church, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Roman Catholic Church and many, many private commissions.

In addition to studying with the two sisters I have studied with Phil Zimmerman an Orthodox icon painter and teacher, and with Charles Rohrbacher a Roman Catholic icon painter and liturgist, and I have also learned a lot from my icon painter friends.

After Jeff and I became members of Guardian Angels, Pastor Sue asked if I would consider painting something for the Guardian Angel logo. It took me a long, long time, I am thinking a year, not sure. Not that it technically took that long, it spiritually took that long. I had the idea that I was heading in a new direction: to not paint it in the strict rigid way I had been taught and had previously painted but in a new way.

My idea was to have it honor all traditions, but how to do that?

The Angels' halos came from a picture I had seen of an Islamic painting of a saint, the halo was a flame. I interpreted that as being filled with the fire of Divine love.

When I first came to Guardian Angels the Liturgy of Eucharist was so moving to me where it said:

"When we break this bread and share this cup we remember those who share this journey with us. For those who travel the way of the Hindus, those who follow the path of Buddha, for our sisters and brothers of Islam, for the Jewish people from whom we come, for Christians everywhere and for all others who walk this path"

It still moves me each Sunday. I thought how can I show that in the icon? It came to me - in the decorations on their robes to can put the symbols of all of these different paths, to honor them. I call it my *stealth icon*, because you have to really look to see it. Angels are in all traditions in some form so it was a joy for me to paint when I finally figured out the direction to which I was being called. For me that has been the path of the icons I have painted, I always struggle never feeling like I know what I am doing, and I just have to give in and trust the process.

Guardian Angels Calendar



<https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=pastorsue%40cox.net&ctz=America/Phoenix>

November



Preachers: November 3: Elaine, **November 10: Sue**, November 17: Ed, November 24: Sue

November 3 – All Saints/All Souls Mass– don't forget to bring pictures of your loved ones who have passed so that we can put these pictures on our altar for this meaningful liturgy.

Our Book of the Dead will be available for the whole month of November. Please add the names of those who have passed this year and in past years. These loved ones make up our "Cloud of Witnesses" who join us around the table when we DO Eucharist!

Monday, November 4 @ 7PM – Michael Morwood will be speaking in our Sanctuary! See below:

Praying the New Story
MICHAEL MORWOOD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
Free Lecture 7-8:30pm

Praying the New Story
Michael Morwood is helping us rethink and reshape faith in what he describes as "the time of greatest shifts ever" in how we understand that everything and everyone is connected in the Mystery we call "God."
Join AzFCT for an evening with Michael at Community Christian Church 1701 S. College Ave. in Tempe (between Broadway and Apache, just South of ASU)

Additional information:
www.azfct.org

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Friday, November 8th, 9:00--3:00

Interfaith Summit – a Response to Sex Trafficking in Arizona

Join us as we seek justice and move to action in countering sex trafficking in Arizona. The goal is to draw faith communities together to create alignment between those who are involved in countering sex trafficking and to invite those who are not yet involved to join the effort.

Sessions will include panels of experts/organizers sharing their experiences and engaging in Q&A to promote solidarity between attendees. Breakout sessions at the end of the day will include topics covering Legislation, Service Provision, Awareness/Education, and Faith Community Action.

Offered by the Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, ASU at Redemption Church, 2150 E. Southern, Tempe
For more info and to register contact Angela Warren awarren2@asu.edu

Work Day at Community Christian on Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Catholic Social Teaching *

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 am-12 noon

Tricia Hoyt

Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came “to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind” (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with “the least of these, the hungry and the stranger” (Mt 25:45). Join Tricia as she presents an overview of the common good and relates how Scripture addresses peacemaking.

**Core course for Nonviolence Leadership Certificate Program. You do not have to be enrolled in the Certificate Program to attend. Open to everyone.*

Fee per person: \$20



To register go to -

<http://www.thecasa.org/programs-a-retreats/dt-reg/741-catholic-social-teachingot-topics>

Tricia Hoyt is a PhD candidate in Biblical Interpretation at Brite Divinity School. She currently serves as director of Adult Formation, Evangelization, and Family Ministries at St. Patrick Catholic Community. She previously served as director of the Office of Parish and Community Engagement at Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Phoenix.

Angels can fly because they take themselves so lightly. G.K. Chesterton

Saturday, November 23, 10AM – 5PM

**The Commentary – Tempe Interfaith Community Library
OPEN HOUSE**

Thanksgiving Dinner with all the other faith communities that worship at Community Christian Church on **November 24th at 12 noon**. Starting this Sunday at our church worship we will begin to have each family sign up to bring a dish to share and have people buy tickets. We sell them for \$2.50 for one person or a family ticket of \$6. The money from the tickets goes toward the purchase of paper supplies, rolls, butter, beverages, and pies. To help with the clean-up we ask people to bring their own table service—plates, silverware and glasses or mugs....we'll have more info at Church about this wonderful opportunity.

Tempe Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27 @ 7PM

**This year we will worship together at University Presbyterian Church,
on the corner of Alameda and College.**

**Pastor Andy from the Unitarian Universalist Church will be our Preacher.
This is always a very meaningful opportunity for all of us to pray together.**

Friday, November 29, 4 – 6:30PM we will again have the opportunity to serve dinner to our I-HELP Guests. We will give you more details concerning menu when the time gets closer.

