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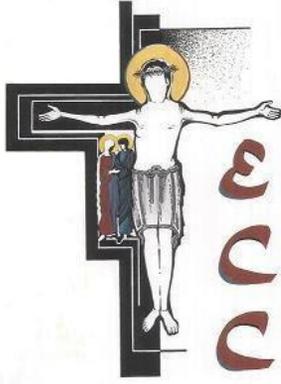
October 2016

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



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Guardian Angels Calendar October 2016



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2 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM GUARDIAN ANGELS FEAST DAY AND ANIMAL BLESSING PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE ROSH HASHANA BEGINS TONIGHT	3 	4	5 MASS 7AM	6 6:30 – 7:45PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	7	8  7AM - Noon
9 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER: ED GUEST PREACHER: LUKE BLACK 	10 Celebrating International Day of Indigenous Peoples-2016 	11 YOM KIPPUR BEGINS TONIGHT	12 MASS 7AM 	13 Lectio divina CANCELLED TONIGHT	14	15 RAINBOWS FESTIVAL OCT 15-16 
16 29TH SUNDAY OF ORD. TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY PAZ DE CRISTO 4 – 7PM 	17	18	19 MASS 7AM	20 6:30 – 7:45PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	21 6:30PM <u>DIVIDED WE FALL</u> MOVIE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL... YES WE WILL HAVE POPCORN!	22
23 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER: SUE GUEST PREACHER: SEMIHA TOPAL TURKISH MUSLIM WILL SHARE WITH US THE SITUATION IN TURKEY CALLING US TO UPHOLD HUMAN RIGHTS	24	25	26 MASS 7AM	27 6:30 – 7:45PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	28	29 1 – 3PM IN CAREFREE AZ JULIE BYRNE WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT HER BOOK THE OTHER CATHOLICS
30 OBSERVING ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS DAY MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED 	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 	NOVEMBER 1  ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 MASS 7AM 	3 6:30 – 7:45PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	4	5

October Birthdays, Anniversaries and other important dates to remember:

- 4 - P.J. Longoni (Robert's wife) Birthday; 10 - Gary Ringler (M & M - our Miracle Man) Birthday
 - 13 - Carlos Stinson-Maas Birthday; 17 - Rudy Armijo-Pack and Don Pack Anniversary;
 - 27 - Cynthia Mruczak Birthday; 30 - Anniversary of Terry Pizzi 's wife Betty received her angel wings 5 years ago
- send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: rgkeck1@yahoo.com



Our awesome Humane Borders Team! We now have leadership from Ann and Robert and our next Humane Borders opportunity will be on Saturday, Nov. 12! Guardian Angels will supply a Team on the second Saturday every other month! For more info talk to Ann!





The change of seasons is always a great time to clean out those closets and get rid of excess in our homes. As you do, please bring any items to the Community Christian Church for their Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 8th. We will need volunteers to help sort and tag items on Friday the 7th beginning at 6pm, and also people to help with the sale beginning at 7am on Saturday. You can also help by coming and shopping anytime from 7am-noon! This is a great way to find new treasures and support the Church in the process ☺

Guardian Angels Representatives at the ECC Synod 2016, October 10 – 13, will be Terry Pizzi, Rudy Armijo-Pack and Kay Wright – your reps in the House of Laity! Pastor Ed and Pastor Sue – your reps in the House of Pastors! And Joan Crawford official observer as she continues her journey toward Ordained Ministry. Joan and Sue are also involved in 2 different workshops being offered at the Synod. Please pray for The Angels Team at the Synod. We promise to represent you well!



