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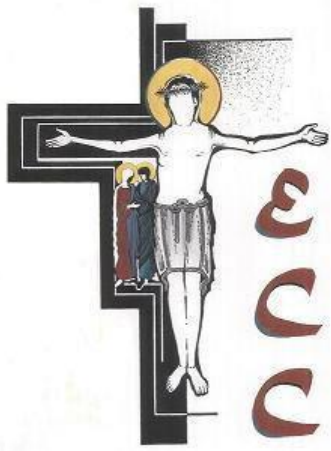
July - August 2015 Newsletter

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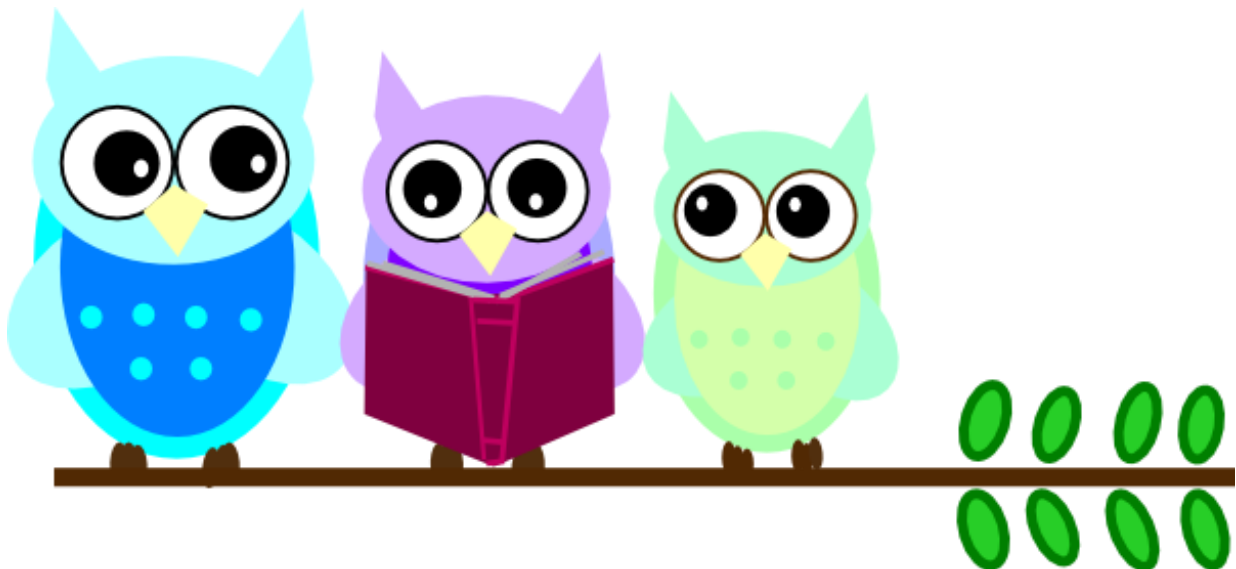
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READ. THINK. TALK. LISTEN. GROW. Our first discussion

of the book we are reading together, *The Warmth of Other Suns* will be on June 16th @ 7PM at the Interfaith Library. It's OK if you haven't finished it yet. We will have 2 more discussions. It really is an awesome book and early in July it was also part of a discussion on NPR. Here is that link if you'd like to listen in:

<http://thedianerehmsow.org/shows/2015-07-08/texas-textbooks-and-teaching-the-civil-war-and-americas-history-of-racial-segregation>



