

On a Wing and a Prayer

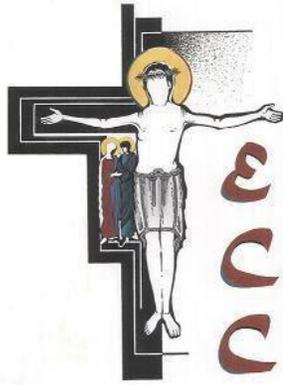
March 2018

Guardian Angels Catholic Community – Just. Faithful. Catholic.

www.guardianangelscatholiccommunity.org

<https://www.facebook.com/GuardianAngelsCatholicCommunity>

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



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

<http://www.ecumenical-catholic-union.org/> ECC Report Winter 2018 <http://conta.cc/2GqPo7N>



Pastor Sue's Mom's backyard outside Syracuse, NY – those are deer and turkey tracks. I took this picture when I visited. ☺

Guardian Angels Calendar March 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT MASS 9AM PRESIDER: SUE DIALOGUE HOMILY 12 NOON TRAINING NEW VIDEO EQUIPMENT IN SANCTUARY	5	6 7PM STREET REQUIEM REHEARSAL AT COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	7 MASS 7AM HOMELESS PRAYER 11AM, COURTYARD 	8	9	10 HUMANE BORDERS
11 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE	12 TCCC BOARD MEETING 7PM Goodenberger	13	14 MASS 7AM HOMELESS PRAYER 11AM, COURTYARD	15	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
18 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT MASS 9AM PRESIDER: SUE COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY PAZ DE CRISTO 4P – 7P 	19	20	21 MASS 7AM HOMELESS PRAYER 11AM, COURTYARD 7PM STREET REQUIEM REHEARSAL AT VUU	22 GA THURSDAY EVENING MOVIE NITE 7PM TRIGGER: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GUN VIOLENCE	23	24 10AM IN PHOENIX 
25 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE  EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1 7:30AM SUNRISE MASS OUTSIDE IN THE COURTYARD PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE 8:30AM BREAKFAST POTLUCK WITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH – BRING A DISH TO SHARE	26	27	28 MASS 7AM HOMELESS PRAYER 11AM, COURTYARD 4PM SET-UP FOR THE FOOT CARE CLINIC. SET- UP THE SHOE STORE	29 HOLY THURSDAY  SET UP AT 6AM 7AM – 12PM FOOT CARE CLINIC FOOT SOAKING AND FOOT CARE FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE WILL HAVE SOCKS, SHOES AND BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE 6:30PM ECUMENICAL EVENING SERVICE WITH COMMUNITY CHRIST	30 Good Friday  GOOD FRIDAY SANCTUARY OPEN ALL DAY BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM FOR PERSONAL PRAYER TIME 4PM – 6PM I-HELP MEAL 6:30PM Stations of the Cross Meditation	31 <i>WE DARE NOT CONFUSE</i> <i>TENDERNESS WITH TIMIDITY,</i> <i>MERCY WITH WEAKNESS,</i> <i>OR SUFFERING- LOVE WITH SENTIMENTALITY</i> <i>IT TAKES STRENGTH TO BE GENTLE,</i> <i>RESILIENCE TO BE TENDER,</i> <i>COURAGE TO FORGIVE...</i>

Put on your calendars now: The Out of the Darkness Walk, Saturday, **April 14th**, at ASU. Click on this link to join the Guardian Angels Team: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=166043>

And the I-HELP Walk will be on Saturday, **May 5th**.



Happy Birthday, Guardian Angels! We're 14 years old/young this month!

- 2 - Jeff Green
- 3 - Robert Longoni
- 4 - Louisa Bohn Ringler
- 8 - Emily Ghan
- 14 - Ed Walsh
- 16 - Joan Crawford
- 21 - Valerie Hernandez
- 23 - Vivian Longoni
- 23 - Sara Romanish
- 27 - John Mitman
- 31 - Tom Velie (Ann Ross's beloved and our Angel)



- 7 - Pat Connolly received his Angel wings (Ann Connolly's beloved)
- 26 - John Mitman & Emily Ghan (3/26/11)

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 Marie mamare11@yahoo.com





The Little Pantry wants to thank you all for your generous donations! We need EVERYTHING, **but especially fruit cups, peanut butter and chips**. We need cases of water, too. Thank you again, and you're welcome to tour the new, larger pantry any Sunday after Mass! Thank you, again.

