

# *On a Wing and a Prayer*

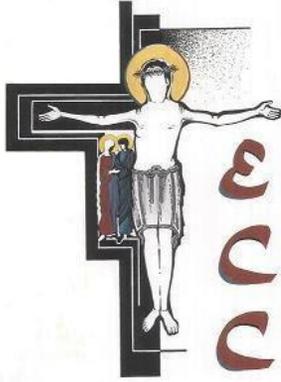
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*Joan Crawford*

To the Order of Deacons

Reverend Francis E. Krebs

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Sunday Mass on the seventh of May

Two thousand seventeen  
nine o'clock in the morning

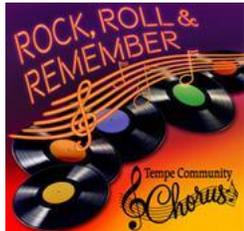
Guardian Angels Catholic Community  
1701 South College Avenue  
Tempe, Arizona 85281

Reception immediately following

*All are welcome*

# Guardian Angels Calendar May 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>MAY 1</b> WORKING WITH REFUGEES – TRAINING AT DAYSPRING UMC, 7-9 PM	6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	3 MASS 7AM	4	5  Cinco de Mayo	6
7 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER & JOAN'S ORDINATION MASS 9AM FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION FOR JOAN PRESIDER/PREACHER: BISHOP FRANCIS	8	9 6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	10 MASS 7AM	11	12	13 HUMANE BORDERS – FILL WATER STATIONS CONTACT CONNOLLY.ANN@GMAIL.COM
14 5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER MASS 9AM PRESIDER: SUE PREACHER: JOAN HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 	15	16 6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	17 MASS 7AM	18  OUR JOHANNA IS GRADUATING TODAY!	19	20
21 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY  PAZ DE CRISTO 4P – 7P	22	23 6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	24 MASS 7AM	25 ASCENSION THURSDAY	26  RAMADAN BEGINS THIS EVENING	27
28 7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED	29	30 6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	31 MASS 7AM	JUNE 1	2	3
4 PENTECOST MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE	5	6 6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	7 MASS 7AM	8	9	10
11 MOST HOLY TRINITY MASS 9AM PRESIDER: SUE PREACHER: JOAN	12	13 6:45 – 8:00PM Lectio divina SANCTUARY	14 MASS 7AM	15	16	17



6 John Phelps  
21 Johanna Crowl and George Renner  
22 Mario Stinson-Maas  
26 Doug Moen



Pastor Ed Walsh became a priest 5/18/1991

**Let Pastor Sue know if you'd like a directory of Fellow Angels! She can email it to you.**  
Send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: [rgkeck1@yahoo.com](mailto:rgkeck1@yahoo.com)



Help celebrate Joan's ordination by purchasing for **YOURSELF** an item from BeadForLife. BeadForLife offers a wide selection of beautiful Ugandan beaded jewelry and Northern Uganda Shea Butter. By purchasing from BeadforLife you are helping to eradicate poverty through sustainable, fair trade practices and by creating educational opportunities for **women & girls**. Your purchase with BeadforLife helps over 12,000 people in 1,400 households each year.

**Select items will be available to purchase on May 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**

You can also make a purchase from May 4<sup>th</sup> to June by going online to:

<https://www.beadforlife.org/marketplace/joan-crawford-37285>

First a **BIG THANK-YOU** to everyone who donates to our Emergency Food Pantry. The hungry guests who come for lunch bags tell us **ALWAYS** how grateful they are for this Pantry. And even if they weren't thankful, it's still our call to serve as Jesus served! We also want to especially thank Keeley and Kay for their commitment to this important joint ministry! **Our Church Pantry is in need of Vienna sausages, fruit cups, cereal/granola bars, individual peanut butter cups, tuna (always), and individual bags of chips. Thank you again!**



## Johanna is Graduating!

Our little angel is not so little anymore. Johanna will graduate from Desert Vista High School on May 18, and will attend American University in Washington D.C. this fall. She has worked hard and accomplished much, but she did not get to where she is today on her own. It takes a village. We could not be more grateful for our "village" - our amazing Guardian Angels community! You have supported her emotionally, spiritually and financially. We literally could not have done this without you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Johanna played volleyball in elementary school and junior high. Her dreams for high school were for good classes, good friends, and a spot on the volleyball team. A shoulder injury changed the game, so she went looking for a new dream. She joined the speech and debate team. This began four years of research, practice, debate, and travel. She has competed in Berkeley, Chicago, Atlanta, and more. She has competed at the Tournament of Champions, at Nationals, and will attend Nationals again this summer. She joined Student Council her sophomore year and is now Student Body President. She has a passion for politics, public service, and social justice. She has enrolled in the School of International Service at A.U. with a major in international relations. We are excited to see her go out into the world and share all that she has learned from our family, from her school experiences, and from our Guardian Angels community.

