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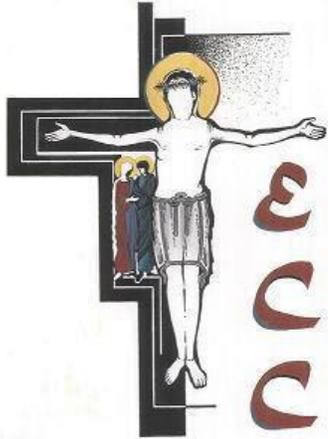
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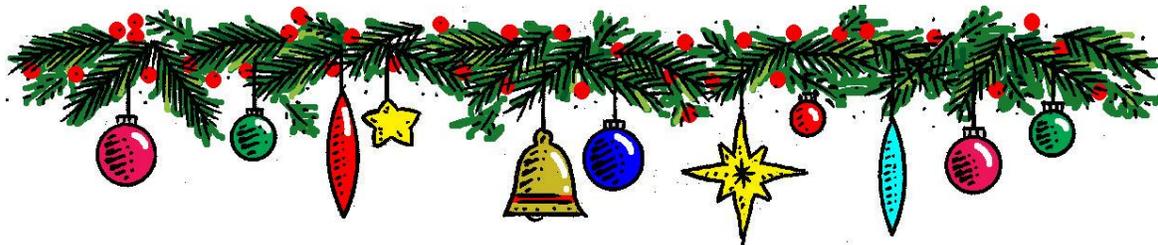
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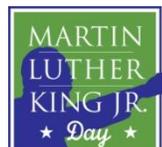


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			DECEMBER 31 MASS 7AM  Happy New Year!	JANUARY 1, 2015  Welcome! 2015!	2	3 HUMANE BORDERS
4 EPIPHANY PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE  A Light to the Nations GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE INTERFAITH LIBRARY OPEN 10:30AM – 1:00PM EVERY SUNDAY	5	6 4 – 5:30 PM MORE INFO IN NEWSLETTER “COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE,” GREAT HALL OF BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY 4701 NORTH CENTRAL AVE., PHOENIX A BUFFET RECEPTION WITH THE SPEAKERS WILL FOLLOW.	7 MASS 7AM 7PM CLASS WITH DR. CYNTHIA WHAT WOULD JESUS DO (WITH POWER, PRIVILEGE, AND RACIAL JUSTICE)? FELLOWSHIP HALL RACISM: IGNORE IT... AND IT WON'T GO AWAY.	8 TEAM MTG 11:30AM “JESUS, GOD AND JAZZ: A POSTMODERN PERSPECTIVE” 7-8:30PM, AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - 7TH STREET AND CAMELBACK INFO IN NEWSLETTER	9	10
11 BAPTISM OF THE LORD MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE May we always live “soaking wet” in the waters of baptism. May worship today refresh us for living out our faith all week.	12	13	14 MASS 7AM	15 “JESUS, GOD AND JAZZ: A POSTMODERN PERSPECTIVE”	16	17 HUMANE BORDERS
18 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE PAZ DE CRISTO 4 – 7PM	19  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day	20 6:30PM INTERFAITH DINNER & DIALOGUE @ UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPONSORED BY TEAM – TEMPE INTERFAITH	21 MASS 7AM	22 PROGRESSIVE CLERGY GROUP 12:30PM “JESUS, GOD AND JAZZ: A POSTMODERN PERSPECTIVE”	23	24 HUMANE BORDERS
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To Love

- stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw or mistake.
- cancel (a debt)

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.
—Martin Luther King Jr.



Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

What Would Jesus Do...about power, privilege and racial justice? with our own Dr. Cynthia Mruzek

Join us for an experiential approach to looking at this question.

Wed, January 7 @ 7PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**RACISM: IGNORE IT...
AND IT WON'T GO AWAY.**



Mark your calendars for the Ryle Fund's "**Community Conversation for Economic Justice,**" **Jan. 6, 4-5:30PM at Brophy High School.** It will be held at The Great Hall of Brophy College Preparatory 4701 North Central Ave., Phoenix A buffet reception with the speakers will follow.

RSVP individually to RYLEFUND@OUTLOOK.COM Subject line: RSVP Jan 6 2015 event

Msgr. Ryle dedicated himself to working on behalf of the poor and needy in our state, bettering their lives and ours. Our panelists will include top thinkers and writers on the issues

of economic and social justice. They are:

- * Sr. Simone Campbell, Executive Director of NETWORK; Nuns on the Bus.
- * Michael Gerson, Washington Post columnist and former speechwriter for Pres. George W. Bush.
- * Fr. Thomas Reece, author and Senior Analyst for the Catholic Reporter
- * John Carr, director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University.

At the conclusion of the panel's discussion, Rev. Dr. Warren Stewart of First Institutional Baptist Church will offer a reflection on people of faith working for social justice.

