

On a Wing and a Prayer

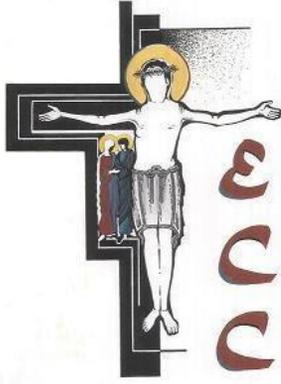
September 2016

Guardian Angels Catholic Community – Just. Faithful. Catholic.

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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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"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

- Mother Teresa

Guardian Angels Calendar September 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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				September		
<p>4</p> <p>23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</p> <p>PRESIDER: SUE PREACHER: JOAN</p> <p>HTTP://MOTHERTERESA.OLMCTEMPE.COM/</p> <p>WE HONOR AND CELEBRATE ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA!</p>	<p>5</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 – 8PM</p> <p>Lectio divina</p> <p>CLASSROOM 2</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FIRST MASS AT COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH – THANKS FOR TAKING US IN!!!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>HUMANE BORDERS NEEDS HELPERS</p>
<p>11</p> <p>24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</p> <p>CCC CAR WASH</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 – 8PM</p> <p>Lectio divina</p> <p>CLASSROOM 2</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>HUMANE BORDERS NEEDS HELPERS</p>
<p>18</p> <p>25TH SUNDAY OF ORD. TIME MASS 9AM</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED</p> <p>LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY</p> <p>1PM SELF CARE FOR THE ACTIVIST SOUL @ CCC</p> <p>PAZ DE CRISTO 4 – 7PM</p>	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 – 8PM</p> <p>Lectio divina</p> <p>CLASSROOM 2</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>HUMANE BORDERS NEEDS HELPERS</p> <p>FINAL DISCERNMENT MEETINGS REGARDING JOAN'S ORDINATION</p>
<p>25</p> <p>26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p>	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 – 8PM</p> <p>Lectio divina</p> <p>CLASSROOM 2</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4 – 7PM</p> <p>I-HELP</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>1</p> <p>HUMANE BORDERS NEEDS HELPERS</p>
<p>2</p> <p>27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</p> <p>GUARDIAN ANGELS FEAST DAY AND ANIMAL BLESSING</p> <p>PARKING LOT LOVE-IN – BLESSING ANIMALS, BIKES AND PEOPLE!!</p> <p>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>MASS 7AM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 – 8PM</p> <p>Lectio divina</p> <p>CLASSROOM 2</p>	7	8

September Birthdays, Anniversaries and other important dates to remember:

1 Bob Ghan birthday -- 11 Ken Tueffel birthday -- 15 Paz de Cristo is 28 years old!

23 Nancy and Ken Tueffel anniversary -- 25 Sam Crowl birthday

send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: rgkeck1@yahoo.com

May Guardian Angels Community always offer "Safe Space" AND "Brave Space!"

First, a giant "Thank You!" for all your generous donations. Our homeless friends are so appreciative, as are the pantry 'staff'!

Also, our needs right now are fruit cups/applesauce, pudding and granola bars (the soft bars are easier for some of our friends to eat), chips and cookies. Kay thanks everyone for their recent donations that allowed us to actually order cases of tuna, peanut butter and crackers. And we also got donations of these important protein products last week. YOU GUYS ROCK!!

Thanks again and please contact Kay @ 602-568-9170 (Kay LOVES texting!!!) or kaywright13@cox.net if have any questions.



Got Furnishing Hope stuff? See Barb, Jeanie or Sandy

Recently there was a column in the Arizona Republic written by a man, Michael, who was newly divorced, his 30-year-old son had recently died and he arrived in Phoenix with no job or place to stay. He slept on the floor at CASS' overflow shelter for four months before he was able to find employment and secure a modest apartment with the help of a case manager at New Leaf. What caught my eye was this line, "**Furnishing Hope provided a love seat, twin bed, desk, chair, linens, and some kitchen implements of destruction.**" I'm not sure what "implements of destruction" we provided Michael but his picture was next to the column and I recognized him as someone we had recently helped at Furnishing Hope. Michael's case manager applied to FH for help in furnishing his new apartment and we were able to offer him what he needed, as we have done for over 700 families since November 2010.

All workers at Furnishing hope are volunteers. We meet our recipients on Wednesday mornings at our storage unit to help them select the items they need. This includes **sofas, chairs, beds, tables, dressers, nightstands, small appliances, linens, dishes, utensils...** the list is long. After they have made their selections we load their items into our two well used trucks and deliver them, amid hugs, good wishes, and many thank yous.