Johanna and her Grandma Jo had a book they loved to read together. The message from the book was to go out and do something to make the world more beautiful. Grandma Jo constantly challenged her to do that. Thank you Angels, for supporting her and challenging her in the same way. We are so excited to see what this next chapter in her life will bring.

Malkuta blessings to one and all!  
Love, Sam, Chris, Johanna and James



# Holy Week 2017 at Guardian Angels

Hey, where did those palms come from? Any church can order them from a religious supply store but we've got Jeanie! I guess I could have helped instead of taking pictures! ☺



Below – Wednesday afternoon, getting ready for Foot Care Clinic – Holy Thursday



ASU NOW was at our Foot Care Clinic on Holy Thursday. The link below is the story.  
<https://asunow.asu.edu/20170413-arizona-impact-symbolic-day-future-nurses-connect-homeless-patients>





Nurse Judi (left) and two volunteers from Queen of Peace Church (below) joined our amazing outside clean-up team led by Elaine, Brenda and Barry! Is that (Deacon) Rudy Navarro and Fr. Ray Ritari? Yep! Nurse Judi Messer has been serving our homeless friends for almost 30 years. She is at Paz in Mesa, the Shower Program in Tempe, an Apache Junction clinic and Service Center in Glendale every week! Yep, it's her ministry – unpaid!



Love That Is All — Love That Is All and Everything — help us to make room in our own aching hearts for grace, for the willingness to offer gifts to each other such as undeserved kindness, unexpected forgiveness, and unconditional presence. These acts of love are what keep us on the path. They are us making the path. The path toward our salvation — our mutual liberation — is defined by the acts of love and grace we give and accept in return.