The Public Service Announcement for Women4Women Tempe is DONE and it is AWESOME! Check it out:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=t_Oby4UIm9U&app=desktop

Our website is up and running (thanks Mario) <http://women4womentempe.org/> .

Click on the PayPal link below to donate directly to Women4Women Tempe

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=KHEVYKWCZQTUW

We also gladly accept donated feminine hygiene items. Go ahead and bring them to church with you or drop them off at the church office during open office hours.



To keep up with W4W, check out their awesome Facebook page, too:

<https://www.facebook.com/W4WTempe/>



Phoenix Restoration Project upcoming training

(the group our Ann Connolly volunteers for that offers hospitality to refugees/immigrants at the bus depot and in other ways, too.)

Sunday, March 18 from 12:30PM – 2:00PM at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, 4027 E. Lincoln Dr. Paradise Valley AZ 85253

Join us for a presentation about our work and for those that would like to stay, an orientation/ training for The Phoenix Restoration Project.

The post-presentation is the training that we require of all new volunteers who participate in Greyhound outreach and hospitality for those newly released from immigration detention. So if you've been meaning to join us, this is where it all starts.

All are welcome to attend, just make sure to RSVP so we bring enough materials for everyone.

This is kid friendly, please let us know if you need childcare or any accommodations so that we can make arrangements.

Feel free to bring a snack to share if you're able.



Lent – A message from our Presiding Bishop Francis Krebs:
<https://vimeo.com/255669350>

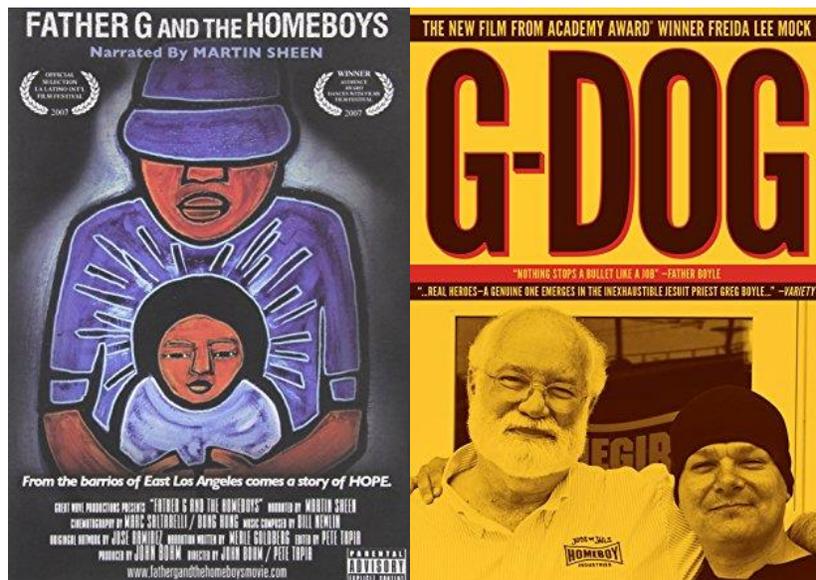
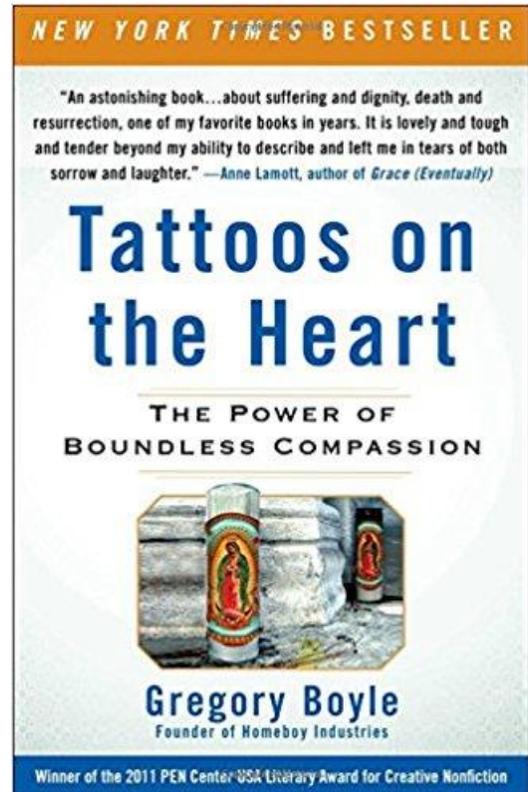
We continue reading the book, *Tattoos on the Heart, The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle. We still have copies available for purchase or to borrow. We also have the DVD's of the 2 documentaries about Fr. Gregory and the Homeboys: *Father G and the Homeboys & G-DOG*. Let Pastor Sue know if you'd like to borrow either/both of these DVD's. Share with your families and friends. Many of our Angels have been inspired by Fr. Greg's mission and have read his books, learning more about the organization that he founded: Homeboy Industries.