We rely on donations from family, friends, and community for our little nonprofit to continue helping people transition from homelessness to a safer, better life in their own home. *Our supplies at the moment are running low, especially furniture and beds, so if you have any items to donate we can certainly use them.* We are able to pick up your donations if needed and will leave a tax credit receipt. See Barb, Jeanie or Sandy for more information or check out our website <http://furnishinghopeaz.org/>.

Our recipients will be most grateful for your donations!

~ Jeanie Ghan

Solomon Francis Cook looking all cool and groovy! Can't get too much more adorable than this!!

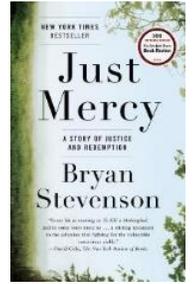


Jeanie and Bob in Mexico (above) and Utah (above right) and I guess Bob used trick photography to make that little fish look soooo big in the second picture!!! JK – bottom picture from Utah; picture on the right from Mexico! 😊



[Just Mercy – Our friends at Valley Unitarian Universalist are holding a discussion of this very moving and important book on Thursday evenings, 9/29, 10/6 and 10/13 @ 6:30 PM](#)

Interested in issues of incarceration and racial justice? Join us for a 3 session book study on the book *Just Mercy*, the New York Times bestseller. This book follows the journey of lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his client, Walter McMillian, a black man from Alabama, who spent 6 years on death row after being wrongly convicted of murder and condemned to death. Stevenson, who is the founder of the *Equal Justice Initiative*, has dedicated his career to defending people trapped by an often capricious, political, and willfully unjust criminal justice system. These 3 sessions will be held in the VUU boardroom on Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm.



For more important information about Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative check out the links below!

http://www.npr.org/2015/08/21/433478728/one-lawyers-fight-for-young-blacks-and-just-mercy?sc=17&f=13&utm_source=iosnewsapp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=app

<https://www.facebook.com/GetHistoryNow/videos/497391077132697/>

Impact Arizona

presents **Eddie Moore Jr., PhD**

The Root

Racism and Privilege in America

The Root:
**Understanding Racism,
Privilege and Power**
Lecture and Dialogue

Friday, Sept. 9, 2016 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center
Mesa Community College
1520 S. Longmore, Mesa

Learn about race and racism from a historical perspective to its daily impact on American society. Engage in a comprehensive exploration of racism — including privilege, bias and power dynamics — that will foster critical thinking, increase awareness, and encourage solution-oriented change.

Examining The Root:
**Racism, Privilege, Leadership
and Action**

Interactive Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Kirk Student Center – Navajo Room
Mesa Community College
1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa

This full-day workshop will move beyond foundational understandings and provide an opportunity for a more in-depth examination of racism and privilege. Explore the systems, their functions, why they persist, and how they can be disrupted and undone. Participate in discussions about leadership, community organizing and action, and network with peers.



Eddie Moore Jr., PhD is one of the most dynamic thinkers on contemporary race relations and inter-group dialogue. He addresses "The Root" causes and impacts of systemic racism in America. Moore is founder and program director of the White Privilege Conference, a top national and international conference addressing issues related to **privilege and power**, and in 2014 he created the Privilege Institute. Moore earned a doctorate in education leadership from the University of Iowa.

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Open to the public
Space is limited

Register:
CSRDimpactAZ.eventbrite.com

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csrd.asu.edu

ASU CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF
RACE & DEMOCRACY
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

White Nonsense Roundup – check it out!! <http://www.yesmagazine.org/peace-justice/sick-of-white-nonsense-this-social-media-posse-will-come-to-the-rescue-20160808>

Below are pictures of the awesome ANGELS (and Joan's and our friend Trayce) who volunteered to be members of Joan's Discernment Committee as Joan and Guardian Angels pray and discuss Joan's calling to an ordained ministry in the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. We will hold our final meetings for this stage of the Discernment process on Saturday, Sept. 24th. We are asking all the Angels to keep Joan and the Committee in your prayers this month. Thank you!



Our Joan has a blog. Here is a piece she wrote about how our "stuff" sometimes rules our lives ☺.....

Embarrassing to admit but yes...on the day before I flew from Chicago to Phoenix and in the flurry of deciding what would happen to the dregs of stuff that still littered my condo floors and kitchen cabinets...I shoved a small sauce pan into the side pocket of my duffel bag. A bag that was already loaded with books. Why?

That's the question my daughter asked as she helped me unpack. More disturbing was her overly-concerned quizzical look. (The look adult children get when they think your need for assisted living is coming quicker than they thought.) My answer did not help ease her mind. "Well, I muttered, "It's a great pot, and its Teflon -with no scratches -and it has a lid that fits just-right!