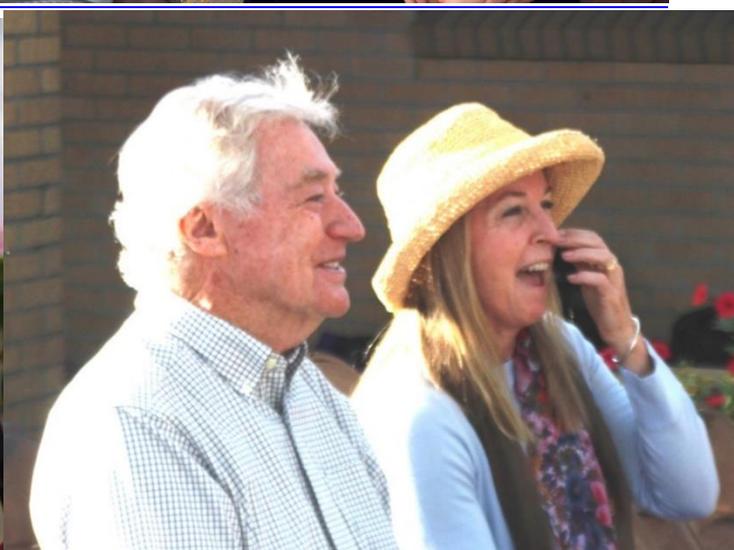


**Good Friday**

# Easter Morning

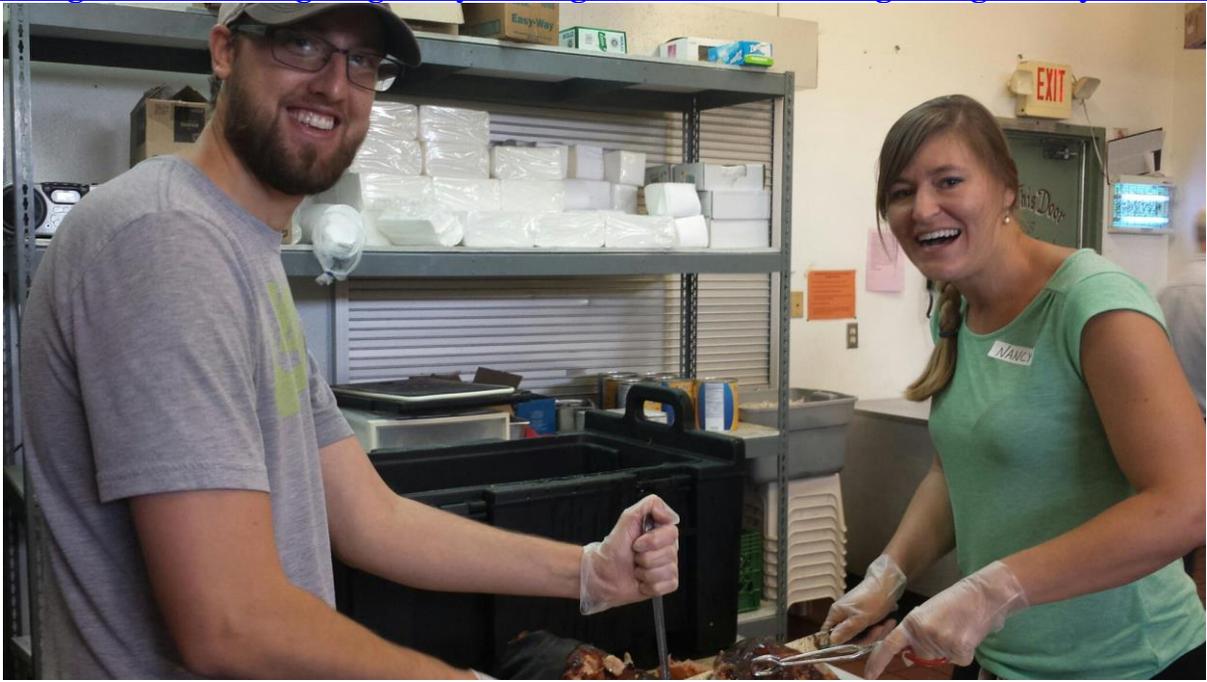








“‘Lettuce’ get that salad going!” says Doug at Paz.....Joan getting “dicey” at Paz



Kevin and Nancy “hamming it up” at Paz.

Barb reports that they cut up and served 14 hams for Easter Sunday Dinner at Paz!

Go and love someone exactly as they are. And then watch how quickly they transform into the greatest, truest version of themselves. When one feels seen and appreciated in their own essence, one is instantly empowered.

~wes angelozzi~

# FORGET ABOUT BEING STRONG. BE HUMAN.



Often times a person will indicate that s/he cannot take the time right now to grieve. A person will come up with many reasons why taking time to work through the loss and pain associated with grief is not something that can be done right now.

- Dad /Mom needs me to be strong.
- I gotta be strong for my grandchildren/ children/ siblings
- I need to be strong for my team.
- I need to be strong for the family.

People equate strength with not showing emotions, especially sad, painful emotions. As a result, the person that feels down and hurt needs to put on a mask of strength for others. The Grief Recovery Method calls this Academy Award Performance.

Giving everyone the impression/delusion that we are strong, when we don't feel that way is not helpful to get through the pain associated with grief and loss.

My dad was a person who would not show his grief emotions to his kids. He felt that he had to be strong for us. So, when his own parents died, he who wanted and needed to cry, could not allow himself to do so. I learned this behavior from him. When my dad died, and I was the minister celebrating his funeral, I had to mask my emotions too. For me, it was a sign of weakness to cry.

In discovering the Grief Recovery Method, I learned that emotions are real and powerful: even, perhaps especially, the negative ones. They are important to acknowledge, feel, and accept. In giving myself permission to be and feel the way that I am, I discover that I do not need to be this superhuman tank without emotions, feelings, pain and hurt.

Sometimes the sign of a strong person is allowing oneself to be vulnerable, even in public. This allows us to be true to ourselves. This vulnerability allows us to connect with others in ways that we could never imagine. It is in our humanity that we can connect with others.

For help, support, encouragement, please don't hesitate to contact us. Reflections hospice, grief support  
480.246.3560 [EWalsh@care.info](mailto:EWalsh@care.info)



The Team at the I-HELP Walk (missing Robert and Kay)

Angels helping a neighbor...practicing  
"Love Your Neighbor"



# Your Church Does Not Need Volunteers

April 20, 2017 by Erin Wathen

I was writing my weekly note to the congregation (a few days late, because I took Monday off and it's all downhill from there). Usually in this note, I share a few words about the message for Sunday so that we can all be reflecting on the same topic throughout the week. It makes the sermon more of an ongoing conversation. I sometimes discuss something that's going on in the life of the church, as well. But this week, it was more of a thank you note. Because when I think about how much work my church folks did over the last few weeks to get our place ready for Easter, it blows my mind. And as I look around the property, I can see the fruits of many hours of shared labor.