<https://www.homeboyindustries.org/>

He has also done a TED talk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipR0kWt1Fkc>

We watched *Father G and the Homeboys* in February at Church but we realize how hard it is for folks to gather during the week so we do encourage you to borrow the DVD's and watch them on your own when you can.



So what might we do with our new enlightenment regarding gangs, prison, poverty...an opportunity to serve here in AZ!

Natividad Mendoza is the founder and executive director of *From Gangs to Jobs* <http://www.fromgangs2jobs.com/>, a non-profit that helps prisoners successfully transition from prison to civilian life. Natividad was in and out of prison 16 times over 18 years and has a keen understanding of the challenges faced by those attempting to turn their lives around and avoid the revolving door of recidivism.

Recently Natividad has been granted the ability to work within the Maricopa County prison, reaching inmates' at the most critical juncture: right before release. The county is requesting a business plan and documentation of his results in order to gain a contract to continue his work. Natividad is an excellent resource for the prisoners, but his strengths do not lie in administrative tasks. In fact, he holds only a fifth grade education.

Are you interested in finding out more about *From Gangs to Jobs* and how we might help Natividad? Let me know. – Pastor Sue



During March we will collect new shoes for our **March 29th** Holy Thursday Foot Care Clinic. Take a 'shoe-tag' from the cross in the Sanctuary, purchase the requested shoe type/size and return the pair of shoes to the cross by no later than Palm Sunday, March 25. We will also collect socks. Packages of tube socks and crew socks would be wonderful.

On **Good Friday, March 30th**, the Sanctuary will be open from 8AM on for private prayer. The Sanctuary is dark and lit only with candles. Take this opportunity to pray and reflect on your Lenten journey. We serve our I-HELP meal (4PM – 6PM) that evening, look for the sign-up later this month. The Sanctuary will also be open after I-HELP.

On **April 1, Easter Sunday morning**, we will have our traditional 7:30AM mass outside on our beautiful patio. We will celebrate, sing, wear our Easter Bonnets and have a pot-luck breakfast with our Community Christian friends' right after mass.

Help Deacon Joan get ready for her Racial Justice retreat in Wisconsin.
(<http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/racial-justice-series>)

Attend one or more of her **“Racial Justice Mini-Retreats”** in Arizona.

The “Mini-Retreats” will utilize prayer, music, art, journaling, silent meditation, reflective listening & occasional role-playing to help us claim the painful realities of our shared history; to address the present-day challenges of systemic racism; and to encourage honest dialogue between all Americans.

Please attend one or more 2-1/2 hour “mini-retreats” at no charge – only your feedback.

Two locations to choose from:

Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation (VUU)
6400 W. Del Rio St
Chandler, AZ 85226

St Augustine’s Episcopal Church (SAE)
1735 South College Ave
Tempe, AZ 85281

March 22nd – Thursday

9:30am to Noon (VUU)
1:00pm to 3:30pm (VUU)
6:30pm to 9:00pm (SAE)

March 23rd - Friday

1:00pm to 3:30pm (VUU)

March 24th – Saturday

9:30am to Noon (SAE)
1:00pm to 3:30 (SAE)

For more Information

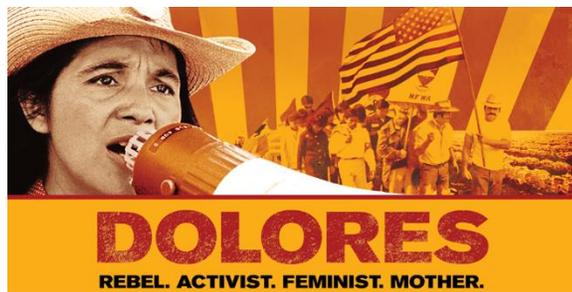
or to Register

Contact Deacon Joan

at

deaconjoan@joancrawford.org

A Racial Justice “Retreat”...building a foundation for alliance, advocacy and social action.