The lesson I relearned from this is that purging and moving is a highly emotional endeavor; and as such, you can't always rely on your good judgment (even if you have moved 10 times like I have done in my adult life). BTW: Did I mention I paid an extra \$75 baggage fee because I exceeded the 2-bags-free limit on Southwest Airlines? If I had it to do all over again, I would have hired a Moving Consultant (I guess they exist) or either had my "no holds barred" daughter and my "not over my dead-body" girlfriend assist me in the sorting of what stays and what go's. Not only would I have saved \$75 for flying the extra piece of baggage, I also would have avoided the "additional weight" fees the moving company charged me to move my belongings.

Blessings! Joan Crawford

Info on the Uncluttering-Course that Gary and Sue have been following: *The Fall Edition begins on Monday, September 5th—just in time for people to declutter their homes before the holiday season. And, as a previous participant of the course, I want to offer you an exclusive Discount Code that you can share with your friends and family. The cost of the Uncluttered Course is \$89. But if your friends or family use the code (FF25) at checkout, they can save 25% off the price. We only keep registration open for 10 days, so don't wait too long to share. Here's the webpage where people can find out more and sign-up: <http://my.becomingminimalist.com> And again, the Friends and Family Discount Code is: FF25 Thank you to everyone who has helped to spread the word about the course. Own less, live more, Joshua*



On Sunday, August 28th we celebrated the 6th Anniversary of Elaine's Ordination and the 6th Anniversary of Guardian Angels joining the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. Left, then...below, now! ☺



Each day that you rise up,
Each night that you lie down,
May the Creator bless you and keep you;
May the beloved compassion face you and have
mercy upon you;
May the eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to you
and give you peace.
And may the Three in One bless you,
The Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

~~derived from *Carmina Gadelica (13)* & *Hebridean*



God,

Grant me justice, so that I may treat others as they deserve.

Grant me mercy, so that I don't treat others as they deserve.

Grant me a humble walk with you, so that I may understand the difference.

-Patricia McCaughan and Keith Yamamoto



What connects you to the refugee experience?



Bring a passage, picture, quote, or artifact to an evening of discussion and sharing.

Thursday, 8 September 2016

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

First Congregational UCC
1407 N 2nd St
Phoenix

ASU project humanities
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

An installment of Project Humanities' [Vital Voices](#) initiative, which aims to demonstrate the necessity of inviting multiple perspectives to the table in critical discussions.

Facilitated by Raveen Arora, a refugee from Calcutta, India, who is now the owner of The Dhaba in Tempe, our open forum on "What Connects You to the Refugee Experience" is a platform for currently or formerly displaced persons to express their own narratives. Rather than a place where others speak for them, this program centers the voices of those who are refugees or have direct experience with the refugee community. Sharing will happen in conjunction with collective dialogue where all participants have the chance to discover key similarities and humanizing principles.

This engagement will challenge participants to critically reflect on their shared experiences and commonalities with each person in the room and, ultimately, gain a firmer grasp on what exactly it is that makes us all

human. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vital-voices-what-connects-you-to-the-refugee-experience-tickets-26849727257>

"There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places."
~ Wendell Berry



Converge on the U.S./Mexico border October 7th - 10th
Nogales, Arizona & Nogales, Mexico

School of the Americas Watch is organizing a protest to resist militarization, support refugees, and to end migrant incarceration.

More info at www.soaw.org/border and let Ann Connolly know you are interested.

Media Corner

Enjoy our September 2016 offering of a documentary film and its website about how prisoners transformed their culture of violence and despair to one of inner peace and redemption: ***The Dhamma Brothers***

This film was a class favorite when I taught World Religions at Gilbert Community College. Nonetheless, our offering is simply that – an offering “for your consideration” only, but not necessarily an “endorsement.” Remember, if you have a particular media source you’d like to share with your fellow Angels, feel free to send me an email or a text message about it.

Peace and all good to you and yours – Elaine Email: egroppenbacher@gmail.com Text: 602-509-8412

The Dhamma Brothers ~

<http://www.dhammabrothers.com/>

Mission Statement

To create a national conversation and a call to action about the need for effective prison treatment programs through a [national public television broadcast](#), widespread theatrical, grassroots and educational [screenings](#), and distribution to prisons of *The Dhamma Brothers* documentary film. Both film and companion book, *Letters From the Dhamma Brothers*, open hearts and minds to the possibility that prisons can become places for effective rehabilitation, ensuring safer prisons and safer streets.