Sparkling windows and floors; finely manicured landscaping; dramatic paraments, hung with a complex pulley system by dedicated House Elves in the wee hours... And then I start thinking about the work of the worship team, the children's ministry team and musicians; not to mention greeters, hand-shakers, bulletin-hander-outers, and coffee makers; and the youth group out there hiding eggs for the little ones; plus more behind the scenes workers I have not mentioned. Just thinking about it makes me overwhelmed with gratitude. It's enough to make my mascara run. (I'm not crying, you are).

In writing this note to my people, I wrote that ***it takes a whole village of volunteers to make all of this happen....*** But then I found myself hitting the backspace button. Because "volunteer" is not quite the right word for what our people do at church.

I know I'm not the only one who cringes when someone sees me, without kids in tow, and asks if my husband is "babysitting." Well, no. I mean, yes, he is at home with the kids tonight. But I do not think you can effectively say "babysitting" when it is *your own dang kid*. I'd say we could just call that parenting. I feel the same when people talk about "volunteering" at church. And yes, I know it's just a word. But it's the wrong word, for a lot of reasons.

If you ask a grandparent, or an elder of your church, I'm pretty sure they will tell you that the church they grew up in never asked them to volunteer. **Historically, the church has asked people to serve**—as deacons, as greeters, as Sunday school teachers, or on the property committee. Whatever the job, it was considered a service. **A ministry.**

The language of volunteerism is a pretty recent addition to the church lexicon. It has emerged with the mega-church of the last few decades—and the culture in which small to moderate size churches replicate the language and practices of larger churches. "Volunteering" is something you're asked to do, right off the bat in these places. It gets folks engaged, which is great. Maybe you give them a flashy name badge that says "VOLUNTEER" in big red letters, or a brightly colored t-shirt that declares "VOLUNTEER" on the back. This identifies you as someone who's there to help; one who can answer questions, give directions, or generally point you toward the donuts. That's a good thing.

But I balk at the secular nature of what it means to volunteer. To volunteer means that you are an outside resource, stepping in to help an organization in need. Volunteering is what we do when we pick up trash at the park, or build a house with Habitat, or help sort food at the local food pantry. Volunteering is what I do at my kids' school on Fridays.

**In other words, it's what you do at a place that is important to you—but not at a place that belongs to you.**

**And I guess that is the important distinction for me... You cannot volunteer at your own church, in the same way you cannot babysit your own kid.** Because the church belongs to you in the same way your family does. It's your own place, your own people. So of course you help take care of it. Of course you do yard work and make coffee and teach the kids and sing in the choir and whatever all else it is you do for the home and the people that you love.

A volunteer, in most cases, is just visiting. A fly-by. Maybe it's a helpful fly-by, but it's not the same as belonging to something. It's not the same as contributing to something bigger than you, something that's part of who you are.

Maybe some practices of inordinately large churches are good ones, systems from which we can learn a great deal about connection and engagement. But ultimately, the language of volunteerism is secular, and more to the point, it is corporate. The notion is rooted in consumer culture, in which we can swoop in and give or take a measure that we deem fit, and then dart out again feeling we have done our part. We do a disservice to our faith, and to the gospel itself, when we reduce the work of the church to something you can mark on a time card.

All that said, we live in the world we live in, and we cannot realistically extract this word from the life of the church. It is both a noun and a verb, and it's the one that just rolls off the tongue when we are asking people to come and do work. Which, in the church, we are forever asking people to do. Still, as I plan for a summer sermon series on discipleship and what it means to let the church be the church, **I feel a strong nudge to challenge how we talk about—and think about—the time and energy we spend in ministry. It's important to recognize those gifts for what they are—ministry—and I'm not sure the word “volunteer” does justice to the depths contained in the work people actually do in their churches.**

*Call it serving. Call it discipleship. Call it the priesthood of believers, or mission, or the ministry that we all share together. Admittedly, “Priesthood of Believers” does not look great on a t-shirt. And it maybe doesn't invite visitors to ask you where the bathrooms are... But whatever we do, we should remember that we don't just belong to the church—it belongs to us.*

And we do not babysit that which is ours.