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	13	14 4PM INTERFAITH LIBRARY MEETING – PLANNING FOR THE MOVE	15 MASS 7AM	16 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP IN CONF. ROOM 6-7PM <i>THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS DISCUSSION 7PM AT THE LIBRARY</i>	17 EID – THE END OF RAMADAN	18 <i>KEEP READING THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS!!!</i> PASTOR SUE AT ST. TERESA OF AVILA MASS 5PM
19 16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY PAZ DE CRISTO 4-7PM	20	21	22 MASS 7AM	23 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP IN CONF. ROOM 6-7PM RACE, JUSTICE & THE FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP WITH TIM WISE 6:30PM BULPITT AUDITORIUM, PHOENIX COLLEGE; 1202 W THOMAS RD, PHOENIX, AZ 85013 RSVP INFO AT CSR.D.ASU.EDU	24	25 <i>KEEP READING THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS!!!</i>
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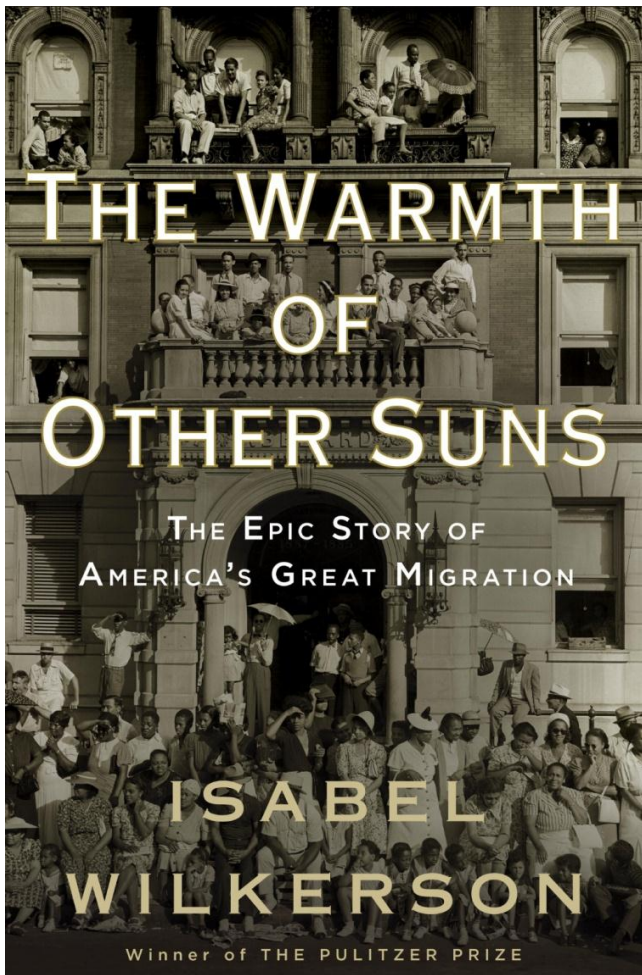
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Angel Reminder: This coming Sunday, July 19 – Leadership Council Meeting is right after mass at the Interfaith Library and also July 19th is our day to serve at Paz de Cristo at 4PM. This is an outreach opportunity available each month. We serve with our sister church, Community Christian. It is important that we have 6 Angels ready to serve each month. If you have never served at “Paz” make plans to serve either July 19 and/or August 16. For more info, see Pastor Sue, or Kay or Sandy or Christine!



Pastor Sue and Gary being blessed by the community before their June Sabbatical and a special “breaking news” feature created by our very clever and creative Rudy!

One Book...One Community



There is an effort in small towns and big cities to encourage a Community to all read the same book over a specific period of time and then talk about it. Over the past year we have been trying to become more educated and informed concerning racism in this country. Something that we thought should be gone or almost gone has been shown to have a staying power that we could not have predicted. The book, "The Warmth of Other Suns," is Guardian Angels next attempt to help us learn more about African American history. It comes recommended by several Angels. So we will read this book together over the summer. Now don't let it scare you...it's kinda thick! But I understand once you get into it, it is a real page turner! We have one scheduled discussion date so far, *Thursday, July 16 @ 7PM* at the Church. So get the book and start reading!

Learn more about how our historical government policies also contributed to our current problems
<http://www.npr.org/2015/05/14/406699264/historian-says-dont-sanitize-how-our-government-created-the-ghettos>



I am with people who are poor in spirit. They teach me that being is more important than doing, the heart is more important than the mind, and doing things together is more important than doing things alone. *Henri Nouwen*



LOVE *in* ACTION



**On July 3, Vivian and Bob move to Beatitudes Campus, 1694 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85021 602-544-8438
Thanks to everyone who helped with the move especially Elaine's very talented and organized brother, Doug!**



Blessing Barb at a Wednesday Morning Mass in June before her hiking trip with her brother.



Everybody will stay at the school with Mama Dawn for 12 weeks before they get placed with raisers. And **Power Paws is always looking for raisers** in case anyone is interested! Talk to Em and John if you want more information about this opportunity to raise service dogs.

Thanks to everyone for your regular donations to our emergency food pantry so that we can supply good lunches to our homeless friends. Here is a picture of what goes into a normal lunch bag. Thank you all again for your generosity in keeping the shelves stocked. If you have any questions see Kay as she is in charge of organizing the pantry and making the lunches! Thanks, Kay! 😊





NEW GENERATIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: 2015 LECTURE

DATE

July 23, 2015

TIME

6:30pm

LOCATION

Bulpitt Auditorium, Phoenix College; 1202 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85013

RACE, JUSTICE & THE FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP

Internationally renowned anti-racist writer and educator, *Tim Wise*, is considered one of the most courageous and prophetic voices of our age. Named one of the "25 Visionaries Who are Changing the World," Wise is a staunch activist who has dedicated the past 20 years to speaking about issues related to race, racism, and privilege. In this talk, not only will he address race and justice, but also the need for future leaders to tackle their biases and the dangers of views and beliefs like 'colorblind attitudes' and unrecognized privilege. Attendees will leave this lecture with an understanding of how to foster stronger communities, break down assumptions, and create more successful solutions to problems.

