Upcoming at the Casa

SURVIVAL SCHOOL COACHING SESSION
Finding Appropriate Leadership Styles
Wednesday, April 2nd, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, followed by dinner

Discover the Vision
Thursday, 3 April, 11:00 am

12-Step Spirituality Retreat
with Bob Martin
Friday - Sunday, April 4th - 6th

CREATION CONNECTION: ECOLOGICAL MOVIES
TO INSPIRE CONVERSATION AND ACTION
Carbon Nation
Friday, April 11th, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

The Conventual Church of
Our Lady of the Angels
at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Weekend Mass
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

Daily Mass
Monday - Saturday
Holy Day Masses as announced
Reconciliation please call for appointment
Rosary Monday - Friday 6:00 pm
Centering Prayer Thursday 7:45 am
Adoration Last Wednesday 7:00 pm
Front Desk Hours Monday - Sunday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Bookstore Hours Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 8:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Photo by Frank Baselice
A letter from Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of March 29-30, our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, the Catholic Relief Services Collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to help Jesus in disguise.

During drought seasons, the only water available in Ethiopia and other areas of East Africa runs deep underground—often as deep as 1,000 feet. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) worked with other aid partners to bring in rigs that can drill down to these depths. Taking into account the nomadic nature of many people in this region, they made wells along community migratory paths so they can continue to graze their herds and move them according to their needs. These water sources make a tremendous difference in the community. Livestock stay healthier and produce more milk, which means that the people have more food and rely less on outside resources. However, more work remains to be done. Many of the wells serve double the population they were made for, and program managers fear that the communities will be unable to continue their pastoral work if more wells are not added.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) is a dedicated network of legal immigration programs that promote the dignity and protect the rights of immigrants. Religious Immigration Services (RIS), a department of CLINIC, assists Catholic religious workers with visas. In 2013, they helped a priest from Kenya enter the United States on a religious worker visa, so that he could serve as a chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor and St. Anne’s Home in San Francisco. The home gives elderly people of limited financial means a place to live with dignity. Since its foundation in 1901, the home has welcomed more than 20,000 elderly men and women of all faiths, nationalities, and backgrounds. Thanks to the CRS Collection, they now have a chaplain.

CLINIC and CRS are two of six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by the Catholic Relief Services Collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to Jesus in the disguise of suffering people each day.

Please be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

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Remarrying Couples Seminar
A program for those seriously considering another marriage

Judith McHale, LPC & Tom Mitchell, LPC

Saturday, April 26, 9:00-4:00 pm

The preparation for this marriage can be more important than that for the first marriage whether that marriage ended by death or divorce.

Fee per couple includes lunch: $110

Divorced & Separated Retreat

May 2-May 4, 2014

Judith McHale, MA, LPC
Tom Mitchell, PhD, LPC

Change your perspective!
Learn to turn the relationship experiences of the past into life lessons that promote insight and growth.

Judith McHale, MA, LPC, is the Director of the Counseling Ministry at the Franciscan Renewal Center. She has a private practice specializing in individual/group therapy and family origin issues.

Tom Mitchell, PhD, received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Union Institute and his Masters of Counseling from Arizona State University. He has volunteered at the Casa over 13 years.

Fee per person includes lodging, meals and program:
Single: $215; Double: $165; Commuter: $130; includes meals and program

12 Step Spirituality Retreat
April 4-6 with Bob Martin

This is a retreat for men and women practicing 12-Step recovery.

The 12 Steps have been called the great gift of America to spirituality in our lifetime. The main focus of the retreat will be on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous from the Big Book, the 12 & 12, and other sources.

Bob Martin is a retired counselor and educator in recovery for over 35 years. He is an active member of a 12-Step group.

Check-in begins at 5:00 pm Friday
Check-out is 1:00 pm Sunday

Fee per person: $130; with lodging: $215 single, $165 double

Franciscan Mentor Program

Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am - Noon

Who are our Franciscan founders? What is our history? What are our values? What do we mean by the Franciscan way of life? Who are the followers of Francis & Clare?

Topic: Scripture as Formation for Franciscans
We will look at the lives of Francis and Clare and see the power of Scripture in their lives...and in ours.

Presented by: Bill Cieslak, OFM Cap
Fee: $25 per session

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit www.thecasa.org/programs-a-retreats or call 480.948.7460
**ADULT EDUCATION & PROGRAMS**

**Dream Work for Spiritual Growth**

*with Donna DeFelice, MD*
Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Dr. DeFelice will explain how to work with our dreams, how to interpret them and use them as a springboard for further self exploration, prayer, discernment, and growth.  