# Reality Pedagogy — 7C's Educators Workshop

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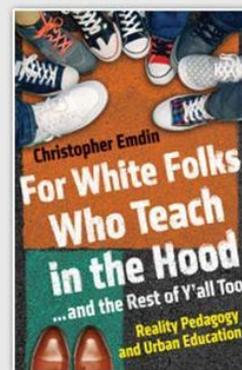
Christopher Emdin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology at Teachers College, Columbia University; where he also serves as Director of Science Education at the Center for Health Equity and Urban Science Education.

He is also the Associate Director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

He is an alumni fellow at the Hutchins Center at Harvard University, and currently serves as Minorities in Energy Ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy and the STEAM Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State.

Emdin holds a PhD in urban education with a concentration in mathematics, science, and technology; master's degrees in both natural sciences and education administration, and bachelor's degrees in physical anthropology, biology, and chemistry.

He is the creator of the #HipHopEd social media movement, and a much sought-after public speaker on a number of topics that include hip-hop education, STEM education, politics, race, class, diversity, and youth empowerment. He is also an advisor to numerous international organizations, school districts, and schools where he delivers speeches, and holds workshops and professional development sessions for students, teachers, policy makers, and other education stakeholders within the public and private sector.



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 Sunday, May 7, 2017, 3 pm, Camelback Bible Church, 3900 E. Stanford Drive, Paradise Valley

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students for tickets purchased in advance from Orpheus singers, by mail or online.

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**Get Your Tickets Now!**

Tickets are now available for TCC's spring concert, "Rock, Roll & Remember," coming Sunday, May 14, 2017, at 4 pm in the Ikeda Theater at Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., Mesa, Arizona.

In addition to our tribute to Dick Clark and American Bandstand, spanning the 1950s through the 1980s with such classics as "Rock Around the Clock," "I Get Around," "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," and "Jump (for My Love)," we'll be singing other songs of the era such as "Big Yellow Taxi," "Yesterday," and "I'm a Believer."

Mill Avenue Singers, will perform the ballad "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," the crowd-pleaser "Operator," and an a cappella version of "Stand by Me." And our talented women's quartet, Harmony Rain, will impress you with their four-part harmonies.

Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up (children 11 and under attend free with Child's ticket), and are available from the MAC Box Office online or call [480-644-6500](tel:480-644-6500).

<https://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/shows/other-presenters/rock-roll--remember>



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# PEACE ISLANDS

Planting Dialogue, Harvesting Peace  
A Home-Based Gathering Project

Do you want to help us tackle presumptions about one another in our community?

Then join us.  
Be A Host or A Guest at your convenience.  
And, let's make a difference; together.

Sema Foundation is delighted to kick off its 3 month "Peace Islands" home based gatherings program with the motto "Planting dialogue, harvesting peace", starting in the April thru end of June. This initiative aims to provide space for people of different religious and cultural traditions to get-to-know one another in the cozy intimacy of each other's homes and seeks to build community through casual conversation over a delicious meal, or simply a cup of tea or coffee.

**Time:** April 1<sup>st</sup> Thru June 30<sup>th</sup>      **Location:** Host Families

For more details, go to [www.semafoundation.org](http://www.semafoundation.org) or,




SemaFoundation

(above) Let Pastor Sue know if you'd like to host a Muslim family for a meal or if you'd like to be the guest of a Muslim family at their home. She can hook you up. Watch for more opportunities also as Ramadan begins at sundown on May 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Below, the links to two truly inspirational talks. Each about 18 minutes long.**

Pope Francis' TED Talk

[https://www.ted.com/talks/pope-francis-why-the-only-future-worth-building-includes-everyone?utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=tedsread](https://www.ted.com/talks/pope-francis-why-the-only-future-worth-building-includes-everyone?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=tedsread)

and the Keynote Speaker from the Arizona Faith Network Annual Meeting, Rabbi Schmuly Yanklowitz

[https://www.facebook.com/erinzonagirl/videos/10155977480994989/?autoplay\\_reason=ugc\\_default\\_allowed&video\\_container\\_type=1&video\\_creator\\_product\\_type=2&app\\_id=350685531728&live\\_video\\_guests=0](https://www.facebook.com/erinzonagirl/videos/10155977480994989/?autoplay_reason=ugc_default_allowed&video_container_type=1&video_creator_product_type=2&app_id=350685531728&live_video_guests=0)

**YOU WILL BE INSPIRED, I PROMISE!**