Brief Synopsis

An overcrowded, violent maximum-security prison, the end of the line in Alabama's prison system, is dramatically changed by the influence of an ancient meditation program. Behind high security towers and a double row of barbed wire and electrical fence live over 1,500 prisoners, many of whom will never again know life in the outside world. But for some of these men, a spark is ignited when it becomes the first maximum-security prison in North America to hold an extended Vipassana retreat, an emotionally and physically demanding program of silent meditation lasting ten days and requiring 100 hours of meditation.

The Dhamma Brothers tells a dramatic tale of human potential and transformation as it closely follows and documents the stories of the prison inmates at Donaldson Correctional Facility as they enter into this arduous and intensive program. This film has the power to dismantle stereotypes about men behind prison bars.

View The Trailer Here

<http://www.dhammabrothers.com/Trailer.htm>

Available on Netflix, YouTube, Docuseek2, and iTunes {83% on Rotten Tomatoes; 7.5 of 10 on IMDB}

Related TED Talk Here

<https://tedxboston.org/speaker/phillips-ph-d>

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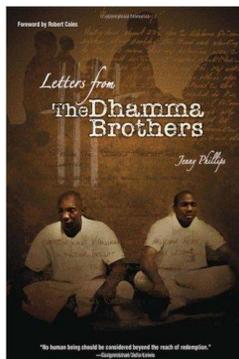
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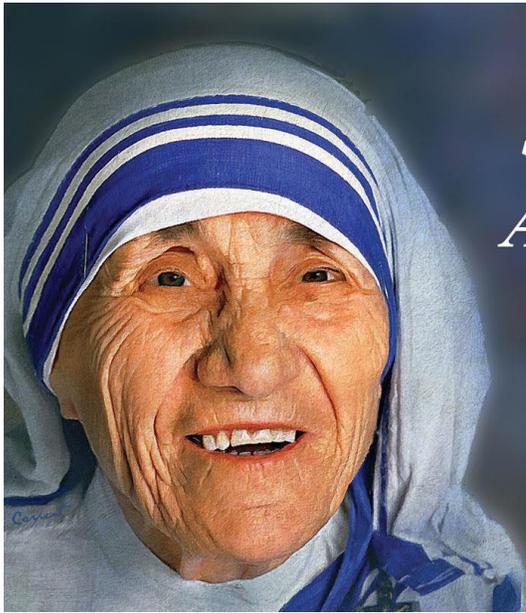
And for those of you who prefer to read, consider the book . . .

Letters from the Dhamma Brothers: Meditation Behind Bars

By Jenny Phillips and Robert Coles

Pariyatti Publishing (September 1, 2008)





Something Beautiful for God
A Celebration of the Canonization of
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Catholic Church**

SUNDAY SEPT 4th, 7:00PM
FREE ADMISSION
(FREE WILL OFFERING)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
2117 S Rural Road
Tempe, AZ 85282
(480) 967-5567

Help Us Spread The Word! Please Share :)



An evening of song, stories and prayer, celebrating the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Tom Booth and many musical guests will share the love and mercy of God reflected in the life of this beautiful saint of our times!

Guest Artists include:

Anne Borik (Doctor and Prayer Leader)
David and Alice Burba (Musicians and friends of Tom Booth)
Craig Colson (WLP artist and St Francis Xavier Music Minister)
Pipo Coronel (Musician and friend of Tom)
Jaime Cortez (OCP artist and All Holy Cross Music Minister)
Lizz Reeves Fidler (Tom's "Friend from UA Newman Center" Singer/performer)
Marissa Gamero (Vocalist and friend of Tom Booth)
Rose Jeffery (Vocalist and friend of Tom)
Carl Herrgesell (Performs with Kenny Loggins and others)
Paul Hillebrand (Composer, St Patrick CC Music Minister)
Chris Muglia (OCP Artist, Singer/Songwriter and Inspirational Speaker)
Jenny Pixler Poppleton (Composer and Vocalist friend of Tom Booth)
Valerie Saunders (Tom's "Friend from UA Newman Center" Singer/performer)
Tim and Julie Smith (St Mary CC Chandler)
Kim Scoggin - (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Music Minister)
Adam and Edel Stein (Franciscan Renewal Center)
Jarrod and Maria Elena Townsend (Christ the King CC Music Minister)



Prayer for Humankind

God of all humanity,
You call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world –
for women and men of all races and cultures and creeds.
Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice
and broken relationships.
Remind us that differences are a gift,
and interdependence a strength from the same creative God.
Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and
competition rather than understanding and cooperation.
We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression,
but on the transformation of hearts –
new life, not just reordered life.
Teach us forgiveness, O God.
Bring us reconciliation.
Give us hope for the future.
We pray in Jesus' love.
Amen

-Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook