

# *On a Wing and a Prayer*

May 2016

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***Rev. Ed Walsh became a priest on May 18, 1991!***

***Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pastor Ed!***

# Guardian Angels Calendar May 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 9AM</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED</b></p> <p><b>NYU BIBLE CLASS: THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW SCRIPTURES)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 7AM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7PM POETRY READING WITH BOB LONGONI AND OTHERS AT SHRINE OF HOLY WISDOM, 5025 S ASH AVE, TEMPE, AZ</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 9AM</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</b></p> <p><b>NYU BIBLE CLASS: THE HISTORICAL BOOKS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY 9 DANIEL BERRIGAN</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">"We should seek to extend our spirits in our own lifetime in every direction. It should include the people we meet, the plants and the animals – and ourselves. Because we either reflect the beauty of life or we destroy it. The choice is ours." Daniel Berrigan, August, 2013</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 7AM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10AM MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST AT BISCUITS 1815 E. ELLIOT TEMPE AZ</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOCK-HOP @ VUU AT 7:30PM INFO BELOW</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PENTECOST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 9AM</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WE WILL CELEBRATE PASTOR ED'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS A PRIEST!! PLAN TO STAY AFTER MASS TO PARTY!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAZ DE CRISTO 4PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 7AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASTOR ED'S</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>25TH ANNIVERSARY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINNER @ 6PM WELCOME @ 7PM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INTERFAITH DIALOGUE IN SCOTTSDALE, "IS INTERFAITH DIALOGUE THE KEY TO PEACE?" SEE MORE INFO BELOW</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 9AM</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</b></p> <p><b>NYU BIBLE CLASS: THE CREATION ERA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 7AM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>7PM MEN'S GROUP MEETING IN CLASSROOM 2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 9AM</b></p> <p><b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</b></p> <p><b>PARISH POTLUCK! CELEBRATE WITH MONICA, WAYNE AND CHRISTIAN AS THEY WILL SOON WELCOME A NEW BABY BOY!!</b></p> <p><b>NYU BIBLE CLASS: PATRIARCHS AND MATRIARCHS</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS 7AM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>

May Birthdays – 6 – John Phelps, 21 – George Renner and Johanna Crowl, 22 – Mario Stinson-Maas,  
26 – Doug Moen, 28 – Rudy Armijo-Pack

May Anniversaries: 5/18/1991 – Pastor Ed’s Anniversary – 25 Years a Priest!!  
send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: [rgkeck1@yahoo.com](mailto:rgkeck1@yahoo.com)

**I-HELP**  
**Walk/Run**  
for the Homeless  
5K & 1 mile Walk/Run & Kids Fun Run  
Saturday, April 9, 2016  
Kiwanis Park, 5500 S Mill Ave., Tempe  
The first race starts at 7:30 AM,  
registration begins at 7 AM!

Guardian Angels Team collected almost  
**\$2500**  
for I-HELP at the April 9<sup>th</sup> I-HELP  
Walk/Run







And our I-HELP Meal with the help of some students from



Angels at I-HELP and  
at Paz de Cristo!  
We love to serve!



**The Trail Angels – do you like to hike? Check out the Trail Angels!**





*“When we live our lives as missions, we become aware that there is a home from where we are sent and to where we have to return. We start thinking about ourselves as people who are in a faraway country to bring a message or work on a project, but only for a certain amount of time. When the message has been delivered and the project is finished, we want to return home to give an account of our mission and to rest from our labours.*

*One of the most important spiritual disciplines is to develop the knowledge that the years of our lives are years ‘on a mission.’” ~ Henri Nouwen*

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/seattle-cathedral-parish-model-field-hospital-ministries>

This is a link to a story about an awesome parish that understands “mission.”



How Did I Get Here? by Ann Connolly

I am 60. I just got baptized. What took me so long?

When I make a commitment it is important to me and baptism was a big commitment for me. I had to know in my heart and spirit that being baptized was for me.

My husband was Catholic. I attended church with him. Helped him raise our children Catholic. Volunteered at their Catholic schools. To most folks I probably "passed" as Catholic. I feel comfortable in Catholic churches. I always feel close to my husband there. I seek solace there.