Thursday, March 8 at 7PM – 9PM

At Benedictine University, 225 E Main St, Mesa AZ 85201

DESCRIPTION

Dolores Huerta bucks 1950s gender conventions by starting the country's first farm workers union with fellow organizer Cesar Chavez. What begins as a struggle for racial and labor justice soon becomes a fight for gender equality within the same union she is eventually forced to leave. As she wrestles with raising 11 children, three marriages, and is nearly beaten to death by a San Francisco tactical police squad, Dolores emerges with a vision that connects her new found feminism with racial and class justice.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolores-film-screening-and-discussion-tickets-41882777515?aff=efbeventix>



https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-film-screening-70-acres-in-chicago-cabrini-green-tickets-41511155985?utm_source=Global+Institute+of+Sustainability+-+Events+MASTER&utm_campaign=ab5353056c-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_22a8d9e94b-ab5353056c-220997965](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-film-screening-70-acres-in-chicago-cabrini-green-tickets-41511155985?utm_source=Global+Institute+of+Sustainability+-+Events+MASTER&utm_campaign=ab5353056c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_03_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_22a8d9e94b-ab5353056c-220997965)

Free Film Screening at Valley Art in Tempe: 70 Acres in Chicago: Cabrini Green

For 70 years, there stood a Chicago public housing community known as Cabrini Green. Home to thousands, misunderstood by millions, Cabrini Green once towered over Chicago's most valuable neighborhoods. A looming reminder of inequality and poverty, Cabrini's high-rises were demolished and an African-American community cleared to make room for another social experiment: mixed-income neighborhoods.

Shot over the course of 20-years, *70 Acres in Chicago* documents this upheaval, from the razing of the first buildings in 1995, to the clashes in the mixed-income neighborhoods a decade later.

70 Acres in Chicago tells the volatile story of this hotly contested patch of land, while looking unflinchingly at race, class, and who has the right to live in the city.

Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence



Check out this clip from “Trigger” <https://vimeo.com/198111975> and plan on joining as a community on March 22 when we watch the documentary, “Trigger: the Ripple Effect of Gun Violence.” A good way to prepare for the *March For Our Lives* on Saturday, March 24th.



Proud of our Minnesota ECC Members!



Angels, we will MARCH with and for our young people, our children, our grandchildren, our students!

Contact Pastor Sue if you are planning on marching and we will arrange car pools/or coordinate Light Rail Riding.

Saturday, March 24 @ 10AM, Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W Washington, Phoenix 85007

Student-led protest in response to gun violence that have resulted in tragedies time and time again. We encourage EVERYONE to attend. This is our time to push for a change in gun laws, mental health education, and security in schools. We will be heard and things WILL change.



Bystander Do's and Don'ts - <file:///C:/Users/E6420/Downloads/Bystander%20DO'S%20DONT'S.pdf>

Bystander Intervention Training - <file:///C:/Users/E6420/Downloads/Bystander%20Intervention%20Training%20webinar%20slides%20FINAL.pdf>

Prayer for Students Against Gun Violence

Bless our young people as they work
 With wild hope to end gun violence,
 To stop the slaughter, and to restrict
 The proliferation of weapons in this country.

Bless these students, impatient for justice,
 With both passion in the present,
 And patience for the long haul,
 The difficult labor of changing systems and structures.

Bless these students who want to be
 The change they wish to see in this country.
 Help them hold on to the wisdom that
 The way to peace is through peaceful confrontation.

Bless these young adults, their teachers, parents,
 Community members and all who support them
 In solidarity for the common good,
 All coming together to advocate for nonviolence.

Bless us as we strive to build a legacy
 Of working for justice and peace,
 So they may learn from our struggles
 And keep speaking truth to power. Amen.

—Jane Deren, Ph.D.





Bishop Denise Donato

(What follows is Bishop Denise's letter to her community after her Episcopal Ordination)

Greetings friends!

What a beautiful weekend!! I believe the experience is best summed up in a few conversations. After the ordination on Friday night someone came up to me and said that she was coming up to congratulate me, but then she realized that she feels like she needs to be congratulated for experiencing such an incredible and powerful experience! That is the grace of ordination! We often think of sacraments as singular, individual events, however they are really meant to be communal and the grace that is experienced is contagious!

Another experience I'd like to share with you involved my 4-year-old grandson Miles. At brunch on Saturday morning he said to me "Mema, now you are friendship." I was trying to figure out what he was saying, and so he again said "You're friendship now." I said "Do you mean bishop?" "yes, yes- that's what I mean, you're a bishop now!" Before he left he came running over to me to say goodbye. He asked me "Mema, what are you now?" I told him that I was still a bishop- that I would always be a bishop now. With tremendous sincerity he gave me a great big hug "Bye, Bishop Mema!!" That's not something that can be said to every bishop! And in fact, only fits an extremely small pool- most of them a part of Roman Catholic Women Priests movement. Of course, everything about it was prophetic. We have traditionally associated words like authority, power, and hierarchy with the role of bishop. However, the most significant role of a bishop is pastoral, it's one of relationship and as such as friendship!! We are called to bring God's love everywhere we go!!