*Donna DeFelice, MD is a board certified psychiatrist with background training in Jungian psychoanalytics.*

**GRIEF AND LOSS RETREAT**
Friday, May 16-Sunday, May 18

Sheila Marchetta, MA , Mauro Pando, MC & Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC

“There isn’t enough room here to write about how incredible every part of this weekend has been. The program started at the beginning of my grief and worked through to the solution.”  
Comment from 2013 retreatant

This retreat is for anyone grieving over the loss of a loved one. The team provides a supportive setting, shares information about the grief process, and suggests ways to heal during the intense and painful period following a loved one’s death.  

*Fee per person includes lodging, meals and program: Single: $215; Double: $165*

**Illuminating Lent with The Saint John’s Bible**

A series of Twilight Retreats on the Lenten readings using images from the Saint John’s Bible.

The first two books of the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible are here on display at the Casa. Using a dinner and reflection format, they will be used to break open Sunday readings in a manner that allows us to “See the Word” and be challenged not just by what we hear, but also by what we see.

**Dates and topics for dinner and reflections:**

April 2: John’s Prologue  
April 9: The Raising of Lazarus

*Facilitator Larry Fraher, MA, holds degrees in theological studies and systematic theology from St. John’s University Collegeville, MN. He is a PhD student at the Graduate Theological Union.*

*Fee: $20 each date*

**GOSPELS OF THE MONTH**

with Kevin Saunders  
Arizona Bible Class Instructor  
Sunday, April 6. 9:00-10:30 am

No registration. Suggested donation: $10

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit www.thecasa.org/programs-a-retreats or call 480.948.7460
Changing Perspectives: The Challenges of Today’s Homeless Veterans

Friday, April 4, 2014
In the Garces Room in Piper Hall
7:00 – 9:00 pm

With Sean Price and Reverend Scott Ritchey

Presented by the Outreach to Veterans & Military Families Ministry. For more information and to RSVP please email ovmfministry@gmail.com

There are over 1200 homeless veterans living on the streets of Arizona. Many are seniors who served in Korea and Viet Nam. Others veterans are young men and women, some with children.

Join us to learn about the challenges facing homeless veterans and hear from two of the organizations working towards solutions. During the evening you will hear stories of services provided and successful placements of homeless veterans into their own homes and discover what faith based communities can do to help. Come for Stations of the Cross at 5:45pm, stay for simple soup supper and then join the program at 7:00 pm.

Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry
Sells Fair Trade–Plus Coffee
The Next Selling Date is April 5 & 6

Café Justo coffee sales give hope in the face of desperation by providing a viable living wage. Café Justo is excellent, pure, organic coffee, but the taste is even more exquisite when you know that you are reducing poverty for Mexican families. In the spirit of justice, our goal is to provide a means for people to remain on their family lands.

If you would like to join the ministry contact Mitzi Wilson at: olimwilson@yahoo.com.

Lenten Almsgiving

During the Lenten Season we take the time to reflect on our blessings and to look for ways of using less and sharing more with others. It is a time for Almsgiving. Almsgiving can be described as any voluntary contribution given freely in order to assist the needy and the poor. The Casa’s tradition of Almsgiving has been directed to our Franciscan Native American Missions of Whiteriver, San Carlos and Topawa.

The Lenten Envelopes that were distributed in the bulletin can be turned in to one of the “Casa’s Angels” who will be collecting at all the Masses on April 5 & 6. We can accept Bashas’ gift cards, loaded in $25 amounts, cash or checks made out to “FRC”. We thank you for your generosity and concerns for our Native American brothers and sisters. May you enjoy Peace and All Good at this most sacred time.

Contact us at 480-948-7460 Patti Sills-Trausch at x130 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org; Bonnie Wasniewski at x155 or bonnie@thecasa.org & Rita Smith at x146 or rita@thecasa.org
CREATION CONNECTION
Movie Night at the Casa

Friday, April 11, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

This movie night is dedicated to exploring ecological issues as well as sharing ideas on how we can take better care of what God created for us.

[Image: carbon nation]

Even if you doubt the severity of the impact of climate change or just don’t buy it at all, this is still a compelling and relevant documentary by Peter Byck illustrates how SOLUTIONS to climate change also address other social, economic and national security issues. You’ll meet a host of entertaining and endearing characters along the way.

