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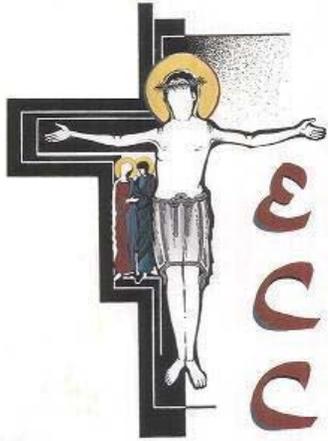
March 2015 Newsletter

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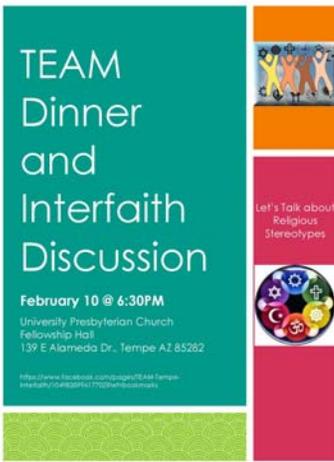


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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 9AM MASS</p> <p>GEN 22:1-2, 9A, 1013, 15-18, PSALM 116, ROM 8:31B-34, MARK 1:4-13</p> <p>PRESIDER AND PREACHER: ED</p> <p>INTERFAITH LIBRARY OPEN 10:30AM – 12:30PM EVERY SUNDAY</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LIBRARY OPEN 3-6PM</p> <p>REPENT AND BELIEVE – A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 6:30 – 8PM @ THE INTERFAITH LIBRARY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TEAM MTG 11:00AM</p> <p>AZ CAREER PATHWAYS INFO AND INVITATION TO APPLY MEETING MORE INFO BELOW</p> <p>6:30PM – 8:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 9AM MASS</p> <p>EXOD 20:1-17, PSALM 19, 1 COR 1:22-25, JOHN 2:13-25</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p> <p>INTERFAITH LIBRARY OPEN 10:30AM – 12:30PM EVERY SUNDAY</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>LIBRARY OPEN 3-6PM</p> <p>REPENT AND BELIEVE – A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 6:30 – 8PM @ THE INTERFAITH LIBRARY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9AM MASS</p> <p>2 CHRON 36:14-16, 19-23, PSALM 137, EPH 2:4-10, JOHN 3:14-21</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</p> <p>INTERFAITH LIBRARY OPEN 10:30AM – 12:30PM EVERY SUNDAY</p> <p>PAZ DE CRISTO 4-7PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p> St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>LIBRARY OPEN 3-6P</p> <p>REPENT AND BELIEVE – A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 6:30 – 8PM @ THE INTERFAITH LIBRARY</p>	<p>18</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>ART OF THE INTERNMENT CAMPS: CULTURE BEHIND BARBED WIRE</p> <p>MORE INFO BELOW</p> <p>7PM IN THE PARLOR</p>	<p>20</p> <p>DROP OFF "STUFF" FOR THE GREAT SPRING GARAGE SALE BETWEEN 5PM AND 7PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.</p> <p>WE ALSO NEED HELP DURING THIS TIME TO LABEL ITEMS!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN'S GREAT SPRING GARAGE SALE!</p> <p>7AM – 12NOON</p>
<p>22</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9AM MASS</p> <p>EZEK 37:12-14, PSALM 130, ROM 8:8-11, JOHN 11:1-45</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p> <p>INTERFAITH LIBRARY OPEN 10:30AM – 12:30PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LIBRARY OPEN 3-6PM</p> <p>REPENT AND BELIEVE – A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT 6:30 – 8PM @ THE LIBRARY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p> <p>PROGRESSIVE CLERGY GROUP 12:30PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

<p>29</p> <p>PASSION/PALM SUNDAY 9AM MASS</p> <p>ISA 50:4-7, PSALM 22, PHIL 2:6-11, MARK 14:1-15:47</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE BLOOD DRIVE 10:30 – 3:30 INTERFAITH LIBRARY OPEN 10:30AM – 12:30PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>CHRISM MASS WITH BISHOP PETER HICKMAN 6:30PM</p>	<p>APRIL 1</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>HOLY THURSDAY FOOT CARE CLINIC 10AM – 1PM</p> <p>EVENING SERVICE WITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN 6:30PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY SANCTUARY OPEN ALL DAY FOR PERSONAL PRAYER TIME STATIONS OF THE CITY 6:30PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>EASTER VIGIL AT ST. TERESA'S IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND</p>
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We had 11 “angels” attend the Interfaith Discussion in February. Here are some a reflections about the experience from one of our Angels.