Finally, I was very touched by my 2-year-old granddaughter- Cecelia. Jennifer told me that in the car on the way to the ordination she kept saying "I'm going to Mema's ordination! That's wonderful! I'm going to Mema's ordination! Yah!" Of course, at the age of 2 the word ordination is a mighty big word, and more often it came out "Mema's Oshan or oshanoshan." We are truly building the church and the world for our grandchildren!

Short radio interview of Bishop Denise - <http://wxxi.drupal.publicbroadcasting.net/post/connections-role-women-modern-catholic-church>

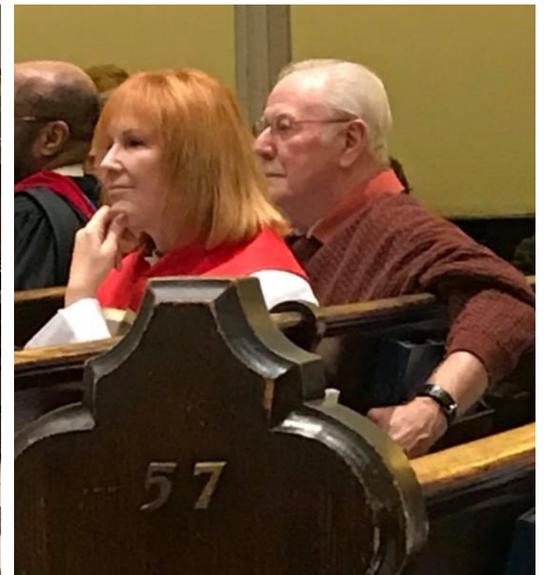
Longer radio interview with Bishop Denise <http://wxxinews.org/post/rochester-woman-become-first-female-ecc-bishop>

A piece in the local paper about Bishop Denise's Ordination
<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2018/02/11/rochester-pastor-becomes-first-woman-bishop-church/326371002/>



The Bishops blessing our new Bishop Denise Donato were from the Ecumenical Catholic Communion (ECC) and from the Roman Catholic Women Priests.

Front, left: Bishop Christine Mayr-Lumetzberge; front, right: Bishop Andrea Johnson; back, left: Bishop Raphael Adams – Bishop of the ECC Mid-America Region; back, center: Bishop Francis Krebs, ECC, Presiding Bishop; back, right: Bishop Peter Hickman, ECC Founder and former Presiding Bishop



Others from AZ who attended: Pastor Kate Lehman (St. Teresa's) and Tom Wilding (St. Michael's)



Bishop Denise's husband Phil made our new Bishop's Crozier!



Above – women priests and bishops serve at the Altar; Left – Denise commented later that she's a little shorter than Bishop Francis, in the Bishop's Chair her feet couldn't reach the floor; Below – Edwina Gateley blessing Bishop Denise. Check her out: edwinagateley.com

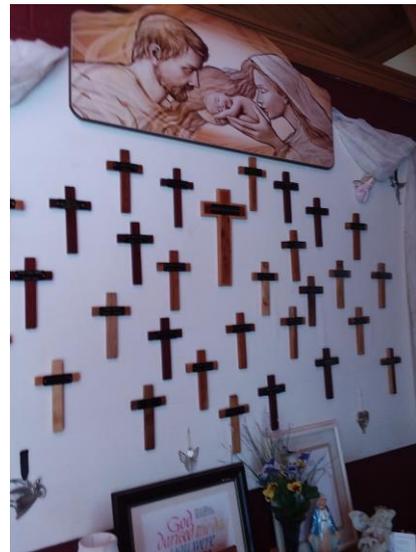
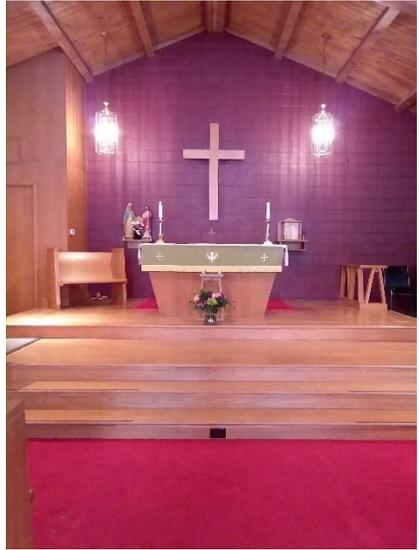




Regional Reps below: Yours truly representing the Southwest Region, Pastor Rosa representing the Northeast Region, Fr. Teri representing Colorado.

