

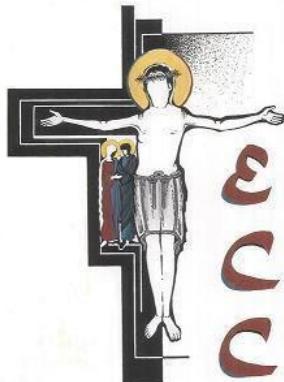
# **On a Wing and a Prayer**

**July and August 2018**

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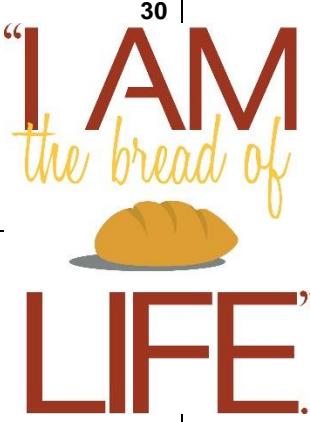
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, See, the home of God is among mortals. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for such has passed away.

I am making all things new.

-Revelation 21:1-5

# Guardian Angels Calendar July & August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JULY 1 <b>13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE <b>7PM VIGIL FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES HOSTED BY COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>	2 	3	4 <b>MASS 7AM</b> 	5 <b>INVEST IN ED AND DIRTY MONEY PETITIONS DUE TODAY!</b>	6	7
JULY 8 <b>14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER: SUE DIALOGUE HOMILY	9 TCCC BOARD MEETING 7PM	10	11 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	12	13 DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY. 1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV 	14
JULY 15 <b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE PARISH MEETING/POTLUCK  PAZ DE CRISTO 4P - 7P	16	17	18 <b>MASS 7AM</b> 	19	20	21 <b>HUMANE BORDERS</b>
JULY 22 <b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER: SUE PREACHER: JOAN	23	24	25 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	26	27	28 
JULY 29 <b>17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME BREAD OF LIFE 1 MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE 10:30AM SPIRITUALITY SUNDAY	30 	31	AUGUST 1 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	2	3	4 
JULY 5 <b>18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME BREAD OF LIFE 2 MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE	7	8 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	9	10	11 <b>INTERFAITH W4W PACK-A-THON AT VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST</b>	12
JULY 12 <b>19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME BREAD OF LIFE 3 MASS 9AM</b> PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED	13 TCCC BOARD MEETING 7PM	14	15 <b>MASS 7AM</b> <b>THE ASSUMPTION</b>	16	17	18

<b>19</b> <b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>BREAD OF LIFE 4</b> <b>MASS 9AM</b> <b>PRESIDER: SUE</b> <b>PREACHER: JOAN</b> <b>LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>AFTER MASS TODAY</b>  <b>PAZ DE CRISTO</b> <b>4P – 7P</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>MASS 7AM</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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1- Barb Moen  
 9- Rena Maas  
 12- Chris Crowl  
 15- Ann Ross



15- Sam and Chris Crowl 7/15/1995  
 26- Marie Renner's son Patrick received his Angel wings 7/26/2006



6- Melissa Robison  
 7 - B. Phelps



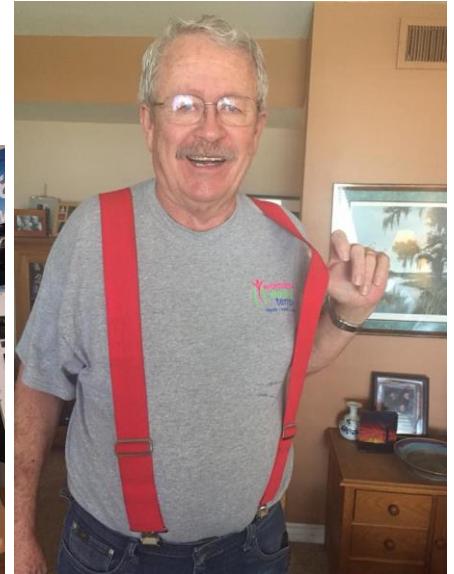
5- Gary and Sue Ringler (August 5, 1978)  
 28 - Elaine Groppenbacher's Ordination to the Priesthood (August 28, 2010)  
 28 - Guardian Angels ECC Anniversary (The Angels joined the ECC on August 28, 2010)