From past experiences with discussion groups on social injustice, I arrived with a fair amount of trepidation to this gathering. First, I was impressed with the organizational techniques that were being implemented. You signed on a sheet with your Faith Group titled at the top of the list. The number on the line you signed was your table number. As I approached the table I realized that each person at the table was of a different religion. I thought this would be a fantastic opportunity to hear different perspectives. The dinner gave us the opening needed to make sure everyone was comfortable with the other people at the table. This time made it easier to share thoughts and feelings later in the evening.

The speakers were both informative and entertaining. Their talks were timed perfectly and the discussions at my table were enlightening, current and at times, touching.

Each person spoke at least once during the evening.

I learned things about other religions I did not know. Some practices I thought were based on religious beliefs are actually culturally based.

This was an extraordinary event which provided all of the participants with knowledge not normally talked about. I have always known stereotyping someone was non-productive, but I never realized just how many of these misgivings were prevalent in society.

There is a saying: “Knowledge is Power” and that was exactly my thought when I walked away from the gathering. It is very hard to put all the points I learned into one article, but I can say more events like the one offered last week should be and really must be investigated, organized and offered. I strongly encourage each and every one of us at Guardian Angels to make a concerted effort to attend, reflect and act on the ideas offered to us through these programs.

My last thought is to share the optimism I felt from the speakers, the members of the TEAM and the participants. We all have incidents in our life where stereotyping, judging, and prejudice have been encountered. What we do with that is what will make the difference. Even though this gathering was sharing some very negative things about the way people are treated, it used a positive approach to address the issues. I felt there was no whining or “woe is me” attitudes present. There wasn’t blaming or negative responses to feelings shared. I walked away with a pronounced sense of hope for a peaceful existence with other religions, cultures and people.

Please know that the TEAM’s hard work and dedication are not going unnoticed or unappreciated. - Pat Buchanan



Lent has begun at Guardian Angels!



Cloutie Tree

During Lent we invite you to give your prayers for healing and wholeness physical expression. Strips of cloth will be available in worship to represent our prayers. We invite you to dip these cloths in the courtyard fountain and then hang the cloth in the branches of one of the palo verde trees in the courtyard.

This act of prayer comes from Ireland and Scotland where Cloutie wells are place of pilgrimage associated with healing. They are wells or springs, almost always with a tree growing beside them, where strips of cloth or rags have been left. In Scots nomenclature, a "cloutie" or "clout" is a strip of cloth or rag.

When used at the cloutie wells in Scotland and Ireland, the pieces of cloth are generally dipped in the water of the holy well and then tied to a branch while a prayer of supplication is said to the spirit of the well – in modern times usually a saint, but in pre-Christian times a goddess or local nature spirit. This is most often done by those seeking healing, though some may do it simply to honor the spirit of the well. In either case, many see this as a probable continuation of the ancient Celtic practice of leaving votive offerings in wells.

There are local variations to the practice. At some wells the tradition is to wash the affected part of the body with the wet rag and then tie the washing-rag on the branch; as the rag disintegrates over time, the ailment is supposed to fade away as well.

Pick Up Your Cross and Follow

During Lent we invite you to dedicate your acts of service and giving to God. Beside the Lenten cross are slips of paper and pens. Write your intended act of service or giving on the paper and place the paper into the chicken wire cross. Pray that your acts of service and giving will blossom by Easter.





Guardian Angels Mardi Gras Party!



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

Interested in helping to set up before mass and greet people arriving for mass?
Contact Terry, Leadership Council tmpizzi7@aol.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? **We are currently looking for some people to help with this. It is an easy thing for individuals and families to do. Training provided! ☺**

Contact Carol, Leadership Council, desertgourmet@hotmail.com

If you have any financial questions about the parish,
ask Treasurer Frank, Leadership Council, frank.mcpeek@gmail.com
or pick up the monthly financial report available on the back counter where you pick up your worship aid.

How about checking out the Ecumenical Catholic Communion Talent Search!

The Office of the Presiding Bishop will begin tapping into the range of available talent to further the mission of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. Right now we are looking for volunteers who are interested in and/or have a background (education, training, experience) in the following areas. If you would like to explore some of these opportunities to contribute, please send an email describing your interest and/or background to Jenn, referencing Talent Search in the subject line OPBAAdministrator@ecumenical-catholic-communion.org

Communications:

Website Interaction

Press Releases and Media Relations

Social Media

Newsletters

Wikipedia

Convention Booths

Presentations, e.g., at conferences

Essays, articles

Growth:

Church Planting

Partnering with other "independent" Catholic communities

Membership growth and development

Youth Inclusion:

Youth Ministry

Youth leadership and empowerment

Assuring educational requirements for our future, e.g., seminary education

Ecumenical Relations:

National Council of Churches project teams

Church World Service (disaster relief, etc.) representation

Exploring relations with other independent Catholic churches

Ecumenical theology document preparation

Information Technology:

