

On a Wing and a Prayer

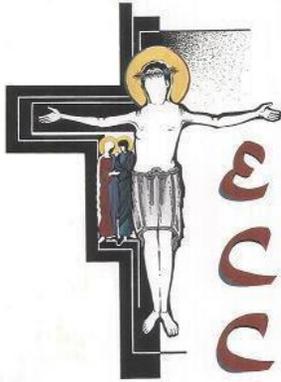
Advent and Christmas 2015

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



THE ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC COMMUNION -- A Wonderful Way of Being Catholic!

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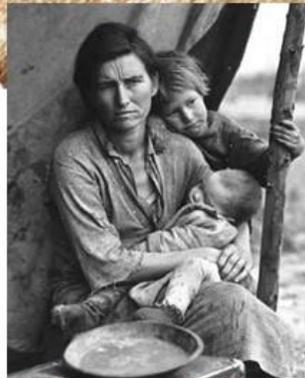
Building Homes Where the Heart is

Furnishing Hope

"To assist people transitioning out of homelessness"

new or gently used

- **Linens**
 - Sheets, blankets (Twin , double, queen)
 - Bath & hand towels, wash cloths
 - Kitchen towels & potholders
- **Kitchen Items**
 - Dishes, silverware
 - Glassware and cups
 - Kid size utensils
 - Utensils, colanders, can openers
 - Cutting boards, knives
 - Microwaves, coffee makers
 - Pots and Pans, skillets
 - Dish drainers
- **Bathroom**
 - Shower Curtains with clips
 - Bath Mats, rugs,
 - Waste basket
 - Cleaning Items
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Irons and Ironing Boards
 - Laundry Baskets
 - Lamps
 - Vacuums
 - Alarm Clocks and Clock Radios



"And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the Inn."

Luke 2:7



Foot Washing Program

"Foot care, new shoes and socks for homeless of Tempe, done on Holy Thursday"

- New Socks
- Shoes
 - Men's Sizes 6-13
 - Women's Sizes 5-9
- Old Towels

Matthew's Crossing

"providing food and basic necessities to our neighbors in the East Valley"

- Diapers sizes 3-6
- Similac formula

During Advent at Guardian Angels we will again have a Giving Tree in the Narthex. It will hold ornaments with the items listed above to benefit Furnishing Hope, Matthew's Crossing and our Holy Thursday Foot Care Clinic. So take an ornament off the tree, purchase the item and then return it to church and put it under the tree. We also continue to collect food for the lunch bags we offer during the week to our homeless friends. This is what we collect all year round for these lunches:



We have also had a special request from I-HELP – Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program -for good, gently used mens clothing. So if you are clearing out closets for some new items, bag up those cloths and stick them in a bag and mark "For I-HELP" and we'll get them where they need to go!



The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

We are the leader in the fight against suicide. We fund research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Led by CEO Robert Gebbia and headquartered in New York, AFSP has 78 local chapters and events nationwide.

Thanks to Walkers and Donors like you, AFSP has been able to set a goal to reduce the annual suicide rate 20% by 2025.

Why We Walk

Every year suicide claims more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined, and yet suicide prevention doesn't get anywhere near the funding given to other leading causes of death. It's up to Walkers like us to make a difference. Together we can change the conversation about mental health and put a stop to this tragic loss of life.

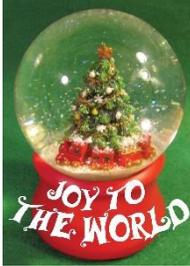
Register for Team Guardian Angels Dec. 5th Walk