Right: Bishop Mema!





The morning after Bishop Denise's Consecration, my mom and I went out to find Mary Magdalene Church – the church Denise founded and serves as pastor. It's a very nice church with the sanctuary on the upper level and a fellowship hall and kitchen on the lower level. In the back of the Sanctuary they have a special place where they remember all the children (from babies – adults) of members who have died. The individual names are on each of the crosses on the wall above the table. Denise's husband Phil makes the crosses.

ACT NOW!

UNITE TO END RACISM

WWW.RALLY2ENDRACISM.ORG

On the 50th Anniversary of Dr. KING's Assassination

Join Us On The National Mall

APRIL
4
2018

Commit To Finish The Work Of Dismantling Racism In:

Criminal Justice • Education
Jobs • Health Care • Voting
Environmental Justice



NATIONAL
AFRICAN AMERICAN CLERGY
NETWORK



sojourners
Faith in Action for Social Justice



Religious
Action
Center
of Reform Judaism

#RALLY2ENDRACISM

Check out the ACT NOW Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EIHODYt7-6wAYDGnyMxnNBCK-02GsLj9/view>

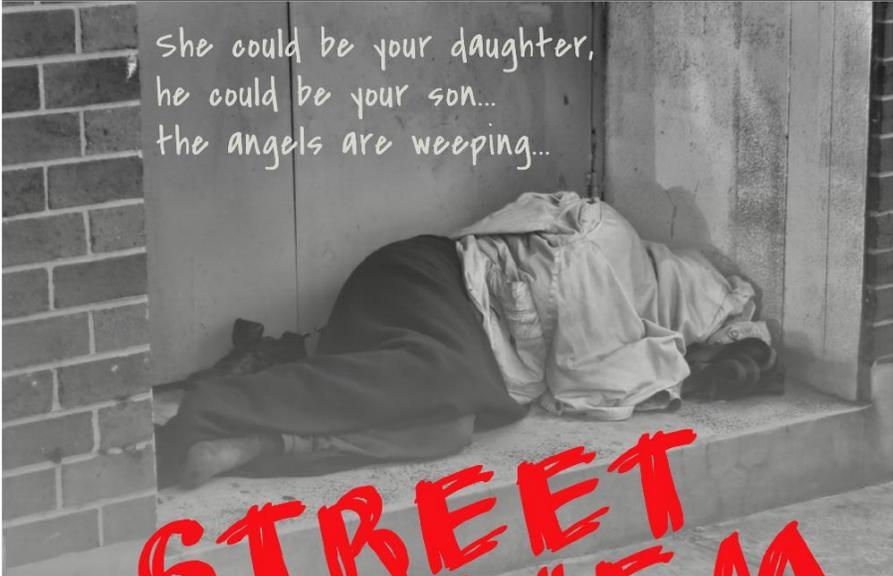
National Council of Churches Leader inspires:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqeJ87rSeTY&feature=youtu.be>

A church repents: <https://vimeo.com/241967989>



Get your FREE tickets to this powerful concert! You will see some Angels singing!
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/street-requiem-tickets-43484570521?aff=efbeventix>

Tempe Interfaith Fellowship Presents



She could be your daughter,
he could be your son...
the angels are weeping...

STREET REQUIEM
Community Concert to Honor All Who Have
Lived and Died on the Streets

Sunday
April 8th @ 3pm
Tempe 1st United
Methodist Church
215 E University Dr,
Tempe, AZ 85281



Tickets and Info: <https://streetreq.eventbrite.com>

Choosing the Path of Peace: Remembering All Those Who Lost Their Lives to Gun Violence

We pray in the spirit of the Psalms:
We are in distress, we are in anguish.
Our tears are bitter as once again
The lives you have created
Are disrespected, destroyed,
Because of fear, of hate, of refusal
To see the others as part of oneself,
Because weapons are more common
Than compassion, than solidarity.

We pray for the dead,
For their families and friends in grief.
We pray for the living,
May the healing begin,
For the wounded,
For all those in the frantic crowd,
For the local communities,
For this nation,
In distress, in anguish.

We pray that we may begin
To see the violence end
And peace be with us all.

—Jane Deren, Ph.D.