Web Development

Information Systems

Programming



Leadership Council

News from Your Leadership Council



Under Discussion:

The Southwest Region (AZ-NM) of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion has been asked to discern whether we feel we could host the next ECC Synod scheduled for Fall 2016. Your Council has begun talking with the folks in Denver (where the last Synod - Fall 2014 - was held) and doing other research around this question. **WE WANT YOUR INPUT TOO!**

Here are some considerations:

Historically to host a synod we have needed:

- *An individual within the hosting region to be the Synod Coordinator responsible for:
 - *Managing the volunteer base
 - *Coordinating of all committees
 - *Works with contract negotiations (attendee room needs, conference rooms, audio/visual needs, etc...)
- *A volunteer base of 25 (with 12 highly involved...12 a magical, apostle-like number ☺)
 - *Committee chair for the following: Music, Environment, Registration, and Communications...etc.
 - *People to put packets together
 - *People to staff registration/information tables during the synod
 - *Music Director: manages music choices and rehearsal times.

Guardian Angels is the largest parish in the ECC AZ/NM Southwest Region, but we are not being asked to do this alone. St. Michael's in Tucson, St. Teresa's in Phoenix, Blessed Oscar Romero and Mary Magdalene in New Mexico would also be available to help and they also are discussing this. Please contact Pastor Sue or one of the Leadership Council members with your comments. We are looking to see if we have anyone among us who coordinated a 3-4 day conference for an organization in the past and might be willing to help with the 2016 Synod if the ECC SW Region decides to host it. We truly want your questions and input on this. This decision will be made by the people of the SW ECC Region...not the clergy!

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New Directory of “Angels” is available electronically! Let Jeanie azghanclan@hotmail.com know if you would like a Guardian Angels Directory of Members. This Directory includes emails, addresses & phone numbers if we have them.

Feedback

Your Leadership Council invites you to attend our meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month after mass. The next Council meeting will be held after mass on **March 15**. Questions and suggestions are welcomed so we may better serve our community.

az career pathways



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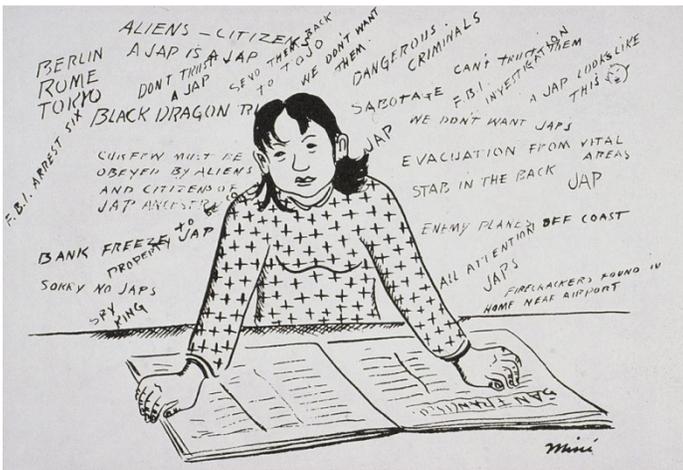
Come and find out about the program on **March 5 @ 6:30PM** in our Fellowship Hall. There will be counselors available if you would like to apply to the program **that very evening!**

Program Elements

Arizona Career Pathways recruits individuals who are unemployed, welfare dependent and/or underserved, living at or below 150% of the U.S. Poverty Guideline. Participants receive long term job training resulting in a nationally recognized certificate or degree in a high demand occupation discipline based on STEM competencies (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) that leads to high skill, high wage employment with benefits. High demand occupations are defined in collaboration with area workforce and economic agencies and key area employers.

Arizona Career Pathways provides case management and life skills coaching, financial assistance, peer mentoring, job placement assistance, and other valuable support services to ensure successful educational attainment and long-term career success.

Arizona Career Pathway's' proven program model provides our students with the support and motivation required for them to achieve the workforce skills and experience that will help them to develop occupational skills, degree and certificate attainment, and the confidence that will ensure their employability. As a newly formed agency, Arizona Career Pathways will implement and adapt innovative programs and advance systems to track program outcomes.



Art of the Internment Camps: Culture Behind Barbed Wire

with ASU Professor of Art History, Betsy Fahlman

Thursday, March 19 @ 7PM in the Parlor

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's 1942 WWII Executive Order 9066 forced the removal of nearly 125,000 Japanese American citizens from the west coast, incarcerating them in ten remote internment

camps in seven states: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming.