Some of you may remember a few years back that we had Sam Eatman with us to share about the boys group home where he was working. Now Sam has his own house, Harmony House in Queen Creek where 6 boys, ages 13 – 17, live. He reached out to Guardian Angels again for a partnership. In his own words, "I (continue to) work with kids at risk! We are trying to get a church to adopt us for Christmas **(YES!)** and also trying to get bikes donated to 6 youth in my new group home in Queen Creek, Harmony House! We do volunteer work also to give back! The (Mountain) Bikes are for our health and wellness club to engage the young men to help replace depression anger/drugs etc. with physical fitness! And exposure to a healthy environment in order to pay it forward! Whatever you can greatly appreciated! Thx!" I wrote back to Sam right away and said **YES!** we would adopt them for Christmas and **YES!** I would put the call out for 6 Mountain Bikes for his kids **RIGHT AWAY!** Maybe you have a bike in your garage that would work for these kids? Or maybe you might be inspired to find a Mountain Bike for one of these boys! So let me know if you can help with a bike and we'll have more info in the November Newsletter about Christmas! Thanks Angels! Love, Pastor Sue

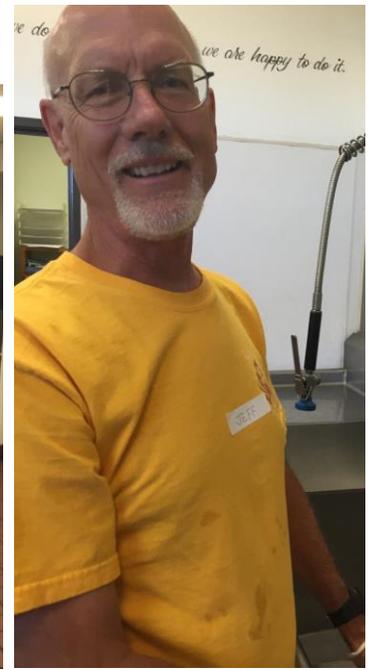


On the 15 year anniversary of 9/11, combat hate with love: We will watch the award-winning film, *Divided We Fall* on Friday, Oct. 21st @ 6:30PM in our Fellowship Hall.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/14/opinions/love-tool-combat-hate-sodhi/index.html>



<http://dividedwefallfilm.com/>



Special Guest Homilist on Sunday, October 9th!

Luke Black works as the East Valley Field Organizer for Arizona Healthy Working Families.

Luke holds an MA in Transformational Leadership from Seattle University and an MS in Justice Studies from Arizona State University. He's called Phoenix home since 2004.

Luke will talk generally about income and wealth inequality in the United States and talk about our obligation to help others. He will talk about the ballot initiative, prop 206, what its impact will be and how folks can get involved. Prop 206 – raise minimum wage in AZ to \$12/hour. This is also the focus of AZ Faith Network this year.

Luke will preach and then between our mass and Community Christian's Service there will be a 45 minute joint adult ed/discussion opportunity to learn more about what Luke talks about.

The **Minimum Wage and Paid Time Off Initiative**, also known as **Proposition 206**, is on the **November 8, 2016**, ballot in **Arizona** as an **initiated state statute**.

A **"yes"** vote supports this measure to raise the minimum wage to \$10 in 2017, and then incrementally to \$12 by 2020, and to create a right to paid sick time off from employment.

A **"no"** vote opposes this measure, keeping the minimum wage at \$8.05, adjusted for cost of living, and retaining employers' ability to decide whether or not to offer paid sick time off.

Starting in 2021, Proposition 206 would increase the minimum wage with the cost of living.^{[1][2]}

The measure retains Arizona's law regarding tipping, which permits employers to pay employees who receive tips up to \$3.00 less than the minimum wage.

Proposition 206 would also guarantee 40 hours of annual paid sick time to employees of large businesses and 24 hours to those of small businesses. Employees would be entitled to accrue one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. The measure would permit earned paid sick time to be utilized for an employee's medical care, an employee's need to care for a family member, a public health emergency, or addressing domestic violence.

In November 2016, voters in **Colorado** and **Maine** are also voting on measures to increase their state minimum wages to \$12. In **Washington**, citizens are voting on an initiative to increase the minimum wage to \$13.50.



...And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores....



Dawn and Molly were given a special blessing by Pastor Elaine as they get ready for their placement as service dogs. We reflected on the Gospel about Lazarus and the dogs that tended to his wounds and we prayed that Dawn and Molly would provide loving Angel-like service to their new people!