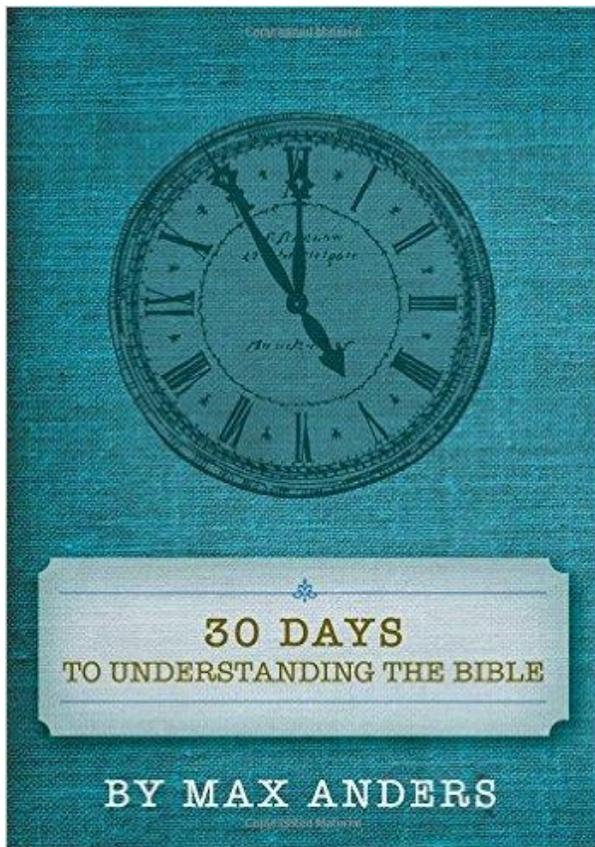
But I had a secret - I never "joined" the church or had been baptized. Why not? If it was good for my kids, why not for me? At the Roman Catholic Masses, God seemed so complicated. I did not want to join without understanding better. A complicated God is hard for me to follow.

Then my husband died. My children grew up and left home. I went for a long walk across Spain. Daily life on the camino is simple. At the end of each day there was a bed, a shower, and I joined other pilgrims for a meal. Sleep, wake up, and walk again to the next bed, carrying very little with me. Slowly I realized the walking fed me physically, emotionally, socially, mentally and spiritually. I came to know God, a simple God that I understood. Towards the end of my walk, I resolved to join the Roman Catholic church upon my return. I began attending Mass but before too long all the complications came flooding back. I quit attending once again.

A few years ago I heard of Guardian Angels. My ears perked up - what was this place? I met Sue. I had no excuses left, I better check out this place, how many more chances would be given to me if I let this one go by? Sitting in the pew I felt like an imposter, a fraud, I did not belong among these folks. Sue counseled me that it was OK to just be there. So I stayed. I found God again, like the God I came to know on the camino. A simple God that I could hear in the homilies, the music, the ministries, the education and see every day in the actions of all the folks sitting in the pews. A safe place to learn more.

In September I walked as a pilgrim once more to Santiago, Spain. This time it came to me that it was time for me to be baptized. I was ready to make the commitment. Thank you, Guardian Angels for providing the space and the time for me to arrive at this point - the best camino of all!

What's your story? How did you end up at Guardian Angels?...and why did you stay? We would like to print your story in a future newsletter. There are so many awesome, inspiring people who have made their way to Guardian Angels Catholic Community. We all want to get to know each other better and learn about each other's stories. Send your story...and other ideas for the Newsletter to Pastor Sue at [irreverendsue@gmail.com](mailto:irreverendsue@gmail.com)



## “The NYU Bible Study” CONTINUES - Not too late to join!!!!

Do you want to read the Bible but don't know where to start?

Do you have trouble finding books in the Bible during Mass and other church services?

Are you comfortable with the New Testament but completely lost when it comes to the Old Testament?

No matter how hard you try, you simply can't get your “head wrapped around” Scripture? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then

### The “Not Your Usual Bible Study” is for you.

Most Bible studies focus on the interpretation of Scripture and its application to our lives. But the “*Not Your Usual Bible Study*” (NYU) will focus on understanding the structure of the Bible, its basic history & geography, and the chronology of events in both the Old & New Testaments.

The “NYU Bible Study” will be chunked into small units over the next year. We will use Max Anders, “30 Days to Understanding the Bible”. We will supply the book. If you're unable to attend each session - that's ok - as long as you read and study on your own. Films and videos will be shown to highlight certain sections of the Bible. These lessons should appeal to all regardless of background or age (10+).