**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](mailto:mamare11@yahoo.com)



The Tempe/Chandler Interfaith Community is coming together for an exciting Women's Hygiene-Packing Extravaganza on Saturday, August 11 from 9AM – 11AM at Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6400 W Del Rio Street, Chandler. There will be snacks and you will get to meet other people who get excited about pads and tampons! To keep up with W4W, check out their awesome Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/W4WTempe/>

### Even BOYS support Women4Women!



### Empty Pantry Appeal!



We have been providing a record number of lunch bags to our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness over the summer. Just in the past week, we have given 42 lunches. So we are in need of everything in the pantry: individual tuna kits, Vienna sausages, individual chips and crackers, granola bars, beef jerky (Slim-Jim type are fine), fruit/applesauce cups, and individual peanut butter cups. Thank you for supporting this ministry! You can bring your donations on Sunday or just drop items off at the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

“Buttons, Magnets, Cards & Bumper Stickers send the message that you are in the

**“ALLIANCE” FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.**



Buttons, Cards, Bumper Stickers

**\$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00**

Magnets **\$8.00 Each**

**ON SALE EVERY FIRST SUNDAY BETWEEN SERVICES**

\*A Guardian Angels' fundraiser to help defray the costs for Anti-Racism Training & Social Action

*Speak peace to the hungered of heart  
A litany inspired by Psalm 85*

*by Ken Sehested*

*In seasons of dark desire eyes strain for Eden's refrain and flickered light  
'mid the fright of earth's travail. Oh, Beloved. . . .*

*Unleash your Voice of Pardon from wrath's consuming reign.  
Speak peace to the hungered of heart.*

*Spring from the ground, hope-soaked, heeding Glory's approach  
and steadfast love's embrace. Oh, Beloved. . . .*

*Unleash your Voice of Pardon from wrath's consuming reign.  
Speak peace to the hungered of heart.*

*Let every just and gentle lip pucker up for the wedded kiss of peace!  
Oh, Beloved. . . .*

*Unleash your Voice of Pardon from wrath's consuming reign.  
Speak peace to the hungered of heart.*

*Goodness is given, and righteousness granted,  
to guard and guide each wayfaring step. Oh, Beloved. . . .*

*Unleash your Voice of Pardon from wrath's consuming reign.  
Speak peace to the hungered of heart.*



Dear Community,

When I stop...and really think...and give full consideration to what is happening at our borders my heart races, the furrows of my brow lock, my shoulders clench, my back gives way to flutter-like spasms, my breathes shorten and my mind projects horrific atrocities perpetrated by my country in the past and now in the present. So...I stop thinking. The Supreme Court's upholding of the Muslim Ban along with the retirement of Justice Kennedy provoked me to cry out, "Lord, how much more?" Shortly thereafter I received an email with the following statements given by clergy-folk from around the country. Their words have helped me to emerge from this paralysis with a spark of hope and a commitment to "keep on keepin' on". I pray you too will find new hope, encouragement and guidance from these remarks.

- **Malkuta Blessings, Deacon Joan**

*"History will remember this decision as among the most shameful rulings in the history of the Supreme Court: It upholds a ban that indefinitely separates U.S. citizens from their Muslim families. It sends a message to the world that America will discriminate against entire groups of people based on their faith. It emboldens the Trump administration to continue policies that enact cruelty, racism and xenophobia toward immigrants and refugees at the border and our airports. And it fuels the fires of hate against communities like mine. Historically, every time the government has enacted policies that demonize entire groups of people, hate crimes go up. Today hate crimes against Muslim and Sikh Americans are the highest they have been since 9/11. State violence is always tethered to hate violence, and now there's no end in sight.*

*But we can learn from history. We are not bystanders. In the face of every unconscionable policy or ruling, we the people rose up and fought for the soul of America. When my Sikh grandfather saw his Japanese Americans neighbors rounded up and sent to camps, he looked after their farms while they were incarcerated and traveled to the desert to see them, as if to say: "I'm here for you and I'm not going away. We're going to outlast this." In the face of every injustice in U.S. history, there were people who carried out acts of #RevolutionaryLove. That's what we are called to do today." [Valarie Kaur, Esq., Founder of the Revolutionary Love Project](#)*

*"Today's Supreme Court decision is painful for all who seek justice and love mercy. The real task is to remain in the struggle and not to despair to the point of surrendering to feelings of helplessness and impotence. If this President is empowered by his office to make decisions that alienate, the next president is empowered to unmake those decisions. That makes this SCOTUS decision a usable blessing. Onward to the polls!*

*I come from a people who don't give up. I serve with a people who don't give up. I would love to send the words YOU ARE SAFE HERE out to all our networks as a collective response to the colonialist racism and fascism being perpetrated by this country. We Stand Together."* [Rev. Dr. Yvette Flunder – Bishop, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries](#)

*"My rabbi, Jesus, once encouraged his crestfallen followers, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they will be comforted." Jesus, who has come to be known as Christ, spoke these words to a grieving people, to an oppressed people, to a people occupied by the Roman Empire, which maintained a so-called "peace" with violence and the blatant disregard for brown bodies that were not Roman citizens.*

*So many of us are deeply mourning today's Supreme Court decision. And, as our Muslim brothers and sisters suffer soul-death at the hands of the highest court in our land; as the racist and xenophobic policies of this administration are upheld, and therefore sanctioned; I also feel outraged. I feel as though the Supreme Court has kicked us in the*

stomach. And so, I can only imagine the waves of grief washing over Muslim Americans today. Faithful. Gifted. Citizens. Our neighbors. Our colleagues. Our teachers, police, veterans, physicians. These policies, we must be clear, are part of a systematic, unrelenting, pernicious campaign to, once again, strive to make America white. Cruelty at our southern borders; caging human beings in urban jails and in detention centers; the state-sanctioned murders of Black and Brown men, women and children; and banning Muslims—all of this, filled with hate and derision—must be named for what it is, and fought with all of the revolutionary love we can mobilize.

As my beloved friend Ruby Sales says, we must name this evil programme, religious and ethnic cleansing. We have been here before; we know what this hatred looks and smells like. We know the deep pathology of the haters. We know their hatred brings soul death to our friends and families. And we know this hatred also rots the heart of the perpetrator.

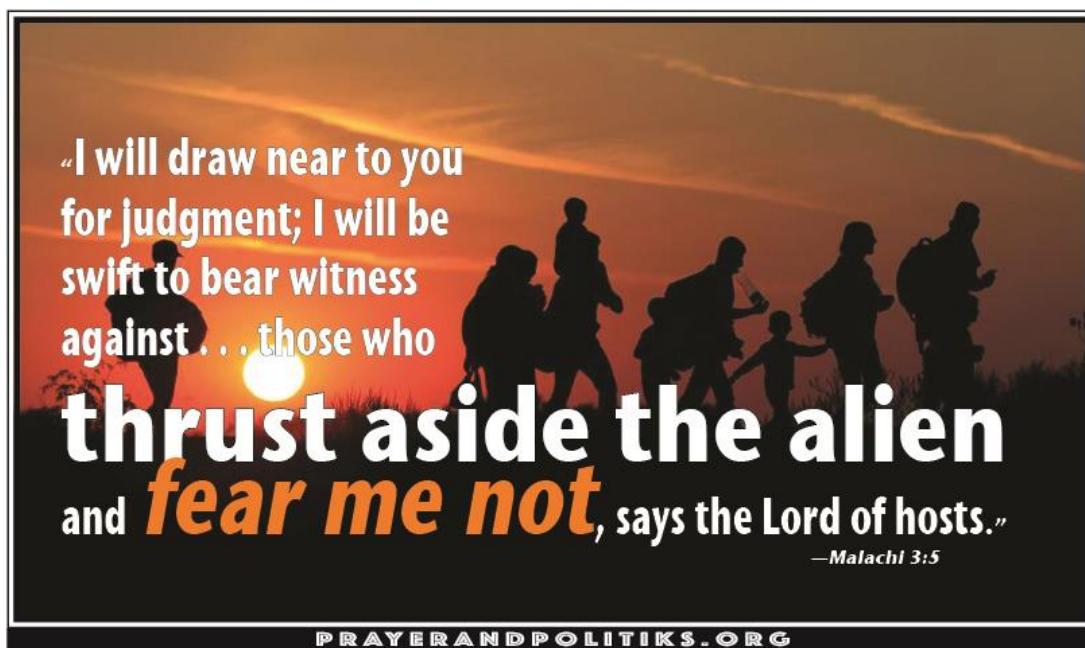
Blessings to you, my Muslim friends, colleagues and family. Peace to you. Assalamu 'Alaikum. We must also connect the dots between these SCOTUS decisions, and the ways they are eroding human rights. We must take our dissatisfaction to the polls, voting out the haters, and electing officials who share the ways we value each human life. Our grief is prophetic; we know that even as we mourn, even in our frustration, we must never forget the unbelievable power we have when good people of moral courage bind our hearts and wills together to make America free, really free, at last. And to all of us, let's DO this! Let's grieve, let's act, let's make America free" [The Rev. Dr. Jacqui J. Lewis](#) is Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church in Manhattan

"A little over 50 years ago, while caged in a Birmingham jail, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King penned these words to White Southern Pastors who were uncomfortable with Dr. King's presence and public outcry for justice: "One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws."

The evils of racism and islamophobia have been given fertile breeding ground by an administration that seeks the solidification of power with the targeted separation of the "other." Since December, we have lived with the egregious Muslim Ban that seeks to demonize our loved ones, family, and friends based on a false interpretation of a peaceful Faith. We will not succumb to such lies and false illusions of fear.

As people of faith, we understand that God has no "other" and the immorality of such acts are not made righteous by the legalization of them. In such matters, we stand with our kindred in the Abrahamic faith. We stand with the teachings of our sacred text. We stand with the God who is God of all." [Rev. Traci D. Blackmon](#), Executive Minister Justice, Local Church Ministries, United Church of Christ

For more see: <https://auburnseminary.org/religious-leaders-condemn-scotus-muslim-ban-ruling/>





Denali and some Angel friends got the chance to visit!



# SPIRITUALITY SUNDAY

Monthly Gatherings

Next Meetings: JULY 29<sup>th</sup>  
and AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup>

10:30 to Noon

In the CHURCH PARLOR

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SHARE...Spiritual Moments with one another from everyday life.

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See Deacon Joan to obtain Study Material & Books

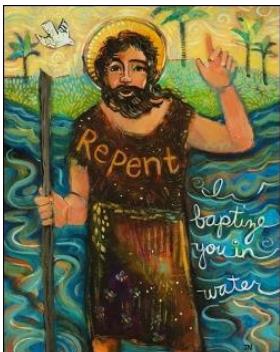
The following books are still available to check-out  
for July

*15 Days of Prayer with St Augustine.....A Seven Day Journey with Thomas Merton*

*15 Days of Prayer with St Dominic.....Advent & Christmas with Thomas Merton*

*15 Days of Prayer with St Benedict.....40 Day Journey with Howard Thurman*

*15 Days of Prayer with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



Excerpted from Pastor Sue's homily, June 24, 2018  
The Nativity of John the Baptist

If you've been a part of Guardian Angels for a while you know that John the Baptist is my patron saint. When I was 12 I took his name as my confirmation name...really messed with the Bishop confirming me, I was supposed to have a female saint's name. And 11 years ago today I was ordained on his feast day.

I have always loved John's crudeness. He had no fashion sense (I can relate), he ate weird stuff and just didn't fit in. I know someone like that...

John was always pointing beyond his ministry to the ultimate ministry of the coming messiah. Like John, I have always tried to point away from myself toward Jesus, toward Jesus's dream of a world made new by love of neighbor and service. And my next attempt to do this will be happening Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be leaving my position as Guardian Angels pastor on that day.

In 2004 I started as a pew person at Guardian Angels when it was still located in Chandler. In early 2005 I started creating the Liturgy, our mass, a privilege I have been blessed to practice up to today. In August 2005, I was ordained a Deacon and then on June 24, 2007 I was ordained a priest and that day I became pastor of Guardian Angels. I wasn't the first pastor of Guardian Angels and I won't be the last.

The story about my privilege to serve the people of God through their faith began in the early '80s when I volunteered with the Casa (Franciscan Renewal Center) Social Justice Ministry as I maintained my job as a nurse and had babies. And then in 1987 a job as an Outreach Coordinator became available at St. Timothy's. I could not believe it! A paid position to do the work I did as a volunteer...beloved work in service and for peace and justice! So on the last day that they were accepting applications, I slid my resume under the already locked office door at St. Tim's and I waited. I got an interview and the job.

That job allowed me to help create the Paz de Cristo Community Center – celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this September 15<sup>th</sup>! Through the years at St. Tim's and Mount Carmel I served as a lay coordinator in Outreach, Social Justice, and Liturgy.

It's important to say right now that up until 2+ years ago, Gary was the primary bread-winner for our family. Most of you know that we have 3 grown children who were very involved in school, activities, pursuits that serve them and this world to this day. I left nursing (with its higher pay, job security, chance for advancement) to pursue church work...with pay never on the same scale as "regular" jobs. But Gary has always ... to this day ... wanted me to follow my calling no matter the burden it might place on our finances. I would not be standing here now with so many ministry gifts behind me were it not for Gary's never-failing support for the next project/idea/vocation.

I left the Roman Catholic Church when I realized that they were not going to change their position on LGBT people and I knew my son...and other people's sons and daughters...were not "disordered" and I could not with integrity continue to be employed by an organization that taught this.

So in 2004 I found Guardian Angels...and eventually Guardian Angels called me to be their pastor...and together we set up here at Community Christian almost 12 years ago now...I was your deacon at that time. And we have worked on being a community that first supported each other, then a community that welcomed-included-invited others and finally a community where we practiced the fact that "the mass never ends, it must be lived." And as Barb has said, *Sue has never found a cause she didn't love.*

Unfortunately Guardian Angels cannot support a full-time pastor. I've spent the past 11 years always trying to find the right fit, the right "day job" in order to be available to Guardian Angels. Guardian Angels' needs were my top priority. And I've gone through a LOT of day jobs. But the question was always what job allowed me to continue to give Guardian Angels my best while providing enough income and benefits to meet family needs. Most of the time this has made it necessary for me to work seven days a week. So a couple months ago as I was driving into the parking lot at VUU (my current day job) on a Monday morning with an 11 hour day ahead of me I said, "I just can't do this" and I said back to myself..."well, you're doing it so you are either a liar or a masochist."

And for the first time, although I have always loved my ministry at Guardian Angels and all of you, I allowed myself to change the question from what is best for Guardian Angels to what is best for me. And I allowed myself to answer that question, "it's best for me to have one job and to actually have 2 days off every week instead of none." I have a sense of peace about the ministry, work, love, and service I've given to Guardian Angels (and you've given to me) for the past 13 years. We've done good work together...living how Jesus has taught us to live. So, I have decided to step down as a pastor of Guardian Angels; and while I will no doubt miss this fellowship, I know I will also enjoy the much needed time for myself and my family.

Knowing you are a vibrant community with great leaders and clergy and so many gifts, I could make this difficult decision with a clear heart and mind. Since I made the decision I've truly been at peace with it.

And we've got time for this transition. I'm still here serving for the next 3 months. We will have an initial parish meeting. (July 15 after mass) I will put together a survey based on what we are hearing from you about next steps and your vision for your community.

And I take great comfort in John the Baptist's ultimate prayer, may I grow smaller and may you, a beloved community dedicated to Jesus, grow larger, stronger and gifted by the Holy Spirit continue to be God's witnesses and workers in the world.

I love you! AMEN

\*My homily was followed up by a message from one of your leaders, Barb Moen:

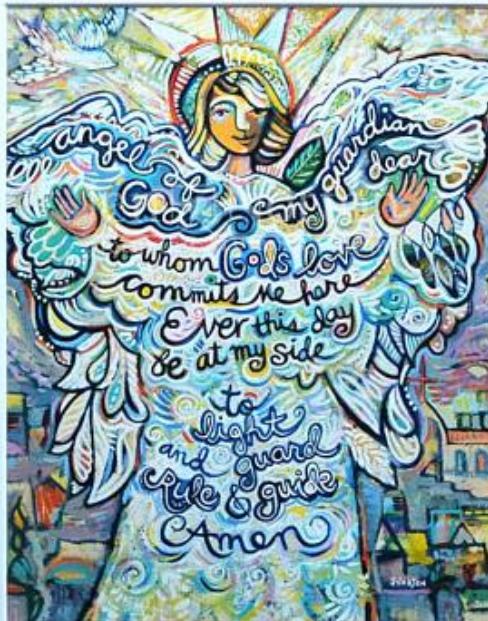
**Did you all feel the gust of *Spirit filled wind* that just blew into this space? There is this saying that when a door closes...a window opens. And these were floor to ceiling windows being flung open right now!**

**Our Guardian Angel community is indeed very blessed. Within the last several years we have shared in the simultaneous gifts of 3 co-pastors; right now we are shepherded by both Pastor Sue**

and Pastor Elaine, we can pick and choose among resources, classes and books presented by Deacon Joan, we are graced with a vibrant group of musicians, represented by a strong Leadership Council, made knowledgeable about and offered connection to a variety of social actions and service opportunities by our fellow Angels, we share a symbiotic relationship with Community Christian. We are strong, we are diverse, we share talent and concerns, we pitch in and help each other and our greater community. Our Mass never ends...and it will not be ending because our dear Pastor Sue is stepping outward from our community. We...the GA community...us...*the Pew People*...are not "*being abandoned*"...we are being *presented with an opportunity*: an opportunity to reassess our needs and our hopes, to discern if we have time and talent to share with this community in a greater amount...or in a differing way than before. We need to remember that Guardian Angels never was, and is not now, "any one person's" church. That idea is the antithesis of what "*We as Church*" are called to be. *Church should rise upward from the faithful sitting in the pews*; change and direction and growth should come now, at this crossroads, from you all, sitting in the pews.

Some of the Pew sharing can begin today. Members of the LC, Pastor Sue, Pastor Elaine and Deacon Joan will be in the Fellowship Hall for connection after our liturgy this morning. The next Leadership Council meeting...which is always open to everyone...is scheduled for July 10th at Frank McPeek's home. *There will be a GA community potluck and brainstorming session after Mass on July 15th.* Do you have something to ask...something to share...something to offer? Your input is important to your community...please come with your whole heart.

Jesus promised to never leave us; He sent the Spirit to guide and council us. Our Mass never ends, it never will...our ways of worshipping and going forth and loving and serving the Lord may change. ..*but our God never does*. Let us pause, breathe deeply, and fill our lungs with the fresh air rushing in from the opening windows. Let us go forward into this opportunity together. Let us keep our trust firmly in the movement and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.      Amen. Alleluia.