Converge on the U.S./Mexico border October 7th - 10th
Nogales, Arizona & Nogales, Mexico
For more info check out soaw.org/border



Sign up to help man (woman) the booth that we will host with Dignity at the Rainbows Festival





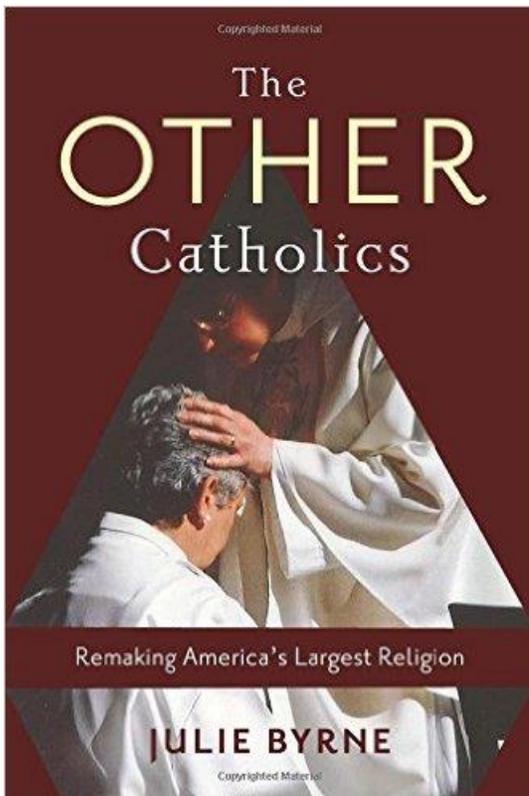
Another Special Guest Homilist on Sunday, October 23rd!

Most of us heard about the coup-attempt in Turkey this past summer but most of us do not know much about what has happened in the aftermath. See the graphic above. Guardian Angels has a close relationship with our Turkish friends at the Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue here in Tempe. Some of our folks even shared Ramadan Iftar Dinners with our friends. Things are not going well in Turkey and we will find out more about this during our homily with Semiha Topal from the Turkish Muslim community. Semiha has recently been to Turkey and she will share her perspective on human rights in Turkey right now. After our mass, the discussion will continue as we again offer some time with our Guest Homilist after our mass. Please plan to attend and invite any friends you might have who might want to know more about this situation.



Guardian Angels is also exploring ways to help Syrian refugees who are coming into the East Valley area. Our friends at Dayspring United Methodist Church are working with a family and we have donated \$200 to help them in this effort. Mara, our contact will keep us apprised of needs as they arrive. We do know that new refugee families need everything when they arrive and there has been a list of items that can be included in a welcome basket for the refugees. These items are: laundry soap, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, dish towels, sharpened pencils, pens, notebook paper.

If any Angels want to be available to work specifically with local refugee families...offering rides, and other assistance, let Pastor Sue know and she can put you on Daysprings' email list so that you can find out what the needs are from day to day.



I imagine that by now most of you have either read or heard of the book, *The Other Catholics*, written by Julie Byrne Ph.D., professor of religion at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. The book deals with the Independent Catholic Movement in the US, with a particular emphasis on the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch during the time Archbishop Richard Gundry served as Presiding Bishop. Professor Byrne will be attending the annual Convocation of the Catholic Church of Antioch in **October at the Lutheran Retreat Center in Carefree AZ and will be speaking about the book Saturday afternoon, October 29th, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Her presentation will be open to the general public, free of charge. I would like to extend to you all an invitation to attend, if this would be of interest to you.**

We do need to RSVP so let Pastor Sue know if you want to go to this presentation with the author.

Spirit in the Desert Lutheran Retreat Center
7415 Elbow Bend Road
Carefree, AZ 85377

<http://spiritinthedesert.org/>

A note from the Crowl's . . .

Johanna is beginning her senior year with Speech & Debate at Desert Vista. Her season is year-long and includes in-state and out-of-state tournaments. Each family is responsible for tournament and travel fees. This year, Johanna and her partner will travel to San Jose, Salt Lake City and Berkeley. If all goes well, they will return to the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky, and Nationals in Alabama at the end of the season. We are thrilled with the opportunities Johanna has through Speech and Debate, but the cost is a challenge for us each year.