"There is no worse material poverty, I am keen to stress, than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work." - Pope Francis



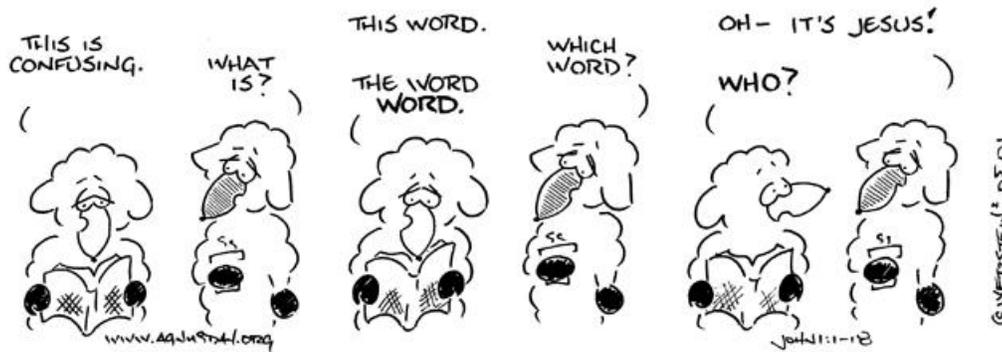
Brynn, Kevin and Emily working on the Giving Tree Terry, Greeter Extraordinaire!!!! Early morning Advent practices – Christmas Choir – Jeanie, Kay and Frank join our regulars Peter, Joseph and Paul!





THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GIVING TREE PROJECT

The organizations we chose to support include: Mulligan's Manor - www.mulligansmanor.com; I-HELP + Tempe First United Methodist Shower Program - www.tempefirstumc.org/serving-the-homeless; Power Paws Assistance Dogs + Arizona Humane Society - www.powerpaws.org and <http://www.azhumane.org/> And not pictured (*gifts of time*) include: I-HELP, Andre House; Hope Community Health Center. We rock!



Christian philosopher Paul Tillich said, “The first responsibility of love is to listen.” Yet in our fast-paced culture, truly listening to someone has become a lost art.

The intricate Chinese written character for the verb to listen offers wise insight about how to listen to people so they feel heard. The symbol is actually a combination of characters for ears, eyes and an open heart. Basically it reads, “I give you my ears, my eyes and my undivided attention.”

What a great image of being fully engaged during the act of communication!

James 1:19 offers two wise resolutions for the year ahead: Be “quick to listen” and “slow to speak” (NRSV). Practicing the skill of active listening is a much-needed way to minister to other people, serving as Jesus’ “ears” in a hurting world.



From the Arizona Ecumenical Institute

(the Institute is a new endeavor to reach out to lay and clergy alike with non-credit continuing education opportunities.)

“Jesus, God and Jazz: A Postmodern Perspective” It will be a brief introduction to process theology.

It begins **Thursday, January 8, 7-8:30pm**, at **Faith Lutheran Church - 7th Street and Camelback**. The class will run for *eight consecutive Thursday evenings*, or at a time and place chosen by the class. Participants can join the class even if they can’t make the first meeting.

Class Description: Jazz speaks of interaction, spontaneity, building on the contributions made by others, creating in the moment what has never been before. Our relationship with God and the world is a similar process of creativity and adventure. This class will explore the central concepts of process theology as a postmodern approach to understand God’s relationship with creation and with each of us. It will seek to integrate theology with the latest discoveries of science, and probe what it means to affirm God as love in a world of great pain and suffering. Process theology both builds upon and challenges traditional theological approaches. It sees the universe as creative, inter-relational, dynamic and open to the future. God is present in every moment of our lives, and in all entities and levels of being. We join with God and the whole universe in an ongoing continuation of creative advance.

The cost of the class is \$100. There will also be required reading and a textbook

Instructor: Rev. Al Gephart is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, USA. He has masters degrees in both theology and music. He served two congregations in Washington state and for 17 years pastored University Presbyterian Church in Tempe, AZ, retiring Pastor Emeritus. He is chair of the Theological Dialogue Commission of the Arizona Ecumenical Council and is a member of its Board. He regularly attends the Process and Faith Summer Institute at Claremont School of Theology, studying with the noted process theologian, Dr. John Cobb. Contact Al at al@gepharts.org or 480-940-1881



We Remember

Each year we gather on the winter solstice, December 21st, the longest night of the year, to remember those who have died in our streets and are often not known or remembered.

It is a beautiful, simple Interfaith service. All are welcome and we share a meal together after the service.







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, nanzynn@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 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.

A letter from Frank McPeek about Cheryl's current situation:

Cheryl McPeek was diagnosed with a brain tumor that required surgery the weekend before Christmas.

--The tumor was 2.1 cm x 3.1 cm. It was located in the lower right frontal lobe and was surgically removed on 12/23.