# Angels at I-HELP – what a great looking bunch!



# IN THE NAME OF THESE REFUGEES



## AID ALL REFUGEES

"Human history is a history not only of cruelty,  
but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness.

If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something.

If we remember those times and places—and there are so many—

where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act,  
and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction.

And if we do act, in however small a way,  
we don't have to wait for some grand utopian future.

The future is an infinite succession of presents, and to live now,  
in defiance of all that is bad around us, is itself a marvelous victory." -- Howard Zinn

Dear God—

Thank you for creating a perfect world.

Forgive us for the mess we have made of it.

Heal our hearts, our streets, our world.

We remember those who suffer from violence today – from the gun violence in Annapolis to the policy violence on the border.

Heal us from the violence that goes all the way back to Cain and Abel. Where the blood cries out from the ground.

Forgive us for the lives lost – the natives, the Africans. Heal the wounds of history.

Forgive us. For all the lives lost.

Trayvon Martin. Michael Brown. Sandra Bland. Tamir Rice. Freddie Gray. Eric Garner. Anthony Smith. Antwon Rose.

You know their names. Each a precious child of yours.

Have mercy on us. For the blood.

Today we pray for families separated and detained...

We remember that you said to welcome the foreigner as if they were our own flesh and blood for we were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

We pray -- For immigrants and refugees.

Women, men, children.

For the victims of war and persecution.

For the addicted and the homeless.

For the imprisoned and the tortured.

For the widows and the orphans. Give us compassion.

We know that when we welcome them we welcome you.

Heal our hearts Lord. Forgive us...

For choosing ourselves over others.

For prioritizing the rich over the poor.

For turning others into enemies. For trusting in the sword more than the cross.

For disrespecting the earth.

For creating a world where so many have so little... and so few have so much.

For building prisons rather than schools

And building walls instead of bridges.

For forgetting the most vulnerable among us. Forgive us.

Deliver us O God – from the principalities and powers that stand against your love.

Deliver us from the tyranny of greed. And pride and power.

The contagion of fear. The myth of redemptive violence.

From addiction to control. The seduction of wealth.

Deliver us, from the idolatry of nationalism – the idea that our children are worth more than someone else's.

Deliver us, from the ugliness of racism. The cancer of hatred.

The paralysis of cynicism.

The violence of our silence.

From the ghettos of poverty. And the ghettos of wealth.

Deliver us from ourselves.

We pray for the leaders of our country O God.

Break their hearts with the things that break yours.

Give them eyes to see those on the margins – your image in every one.

Give them courage to overcome evil with good.

Give them a vision for justice that is big enough to heal both the oppressed and the oppressors.

Give them compassion for our most vulnerable citizens.

Let them be driven by love not by fear. Help them stand on your promise that perfect love casteth out fear.

Give us fresh dreams and visions... for our nation. And for our world.

Let your sons and daughters prophesy – let the old dream dreams and the young see visions.

Dreams of your upside down Kingdom where the last are first and the first are last,

Where the mighty are cast from their thrones and the lowly are lifted up,

Where the poor are blessed and the peacemakers are the children of God.

Where we beat our weapons into farm tools and study violence no more. And where every person has "this day their daily bread".

Make this a Land of Love.

Help us to love big like you love – with a love that does not stop at borders and no wall can hold back.

I pray all this in the name of the God of infinite hospitality who welcomes us all.

The God who was born a refugee in a manger and died executed on a cross, who knows our suffering and is near to the broken hearted. Jesus. Amen.

By Shane Claiborne



**WHEN I DESPAIR,  
I REMEMBER THAT ALL  
THROUGH HISTORY THE  
WAYS OF TRUTH AND LOVE HAVE  
ALWAYS WON. THERE HAVE BEEN  
TYRANTS, AND MURDERERS, AND  
FOR A TIME THEY CAN SEEM  
INVINCIBLE, BUT IN THE END THEY  
ALWAYS FALL. THINK OF IT  
—ALWAYS.**

KUSHANDWIZDOM  
MAHATMA GANDHI