Want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who donated to the "Speech & Debate" fund at mass on Sunday, 9/18. We are so grateful to all our Angels for their support, whether it be encouragement, prayers, or financial.

If you would like to contribute, any amount is helpful. You can find us at mass most Sundays. If you would like to use the AZ Tax Credit, we will have the forms at mass, or you can use the link below.

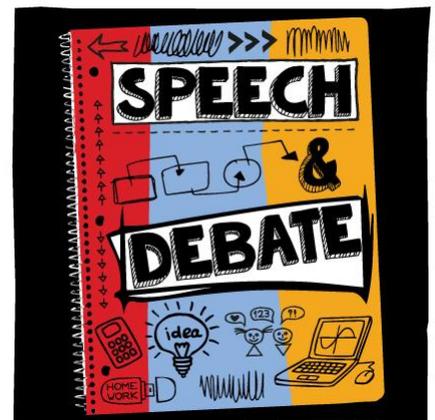
<http://tstcdc.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Tax-Credit-Donation-Form.pdf>

If you use the tax credit form, you will need to fill in Johanna's name and ID#.
Johanna Crowl ID#17600660

If you have any questions, you can email us at crowl95@cox.net or call Sam at [602-290-1674](tel:602-290-1674).

Many, many thanks to all our wonderful Angels for your support!

Malkuta Blessings! - Chris, Sam and Johanna

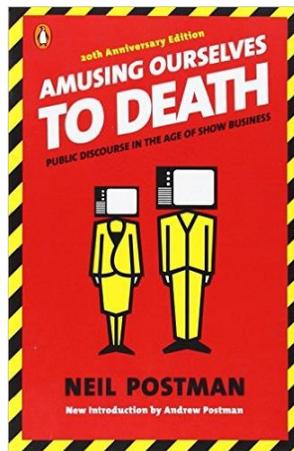


Media Corner

For our October 2016 media highlight, I return to the written word and offer a timely book that examines how forms of communication impact not only the delivery of messages, but the content as well. Most people agree that the information conveyed in the 21st century is impacted by the delivery mechanism. Given the upcoming election, *Amusing Ourselves to Death* by Neil Postman may be of interest. Originally published over 20 years ago, Postman's text looked at the impact of the printing press to the telegraph, newspaper, telephone, and television on our ways of exchanging information. His son Andrew updated and reissued this text as a 20th Anniversary Edition in 2005 and included the impact of the internet, cable, mobile phones, twitter, etc.

Remember ... 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



Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business, 20th Edition by Andrew Postman

Paperback: 208 pages **Publisher:** Penguin Books; 20 Anv edition (December 27, 2005)

ISBN-10: 014303653X **ISBN-13:** 978-0143036531

Originally published in 1985, Neil Postman's groundbreaking polemic about the corrosive effects of television on our politics and public discourse has been hailed as a twenty-first-century book published in the twentieth century. Now, with television joined by more sophisticated electronic media—from the Internet to cell phones to DVDs—it has taken on even greater significance. *Amusing Ourselves to Death* is a prophetic look at what happens when politics, journalism, education, and even religion become subject to the demands of entertainment. It is also a blueprint for regaining control of our media, so that they can serve our highest goals.

“I can't think of a more prophetic, more thoughtful, more necessary – and yes, more entertaining – book about media culture.” –Victor Navasky, National Book Award-winning author of *The Art of Controversy*

“All I can say about Neil Postman's brilliant *Amusing Ourselves to Death* is: Guilty As Charged.” –Matt Groening, Creator of *The Simpsons*

“As a fervent evangelist of the age of Hollywood, I publicly opposed Neil Postman's dark picture of our media-saturated future. But time has proved Postman right. He accurately foresaw that the young would inherit a frantically all-consuming media culture of glitz, gossip, and greed.” –Camille Paglia

“A brilliant, powerful, and important book. This is an indictment that Postman has laid down and, so far as I can see, an irrefutable one.” –Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Post Book World*