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=102087>

Guardian Angels Calendar Advent & Christmas 2015



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>NOVEMBER 29 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</p>   <p>GIVING TREE</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>BRING AN ORNAMENT TO HANG ON THE TREE IN THE SANCTUARY</i></p> <p>DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR LITTLE BLUE BOOK FOR ADVENT REFLECTIONS</p>	<p>DECEMBER 1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p> <p>THE COMMENTARY INTERFAITH LIBRARY AT UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p> <p>OPEN</p> <p>3:30 – 6:30PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11AM TEMPE INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT THE INTERFAITH LIBRARY @ UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>DECEMBER 5 2015 PHOENIX OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK</p> <p>AT KIWANIS PARK, TEMPE</p> <p>RAISING MONEY TO PREVENT SUICIDE</p> <p>JOIN TEAM GUARDIAN ANGELS</p>
<p>6</p> <p>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30AM</p> <p>THE FEAST DAY OF ST. NICHOLAS</p> <p>MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>HANUKKAH BEGINS</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p> <p>THE COMMENTARY INTERFAITH LIBRARY AT UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p> <p>OPEN</p> <p>3:30 – 6:30PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7PM</p> <p>BOB LONGONI WILL DO SOME READINGS FROM HIS POETRY BOOK: <u>BALANCING ACT.</u></p> <p>WE WILL MEET IN THE SANCTUARY</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Humane Borders – sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Narthex</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY FAMILY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MASS 7AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 1, 2016!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Welcome 2016!</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p>
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*For every hour and every moment
thousands of men leave life on this earth,
and their souls appear before God.
And how many of them depart in solitude,
unknown, sad, dejected,
that no one mourns for them
or even knows whether they have lived or not.
- Fyodor Dostoevsky*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015

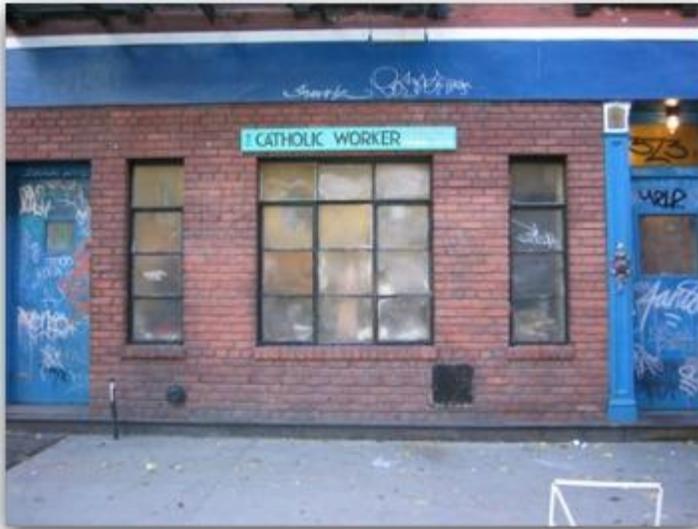
**TEMPE HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY INTERFAITH
SERVICE**

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TEMPE - UCC
101 E 6th Street Tempe, AZ 85281

**An Interfaith Remembrance Service @ 5:30PM
followed by a FREE MEAL served by Guardian Angels**

**SPONSORED BY TIF - TEMPE'S INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP and
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My sister (now a Buddhist nun) having worked at The Catholic Worker's St Joseph House in New York City (pictured) for a while, and my New York family being the sort of devout Catholic family that put more emphasis on doing than talking, I too showed up on First Street one day, when I was about twenty, thinking that I would perhaps magnanimously volunteer for the day, or get into a long cool intense conversation with Dorothy Day, or be instantly hired as genius-writer-in-residence, or something like that.

I hadn't the faintest idea of what actually went on at St Joseph House, you see, and I was twenty, when anything might happen except pretty much exactly that which you thought might happen; which is how and why we grow up, I suppose.

In my case I found an elderly woman standing against the brick wall, looking stern and holy, and of course I immediately assumed she was Dorothy Day, as she looked grim and spiritual.

This is Saint Joseph House? I asked.

Yup.

And you are Dorothy Day?

Who are you?

Brian Doyle.

Welcome to Saint Joseph. Hungry?

Not so much. I am here to help.

Excellent. We need a dishwasher today. Can you wash dishes?

Yes ma'am. I am in college and I spend a lot of time washing dishes.

Excellent. Go in and tell them you are the dishwasher today.

This I did, thinking how cool it was to be commanded in life by Dorothy Day; I mean, Dorothy Day was clearly going to be recognized as a saint eventually, and I had gotten to talk to her, so clearly some saint dust had drifted onto me, which was a good thing, because I was then twenty years old, and had done some things that a little saint dust would really help out with.

For a minute, there by the door, I thought maybe this was going to be an excellent day, saint-dust-wise, because what if I bumped into Peter Maurin, that would be a major load of saint dust, despite him being French, but then I remembered that this was 1977, and Peter had been deceased for nearly thirty years, so I went in to the kitchen.