Government photographers Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, and Ansel Adams documented the internment, and artists Toyo Miyatake, Chiura Obata, Isamu Noguchi, Henry Sugimoto, and Miné Okubo made powerful records of camp life. Arizona's two camps, Gila River and Poston, were among the largest, and this chronicle illuminates an important episode of state history, one grounded in national agendas driven by prejudice and fear.



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EVERYBODY COME JOIN US FOR A BLOOD DRIVE! WE ARE HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE AT COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN TEMPE, AZ, 1701 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE, TEMPE, AZ 85281 ON **MARCH 29TH FROM 10:30 TO 3:30.** SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT AT WWW.BLOODHERO.COM BY CLICKING ON ARIZONA, CREATING AN ACCOUNT IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE ONE AND ENTERING SPONSOR CODE COMMUNITYCC. IF YOU WANT, I CAN SCHEDULE IT FOR YOU. JUST MESSAGE ME (YOVOJUSTICE@YAHOO.COM) WITH YOUR FULL NAME, PHONE, EMAIL, DATE OF BIRTH, BLOOD TYPE (IF YOU DON'T KNOW, THAT'S OKAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT) AND THE TIME SLOT THAT YOU WANT. ALL ARE WELCOME! IT'S AN EASY WAY THAT YOU CAN LITERALLY SAVE LIVES! SCHEDULE RIGHT AWAY SO YOU CAN GET THE TIME SLOT THAT YOU WANT.

We have some cool things coming up that you might want to put on your calendar NOW!!!

I-HELP is sponsoring a Walk for the Homeless
on Saturday, April 11, 7AM – 10AM
in Kiwanis Park, 6111 S All American Way,
Tempe AZ 85283

We have already registered team Guardian Angels
You can join the team by registering online at: ihelpwalk2015.myevent.com
You will see Guardian Angels, click on support a participant
and follow the instructions. If you can't walk,
make a pledge for one of the Guardian Angel walkers.

Angels Kay and Sandy are coordinating this effort. If you have any questions or need more info, see them at church or contact them at kaywright13@cox.net or sjhume@msn.com

April 18, 9AM – 4PM
In the Church Fellowship Hall

**Will Work to End Systemic
Oppression
with Luke Black, Equal Voices
Facilitator with AZ Community Action
Association**

Our organizations are diligently working to address the contributors and consequences of poverty. However, focusing only on the contributors and consequences of poverty is not enough to end poverty. We must also begin to address systemic oppression as the root cause of poverty. This will

require that us to shift our focus to address racism, income inequality, economic exploitation, and abandonment of the work force. Addressing systemic oppression, while also continuing to deliver needed services, will require the adoption of pro-active practices designed to address de jure (legal) and de facto (in practice) oppression. *This session is designed for community members who understand that a significant paradigm shift is need in how we work to end poverty.*

When participants leave the session, I expect them to have an expanded understanding of some of the root causes of poverty, an expanded understanding of systemic oppression, and a good understanding of possible steps to take in the Tempe community to organize around tackling systemic oppression and poverty. There will be opportunity to dialogue together about next steps as a community.



<http://azmigranttrail.com/2014/01/06/21/>

Please stay tuned here for information on the Migrant Trail 2015.

Migrant Trail 2015 dates: May 24- 31, 2015

Orientation (mandatory for all full-week participants): May 24th

Walk dates: May 25-31

Our Vision

The precarious reality of our borderlands calls us to walk. We are a spiritually diverse, multi-cultural group who walk together on a journey of peace to remember people, friends and family who have died, others who have crossed, and people who continue to come. We bear witness to the tragedy of death and of the inhumanity in our midst. Lastly, we make this sacred journey as a community, in defiance of the borders that attempt to divide us, committed to working together for the human dignity of all peoples.



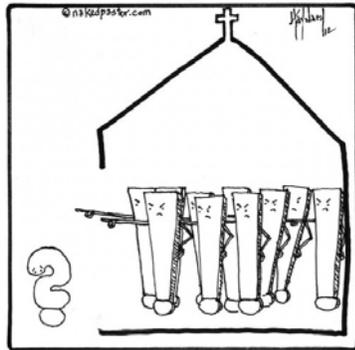
It might look like a day at the Ball Park with all the Baseball Jerseys but it wasn't...it was the blessing of the now AZ-legal marriage between Rena and Melissa! Mario played the piano and Carlos sang for their Moms! What a blessed and happy event!



**Violet's
Grandma's
FINALLY tied
the knot with
a legal
marriage in
AZ!**

**Penny and
Vanice
(Valeska's
moms)
have been
together for
43 years!**





BRING YOUR
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Do you have questions about Ecumenical Catholicism? The Mass? What we believe? Have you wondered why we do the things we do? Let us know! Send your questions to irreverendsue@gmail.com

Watch out angels.....



And finally the cartoon Mr. Ringler spoke about at mass last Sunday....