Guardian Angels Presents "Good Grief Day"

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016
Time: 10:00^{AM} – 3:00^{PM}
Location: Community Christian Church,
1701 S College Ave, Tempe AZ

*There is no charge for this interactive workshop.
Refreshments and lunch will be provided.*

Come journey with us, as we take a look at the losses in our lives. Losses can be the death of person or animal, a divorce or other loss of relationship, life changing health issues, even grieving a faith community that has caused pain. The 5 hour workshop helps to identify ways we have coped in the past that have not been helpful and then discover a way that will help to bring completion and healing to us who carry all the pain of the incomplete relationship. Additionally Regret and Wish Release helps to envision the concept of letting go of the pain associated with these losses. All Are Welcome.

Please RSVP by Nov 3 to Pastor Ed, ewalsh1991@gmail.com or 480-459-7095. Please call, if you have any questions. Meeting will be in the Parlor off the Fellowship Hall.





The Angels at I-HELP!

Good food.

Good friends.

Good fun!

Angels love to serve!



Introducing Our Food Justice Focus

Arizona Interfaith Power and Light <http://azipl.org/> is addressing the issue of food justice with renewed vigor for the 2016-2017 year. Food justice names a movement concerned not only with safety and quality of food, but with fair labor practices in its production and equitable distribution of agricultural products. Our emphasis on food justice strongly asserts our recognition of the connections between ecological degradation and social injustice.

Food activist Raj Patel notes that “Today when we produce more food than ever before more than one in ten people on Earth are hungry. The hunger of 800 million happens at the same time as another historical first: they are outnumbered by the one billion people on this planet who are overweight” (1). Ten percent of the citizens of the US are suffering from hunger, and many impoverished people live in what are known as “food deserts” where little produce or other nutrient-rich foods can be found.



Yet 40% of the food produced in the United States ends up in landfills, where it contributes to the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. But it’s not only food waste that makes the planet hotter; food production emits a sizable proportion of greenhouse gases emitted. In fact, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 20% of greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to the livestock industry alone.



Throughout the year we will share spiritual reflections on food, hunger, agriculture, and loving your neighbor by feeding your neighbor. We will share information about the connections between food and climate change, and inform our membership of meaningful steps you can take to help. We will connect you with local resources that can help your congregation as a whole—as well as individual members—reduce the carbon footprint of their dinner plates. And, as always, we will keep you up to date on legislative issues bearing upon these important connections.

Stay tuned—it’s going to be a delicious year!

“...if anything matters then everything matters. Because you are important, everything you do is important. Every time you forgive, the universe changes; every time you reach out and touch a heart or a life, the world changes; with every kindness and service, seen or unseen, your purposes are accomplished and nothing will be the same again.” ~ William Paul Young



Beyond the Schoolhouse to Systems Change: Transformation Through Inclusive Leadership by our Angel - Dr. Cynthia Mruzek – click on the link:

<https://hawkhopesblog.wordpress.com/2016/09/28/beyond-the-schoolhouse-to-systems-change-tranformation-through-inclusive-leadership/>





Join Congregation NefeshSoul on an amazing tour to Israel: June 10-20, 2017. For first-timers and those who have been before. Explore historical sites along with the beauty and rich culture of Israel. Contact Rabbi Susan Schanerman for full details at rabbi@nefeshsoul.org. Rabbi Susan is an old friend of Guardian Angels. For many years she was the Cantorial Soloist at Temple Emanuel in Tempe. She completed her schooling and is now a Rabbi. Feel free to contact Rabbi Susan with any questions you might have about this trip.

**Don't forget to take the Guardian Angels Fall 2016 Survey.
The survey will be closing soon!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7R3PG2>

Your last chance to get your voice heard!!

Check out the Guardian Angels new phone number
– you can even text to it, too! 480-331-6867

Finally, thank you Angels for your support of our Parish. In September we celebrated 10 years calling Community Christian Church our home. And in honor of this anniversary we were able to gift \$5000 to Community Christian Church with our gratitude and thanks and wish for many more years together!