I lasted about an hour as a dishwasher. You wouldn't believe how many dishes come through the old lunch line at St Joseph. You think of the words "lunch line", and you have the vague impression of a few cheerful and colourful raggedy souls who are actually sweet and brilliant and chaff you wittily when you say something so that you always remember how cool they were even though they were wearing

boxer shorts on their heads or were talking to invisible wolverines or something, but that's not what it was like at all, the lunch line, which appeared to have eight million people on it that day, and they were not overly colorful and cheerful either, as they were ravenously hungry, and probably deeply concerned with where they were going to sleep, and find medical care, and survive another week, and avoid being beaten and robbed or worse.

I made a couple of cheerful witty remarks and then I shut my mouth and did dishes as fast and thoroughly as I could and when lunch slowed down I have to confess, with a little shame, even 35 years after that day that I quit.

Back out front the same elderly woman was standing there looking like a cross between a cleaning lady and the queen of New York City, and she said what, you're done already?

Yes, ma'am. Worn out.

More dishes tomorrow if you want to help.

Back to college tomorrow, ma'am [a roaring lie].

Good luck with that.

Thank you.

Which college?

University of Notre Dame, ma'am.

Lots of dishes there?

Sweet Jesus yes, ma'am.

Do them well. That's a good prayer.

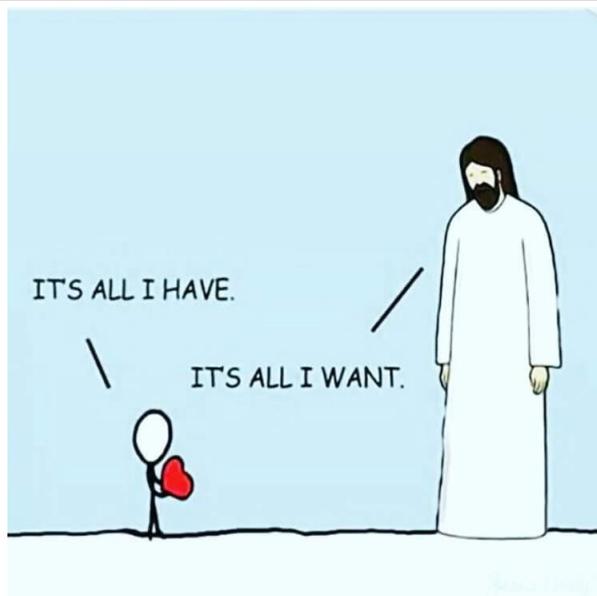
Yes, ma'am. An honor to meet you, ma'am.

Brian, was it?