#### **Unit I - “Not Your Usual Bible Study” continues...**

May 1 - Anders: The Geography of the Old Testament

May 8 - Anders: The Historical Books

May 22 - Anders: The Creation Era

May 29 - Anders: Patriarchs (and Matriarchs)

**Guardian Angels MEN'S GROUP**



**Men's Ministry**

The men's group had a great first gathering so they thought they'd get together again! Twice this month!! Join the guys for breakfast on Saturday, May 14 @ 10 AM at Biscuits on 1815 E. Elliot Tempe AZ. And they will meet at the church again on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> in Classroom 2. For more info or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Ed ([ewalsh1991@gmail.com](mailto:ewalsh1991@gmail.com)).

*Love that tiara, Mr. Ringler...granddaughter Louisa likes it, too!*



**Sock Hop!  
FOR  
SOCKS**

**SOULSTICE BROTHERS BAND**

Saturday  
May 14  
7:30 PM

**VUU SANCTUARY**

*Cover Charge*  
Package of new socks and/or \$5 donation

*Beneficiaries*  
**NO MORE DEATHS** in Tucson  
Center for NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP in Phoenix

Valley Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION



*Beneficiaries:*



**NO MORE DEATHS**

No More Deaths is a humanitarian organization based in southern Arizona. We began in 2004 in the form of a coalition of community and faith groups, dedicated to stepping up efforts to stop the deaths of migrants in the desert and to achieving the enactment of a set of Faith-Based Principles for Immigration Reform. We later developed into an autonomous project. Since 2008 we have been an official ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson.

**Mission**

The mission of No More Deaths is to end death and suffering in the Mexico-US borderlands through civil initiative: people of conscience working openly and in community to uphold fundamental human rights. Our work embraces the Faith-Based Principles for Immigration Reform and focuses on the following themes:

- Direct aid that extends the right to provide humanitarian assistance
- Witnessing and responding
- Consciousness raising
- Global movement building
- Encouraging humane immigration policy



**CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP**

Center for Neighborhood Leadership is an incubator for social change that provides curriculum and support necessary to transform marginalized people into emerging leaders with experience shifting the landscape of social justice, community development, and community-driven public policy.



Angels Barb and Ann helping to fill water stations in the desert with Humane Border volunteers from our sister church Community Christian.



## Remembering those who have died The Migrant Trail May 30 - June 5, 2016

Join us for the thirteenth annual 75-mile journey from Sásabe, Sonora to Tucson, Arizona in solidarity with our migrant sisters and brothers who have walked this trail and lost their lives. We bear witness to the lives that are lost, the families who mourn, and the communities that suffer the divisions that borders wreak on all of us.

**Monday, May 30th, 2:00pm:  
Sásabe, Sonora:**

Sending forth ceremony and 5 mile walk to our first campsite on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

**Sunday, June 5th, 11:30am:**

**Tucson, Arizona: Kennedy Park, Ramada #3**  
(NW corner of Ajo Way & Mission Road, behind the Mission Library)

Welcoming celebration of food, music, and speakers as participants complete the 75-mile, week-long journey.

For more information, contact:  
[azmigranttrail@gmail.com](mailto:azmigranttrail@gmail.com)  
or visit:  
[www.azmigranttrail.com](http://www.azmigranttrail.com)

Cosponsors include: The Tucson Peace Center, Tucson Peace Center, 365 Day Fast in Solidarity with DREAMers, Boulder Valley Unitarian Universalists Fellowship, Immigration Justice Task Force, Cafe Justo (Just Coffee), Casa Mariposa, Colibri Center for Human Rights, Coloradans For Immigrant Rights, Colorado Office of the American Friends Service Committee, Deb Gardner, Franciscans for Justice, Frontera de Cristo, Green Valley/Sahuarita Samaritans, Guardian Angels Catholic Community, Humane Borders, La Coalición de Derechos Humanos, Jewish Voice for Peace-Tucson, The Loper Group, Inc., Mary Hope W. Lee, Mennonite Central Committee, Migrant Worker Solidarity Network, Pacific University, Peace & Justice Committee Mountain View Friends Meeting [Denver], School Sisters of Notre Dame- Douglas, AZ, Shalom House, Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, Tucson Samaritans, University Presbyterian Church- Tempe, AZ.

**Restoration Phoenix Project asks Faith-based groups and people of conscience to build a network of mutual support with those being detained and who have been released.**

Every day of the week, at any time of day or night, ICE vans from Arizona immigration detention facilities and short term holding facilities pull into the bus depot in Phoenix and drop off immigrants. Some have won their case, but most are released either on bond or their own recognizance and have been granted permission to remain in the United States while pursuing their cases.