OCTOBER PICTURES

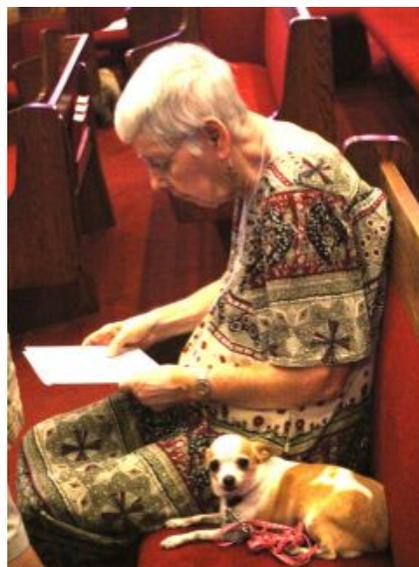
Sunday, October 6 – Our St. Francis of Assisi Mass with Blessing of our Pets

All God's creatures have a place in the choir, some sing low, some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wire, some just clap their hands, or paws,

or anything they've got now!

Listen to the bass it's the one on the bottom...Where the bullfrog croaks, the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big to-do,

The old cow just goes "Moo!"



The dogs and the cats they take up the middle....As the honeybee hums, the cricket fiddles...The donkey brays and the pony neighs...The old grey badger sighs

Listen to the top and the little birds singing...The melody with the high notes ringin'...The good owl sighs over everything, The blackbird disagrees.



Singin' in the night time, singin' in the day...Little duck quacks and he's on his way...And the otter hasn't got that much to say...The porcupine talks to himself.

It's a simple song a living song everywhere



RAINBOW FESTIVAL



Our awesome booth from the Phoenix Rainbow Festival! A joint effort of Dignity, St. Teresa's and Guardian Angels!

Fully Inclusive in the Catholic tradition*

***for real!**

The Commentary – Tempe Community Interfaith Library

Update – Painting done! Bench built! See more opportunities to serve below!



As we complete construction of the Interfaith Library we are now looking for book, DVD, etc donations to the library. If you have items to donate, contact Pastor Sue.

We are also looking for some help in cataloging our donated books. We are registered on www.librarything.com . If you are comfortable on a computer and have some time available to help the Library input its collection, contact Pastor Sue.

Our ANIMATE Bible Class continues.....



With our wonderful teacher/facilitator – SAM!



Canticle

by Ann Marie Slavin, OSF

You dreamed of me in love
Soft whisper-breathed my name. . .
God-loved me into being.
Be praised, my God of all that is.

You held my brokenness within your hands
And gently smoothed with godly care
My glassy, sharpened shards. . .
God-loved me into wholeness.
Be praised, my God, of broken lives.

You searched my darkness with your light. . .
Not harsh. . .
Not glaring. . .
But gently muted
Till my spirit too could bear the rays. . .
God-loved me into light.
Be praised, my God whose name is Light.

You warmed the coldness that I wore
And softened from within
The hardness of my shell. . .
Warmly. . .
Softly. . .
You embraced
And God-breathed gentleness into my veins.
Be praised, my gentle God of warmth.

You sigh with pleasure at this ME you made
And gaze in awe at all I am.
You laugh and sing with godly joy
God-breathing godness into me.
Be praised, my God,

**My Joy,
My God,
My All.**

INTERESTED IN SERVING IN A MINISTRY AT **GUARDIAN ANGELS?**

Interested in helping to set up before mass and greeting everyone before mass?

Contact Marie, Leadership Council mamare11@yahoo.com

Interested in being a Lector? Contact Barb, Leadership Council moen4955@cox.net

Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister? Contact Nancy nanzmann@gmail.com

Interested in baking our Altar Bread? Contact Jeanie, Leadership Council
azghanclan@hotmail.com

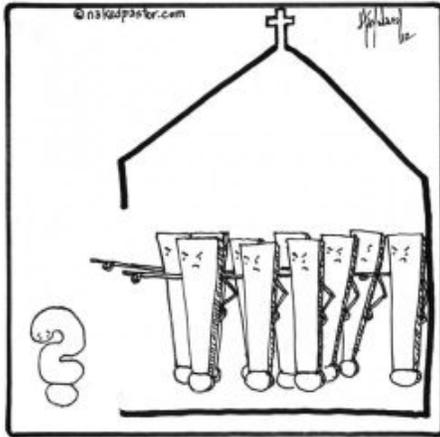
Interested in helping with clean-up after mass?

Contact Carol, Leadership Council desertgourmet@hotmail.com

If you have any financial questions about the parish, ask Treasurer Sheila, Leadership Council
jeffshegreen@cox.net or pick up the monthly financial report available on the back counter where
you pick up your worship aid.



And of course our baby Violet with mommies Valeska and Cynthia!



BRING YOUR QUESTIONS TO **GUARDIAN ANGELS!!**
WE **WANT** TO HEAR THEM!



Official News of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion

[The Ecumenical Catholic Communion at Ten Years: An Ancient Dream Realized](#)

written by Bp. Peter Elder Hickman, ECC Presiding Bishop

<http://www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org/eccpdf/chosenbyall.pdf>

A Pastoral Letter to the People of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion
Concerning the Active Voice of All in the Selection of the Presiding Bishop

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