--The doctors believe that they got most/all of the main tumor mass. A follow-up MRI confirms that all tumorous material that can be imaged via contrast was removed. That being said, there is likely still some microscopic tumor cell material remaining. Nonetheless the neurosurgeons are very pleased with her progress and recovery thus far.

-- On Monday, Dec. 29, we finally got the actual diagnosis from the final pathology report. Her tumor is Glioblastoma Multiform, Grade IV. This is a very (most) aggressive and active type of tumor and will require follow-up - physical, occupational, and cognitive therapy as well as radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

--Cheryl's symptoms of left side weakness and serious fall risk has already shown marked improvement according to physical therapists. Her speech and vision centers are not affected.

Needless to say, we (family, friends) have been at the hospital at Cheryl's bedside and in waiting rooms almost all day, every day since her diagnosis and surgery. Christmas was a wash, but we did have our gift exchange with Shannon (our daughter) and the grandkids last Sunday afternoon.

Looking forward, we have a long road ahead.

--Immediately, there is the prospect of some intense rehab for balance awareness and walking strength (probably about 1 to 1-1/2 weeks). This begins next Wed, Jan 7. This will happen on an outpatient basis, since her progress at walking and balance puts her out of the Medicare limits for in-patient rehab care.

--Following that, in about three weeks, we will meet with a radiation oncologist and neuro-oncologist to define radiation and chemotherapy treatment regimens.

--Radiation therapy is meant to blanket the tumor area with focused radiation beams from a linear accelerator and interfere with the ability of any remaining microscopic tumor cells to replicate. Radiation treatments are usually 5 days per week for 6 consecutive weeks.

--For this type of tumor, chemotherapy is complementary to the radiation and is usually in pill form. It is also meant to interfere with replication of remaining tumor cells. We really have no idea how long the chemotherapy will last.

--What we do know is that there will be a number of weeks (perhaps months) when Cheryl will need constant help and attention.

--We are likely to need to do some changes in our house to make it easier for her to get around (rails in the bathrooms, counter access, fewer obstructions to movement, etc.).

So, right now, we are at home and have already received meals to tide us over. Thanks to all who wish to help. Your prayers, caring, willingness to take some of the load off me by taking Cheryl to rehab sessions, and nourishing our bodies through meals is a blessing.

Regards, Frank D. McPeek

We have already started to organize meals and transportation assistance that will be needed in the future. And our prayers will continue. We also know that Cheryl and Frank and Pedro and the rest of the family will need our presence. We won't impose this on any of them but they will know that they are not alone and they have companions when they need and want us.



Get this on your calendar NOW!
TEAM's next Dinner & Interfaith Dialogue
is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th @ 6:30PM
at University Presbyterian Church, corner of College & Alameda.
Tell your Pastor that you would like to be a part of this significant event!



Leadership Council

News from Your Leadership Council



What a spectacular year 2014 was. We now have a new bishop elect, Frank Krebs. Kate Lehman has been appointed vicar of the Arizona/New Mexico Region. Our masses have practically doubled in size with new and exciting members joining our mass weekly. The face of our Leadership Council continues to change with the addition Kevin Rapkoch. We welcome Kevin and look forward to his contributions. As we reflect on 2014 it occurred to us what a blessing all of this has been. We are all in this together and together is always a beginning. Because of this anything is possible. If you missed last Sunday's mass there was a basket of "words" passed around for everyone to draw from. Pastor Sue drew the word "Dream". Gary was right to tell us "watch out!" ☺ ☺ ☺

So as we move forward into 2015 we beg your indulgence as we learn to grow together.



Decisions:

1. Your Leadership Council has approved our very first ever 2015 Guardian Angels budget. Frank & Colleen are in the process of transferring data to our newly purchased QuickBooks program. From there we will be monitoring actual income and expenses to our forecasted income & expenses. Much thanks for Frank's hard work and Colleen's guidance.
2. Included in the new 2015 budget your Leadership Council has approved compensation raises for both Sue and Elaine for the work they do as they faithfully hold and care for the needs of our parish. We have entered into a pastoral contract with Sue. Your Leadership Council would like to thank our wonderful Guardian Angels Community without whom this would not be possible.



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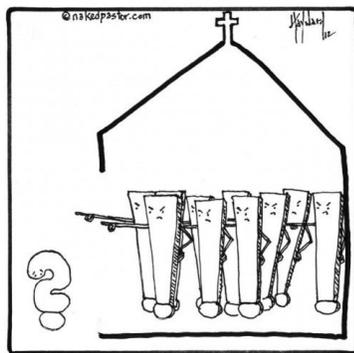


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New Directory of "Angels" is available electronically! Let Jeanie azghanclan@hotmail.com know if you would like a Guardian Angels Directory of Members. This Directory includes emails, addresses & phone numbers if we have them.

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 **January 25**. (We know it's not the 3rd Sunday but works best this month) Questions and suggestions are welcomed so we may better serve our community.



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WE WANT TO HEAR
THEM

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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