This lecture includes a facilitated conversation with Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker, question/answer session, and will be followed by a book signing with Tim Wise.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-generations-leadership-program-2015-lecture-featuring-tim-wise-tickets-17405231516>

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On Friday, June 26th 2015 Marriage Equality became the law of the land. Since that moment there has been celebrations in some quarters, plans made to fight discrimination in housing, employment and other areas by LGBTQ advocates, shouts of anger from those opposed to the 5-4 Supreme Court decision and still others, like my Evangelical friend, Rev Chris Gonzalez ...well....how shall I put this ... sometimes you just need a picture:

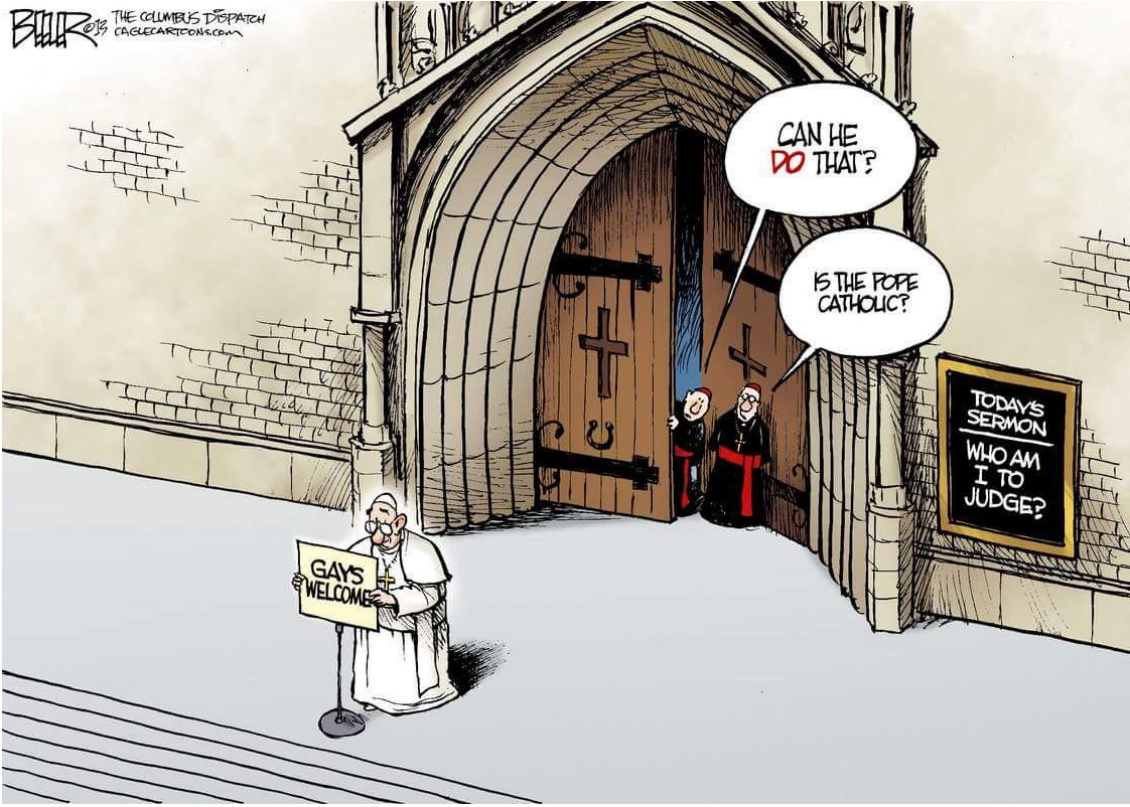


You see as a compassionate, loving though very conservative follower of Christ, Chris wanted to send the correct message to his community, Missio Dei Communities. So, of course, he called me! ☺ Pastor Chris challenged his members to take someone from the LGBTQ community out for a “Listening Lunch” – which he describes as:

“Take someone (BLESS) from the LGBTQ community to lunch (EAT) in order to simply hear their story (LISTEN). Say, “I am an evangelical Christian and have a different view on sexuality than you. I would like to buy you lunch to hear your story and experience. I promise not to talk back, but just to listen.” If you would like to do this but don’t have that friendship already in place, let us know and we can help you set this up.”

This is where you come in Angels! Pastor Chris, who has preached at our mass a couple times in the past, loves and respects Guardian Angels Catholic Community and its beloved members almost as much as I do. He already has 2 men from his community who want to take one of our LGBTQ members out for a “Listening Lunch.” Would you be willing to share your life, experiences and faith story with someone who may have a different view than you do but is willing and wanting to hear your story? Contact Pastor Sue if you would like to be a part of this very special outreach effort. irreverendsue@gmail.com

Love, Pastor Sue



[Cynthia and Valeska make it “legal” on their 5th Anniversary and the community blesses their marriage.](#)
[Their story was featured in the June 2015 ECC Report](#)





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.