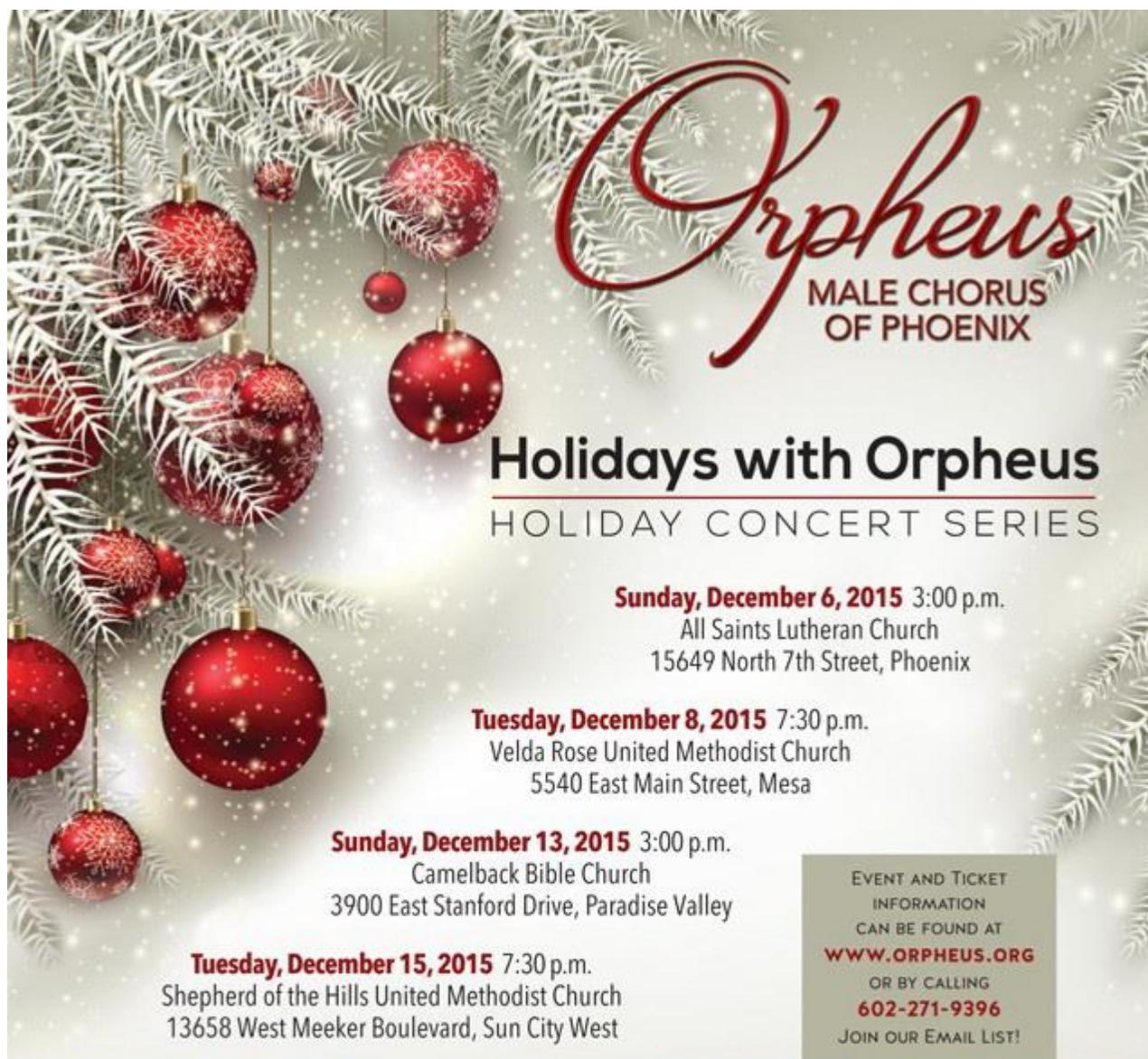
Yes, ma'am.

My name's Eileen, she said, smiling. Pleasure to meet you too. Remember: doing the dishes well, that's a real good prayer.

And the thing is, despite my initial disappointment that Eileen was not Dorothy Day, I never forgot her advice, which was as fine a spiritual piece of advice as I ever got, and over the years I came to realise that I had had the great fortune to meet a lady named Eileen, who was, of course, a saint. It turns out that everyone either is a saint or can still be one; a lesson I started to learn on East First Street, many years ago.



Upcoming concerts featuring our Peter Bennett!

The poster features a festive background with white pine branches and red Christmas ornaments. The word "Orpheus" is written in a large, elegant red script font, with "MALE CHORUS OF PHOENIX" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it. The title "Holidays with Orpheus" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The concert dates and locations are listed in a clear, black, sans-serif font. A grey box on the right contains contact information for tickets and an email list.

Orpheus
MALE CHORUS
OF PHOENIX

Holidays with Orpheus
HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, December 6, 2015 3:00 p.m.
All Saints Lutheran Church
15649 North 7th Street, Phoenix

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 7:30 p.m.
Velda Rose United Methodist Church
5540 East Main Street, Mesa

Sunday, December 13, 2015 3:00 p.m.
Camelback Bible Church
3900 East Stanford Drive, Paradise Valley

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:30 p.m.
Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church
13658 West Meeker Boulevard, Sun City West

EVENT AND TICKET
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**Until Black Lives Matter, we cannot say All Lives Matter.
Until Syrian Lives Matter, we cannot say All Lives Matter.
Until Homeless Lives Matter, we cannot say All Lives Matter.**

Those that supported France, didn't reject all others.

Our support of our brothers and sisters in their darkest hours is not a rejection of others.

It's our way to lift those among us that need a hand up.

Black Lives Matter. -Pat Monahan, VUU

(and Pastor Sue adds...until LGBTQ Lives Matter, we cannot say All Lives Matter....what would you add?!)



This link is to a YouTube video of Still Still Still a classic Christmas Hymn redone by our friend Rory Cooney – very powerful: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uINmvrKL5_M

**All Saints/All Souls Sunday at Guardian Angels
We Remember**



***Wishing you a Blessed Holiday Season – The
Angels will be doing small things with great love.
Join Us!***