Those released usually have nothing but paper or plastic bags to carry their few clothes and possessions, and are traveling as far away as Atlanta, Georgia, Washington D.C. or New York. They rarely have funds to purchase the supplies necessary for these 2 to 4 day trips, and may be traveling with children. Few speak English, and depending on their origins, may not speak Spanish either. They rarely have working cell phones or money for pay phones, which leaves them unable to finalize travel arrangements or communicate with loved ones.

Volunteers from "Restoration Project, Phoenix" monitor the depot to provide travel aid and cell phone support to those leaving ICE and Border Patrol custody. Once visitors are identified as needing assistance, they are welcomed and supplied for their trips. Food, water and hygiene items are offered. Volunteers make their phones available so the families can connect with loved ones and make travel arrangements



Items needed are single-serving sized, non perishable food items. Shown are some suggestions.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated by many.

Also looking for volunteers who will receive training to meet and offer this type of aid. Times needed are open to volunteer schedules, day and evenings.

Spanish speaking is helpful or a translator can be available in person or by phone. Spanish speakers welcome to join this telephone volunteer group if not able to be at depot. Training will be offered.

Contact Sharon Kopina  
1004slk1950@gmail.com  
815-252-2528

# *Is Interfaith Dialogue The Key To Peace?*

Some say that peace in the world can happen only if there is first peace among the world's religions. And that peace among religions can only happen through dialogue.

What do you think?

Be part of this in-depth discussion on the importance of interfaith dialogue as we work individually and communally for peace.

## Dr. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Speaker

Dr. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson is Director of Jewish Studies and Irving and Miriam Lowe Professor of Modern Judaism and Professor of History at ASU. Through her interdisciplinary research, she seeks to create bridges between intellectual disciplines and religious traditions with a particular interest in the relationship between science and religion and interreligious dialogue.

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Islamic Center of the Northeast Valley  
12125 E Via Linda, Scottsdale

Dinner: 6:00 pm  
Welcome: 7:00 pm

Suggested Donation: \$10

Sponsored by the  
Theological Dialogue Commission, Arizona Faith Network

For more information contact Al Gephart at [al@gepharts.org](mailto:al@gepharts.org)

To register email Penny Davis at [azfct@cox.net](mailto:azfct@cox.net)

Erin Tamayo, Executive Director  
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Gma Sandy with Elliot Rose



Girls just wanna have fu-un!!!

This month we celebrate Pentecost!! As we celebrate the power of the Spirit in the church, the scriptures remind us that the Spirit is a social Spirit – a Spirit that leads us to solidarity with each other, the whole world, and all its people. The Spirit does more than make individuals feel good or different. The Spirit breaks down barriers between peoples. The Spirit changes behavior and moves us into community. The Spirit calls us into action – action for others and for justice. The Spirit is a Spirit of reconciliation and healing. The Spirit is a Spirit of mercy.

The coming of the Spirit 2000 years ago transformed the Christian community.

Locked doors were opened.

Fear was replaced by courage.

Peace was proclaimed.

The power to forgive sins was shared present.

Those who were afraid began to speak up boldly.

Thousands heard the message in their own languages.

Today the coming of the Spirit is in our church and in our social values.

In a world of fear and doubt and confusion,

the Spirit inspires people to open the doors and speak out especially about issues of justice and peace.

In a world of selfishness, competition, and control,

the Spirit gives out gifts that are shared for the benefit of all especially those who are poor or in need.

In a world of racism and xenophobia and fear of immigrants and refugees,

the Spirit invites people of every nation under heaven to come together.

In a world with war, violence and terrorism,

the Spirit proclaims a message of peace and reconciliation to all.

In a world of economic inequality,

the Spirit reminds us that the things of the world are meant to be shared by all

and are to be used for the common good.

In a world where the environment is abused and over used,

the Spirit calls for reform in how we live and in the ways we use the earth with care and love.

In a world of ideology and prejudice,

the Spirit calls us to think about things in a new way.

The gifts of the Spirit are for liberation. The Spirit is an inclusive spirit who desires to set everyone free. Maybe the greatest manifestation of the spirit is when people have the grace to identify with the needs and struggles of the world, to listen to those who are poor or oppressed, and to speak up for justice. As Elizabeth Johnson says: "Finding one's own voice, however, haltingly, imparts the power of the Spirit crying out."