**OOOHHHH so THIS is why these Angels weren't at mass last weekend.
Hanging out with Fr. Richard Rohr. OK...so a REALLY GOOD EXCUSE!**



Leadership Council

News from Your Leadership Council



Under Discussion:

1. Fr. Nathan Castle (Newman Center) retreat, "Your Afterlife Bucket List" at CCC September 25th and 26th. Cost would be about \$1000 plus travel expenses.
2. ECC Finance Letter
3. A summer Parish activity for Guardian Angels



Decisions:

1. We are so grateful for our beloved Guardian Angels Community. Your generosity the first half of this year has allowed us to set aside a fund to assist members of our own community that are in need. Additionally we were able to provide an increase in Pastor Sue's housing allowance as she faithfully cares for the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish. We will continue to look toward fair and just compensation for all those who serve our community.
2. A Great Big 4th of July Welcome Back Pastor Sue! While Pastor Elaine & Fr. Ed did a splendid job just know your community loves and missed you!.
3. AZ/NM Dioceses & 501c3 on Hold

New Updated Directory of "Angels" 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 meetings will be on **July 19th and Aug 16th**. Questions and suggestions are welcomed so we may better serve our community. We may be contacted at:



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Grief Support Group

Is your life currently affected by unresolved grief?

Do you sometimes have nagging and uncomfortable feelings related to a death; or maybe another kind of emotional loss? We invite you to join us and begin a weekly healing journey along with others who understand the pain of loss.

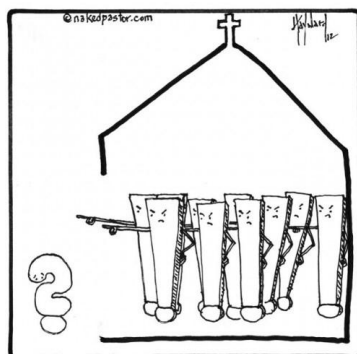
Our weekly "Grief Support Groups" are always open to anyone and everyone who may be struggling with feelings of unresolved grief, regardless of the source of those feelings.

"The death of a beloved is an event that rings and rings through a life: bearing it is not a problem to be solved, but a long, slow piece of music to listen to. And mourning, like music, is best listened to with others." -- Sarah Miles from her book Jesus Freak

Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:00pm in the small conference room in the church office.

Facilitator & Gemini Hospice Chaplain: Ed Walsh

Questions? Please Call Ed 602-642-6813 or email edw@geminihospice.com



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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

INTERFAITH



Pastor Sue and a mother and child at the July Interfaith Iftar sponsored by the Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue.



We will always remember.....



A wonderful homily by our Bishop Francis:
<https://soundcloud.com/sts-clare-and-francis/july-4-2015-5-15-54-40>

Another good homily by Rev Andy Burnette, one of our local Interfaith Partners
<https://www.vuu.org/files/podcasts/2015/sermon-062115.mp3>

With heavy hearts for your loss and a heavy burden for the brokenness of our land we stand with you in the tragedy befalling your congregation, "Mother Emanuel" AME Church of Charleston, South Carolina. We give thanks for the fruitful lives and faithful witness of Rev. *Clementa Pickney, Tywanza Sanders, Cynthia Hurd, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lance, Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., and Myra Thompson.*



Our Bishop Francis has been in close contact with the National AME Church Leaders (who are also fellow members of the National Council of Churches) and he has asked us to prayerfully consider donating money for the reconstruction of the 8+ Black Churches that have burnt down since the tragedy in Charleston. It is believed that arson caused the majority of these fires. Guardian Angels Leadership Council is calling for a special collection specifically to be donated for the repair/restoration of these churches. We would like to collect this money as soon as possible and we know that many people who would like to donate are away so please feel free to stick a check in the mail with "Black Churches" on the memo line. You can mail to – Guardian Angels Catholic Community, 1701 S College Ave, Tempe AZ 85281 or put in the basket at mass.

Since returning from her sabbatical people have been asking Pastor Sue what she's learned and she says...nothing really...except how blessed she is to be a part of such a beloved community. She gave this reflection out to all the Angels on her first Sunday back. Here is a copy for you if you were not able to be there.



You are the best (that means you, Angels!)

by Andy Rooney

If you will take the time to read these. I promise you'll come away with an enlightened perspective. The subjects covered affect us all on a daily basis: They're written by the late Andy Rooney (60 Minutes), a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy.....

I've learned... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his/her little fist, that you're hooked for life

I've learned... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