Here is the schedule for the evening:
6:30 pm   Light Dinner
7:00 pm   Movie
8:30 pm   Discussion

Please join us for this Award-winning (2011 Chairman’s Award at the IVCA Clarion Awards) documentary movie.

Fee per person: $10, includes light dinner, movie and discussion

Peter Byck has over 20 years experience as a director and editor. His first documentary “Garbage” won the South by Southwest Film Festival. (It screened in scores of festivals in the U.S. and Europe and played at the Museum of Modern Art and Lincoln Center).

PEACE WALK and
MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Rev. Marvin Brown

We have invited Rev. Marvin Brown to share his thoughts and experience about nonviolence and peace from the Buddhist tradition. A part of the Season for Nonviolence is to explore a variety of peace and nonviolence practices – especially to see what other faiths can teach us.

Mindfulness is the ability to be truly in the Present Moment and in the Present Moment we learn that we have choices. One of the choices that we have is how we act when we are upset. During the Peace Walk, which is an individual journey to find peace in oneself, we will learn to “walk” with our conflicts instead of speaking or acting in a less than kind way. Lunch will be the practice of eating mindfully.

Core course for Nonviolence Leadership Certificate Program. You do not have to be enrolled in the Certificate Program to attend. Open to everyone.

Fee per person: $45, includes lunch

Reverend Marvin Brown is ordained in the Buddhist Order which was founded by Thich Nhat Hanh. He serves as a member on the Boards at Unity, Religious Science and Episcopal Churches.

Be the change you want to see in the world!
To register for these Faith in Action Programs, call 480.948.7460 or visit thecasa.org
Simple thoughts...

“By the mystery of the incarnation, Christ has led the human race, that walked in darkness, into the radiance of faith.” These words come from one of the Lenten Preface prayers in the Roman Missal, and they can bring focus to our readings this weekend. Light and sight are directly related. Without light, there is nothing for the eye to see. Just as the light of the sun (or a light bulb) is necessary to physically see, the light of the Son is necessary to spiritually see. Our second reading reminds us that we were all once in darkness, but now we walk in the light of the Lord. Christ is our light and we are called to see as He sees. When God anoints David through Samuel in the first reading, he tells Samuel, “not as man sees does God see.” The light of the Lord changes our perspective. In the Gospel, the man born blind has never seen light physically through his eyes. He does not seek Jesus out, he didn’t call for him, and his friends didn’t lower him down in front of Jesus on a mat. It was Jesus’ disciples, seeking an answer to a question, that brought the blind man to Jesus’ attention. They ask Jesus, “who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” The disciples were seeing as man sees. It was the belief of the time that the blindness must be a punishment for some sin. Because of this belief, man sees the outcast. Jesus changes their perspective. He sees someone in whom “the works of God might be made visible.” ~ Can we change our perspective? Can we walk in the light of the Lord and see as He sees? It’s not always easy, but the radiance of faith makes it possible.

~ The Church Staff

Do you use our envelope system?
Our envelope system is one of the best ways to manage your financial gifts to the Casa. If you do not use the weekly envelope program, and would like to begin, please contact Rosa at ext. 121 or rosa@thecasa.org and she will get you set up!

Collection Information:
03/16/14: $23,861.79
03/17/13: $24,047.00
We received 285 collection envelopes
Thank you for your generous support!

Low-Gluten Hosts Available at all Masses
Low-gluten hosts are available for those who, for health reasons, cannot consume wheat flour. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host, please inform any minister before Mass begins. At Communion, please identify yourself to the Presider as the person to receive the low-gluten host.

Hospitality Ministry is looking for help at all the Holy Week Liturgies
With Holy Week approaching, the Hospitality Ministry is extending its annual appeal for volunteers to help us serve community members and visitors during this very important and busy time. Hospitality is very important to us at the Casa — that is, offering assistance and a sincere welcome to all who gather here. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

If you can help with greeting worshipers, handing out worshiping aids and bulletins, assisting with the collection, and guiding the faithful to communion, please sign up at the front desk.

Holy Week Schedule:
Palin Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:00 am
Good Friday Stations: Noon
Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm
Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm
Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion: 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday 6:45 am, 8:45 am, & 11:00 am

We thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

If you or a loved one are sick or homebound
Please call the Casa’s front desk if you are unable to attend Mass and members of this community will arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you. Whether your need is for a one-time visit or for an extended period, the Body of Christ can be strengthening nourishment through trying times. We would love to serve in your time of need.
### Family Faith Activities March 30th

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

John’s story of the man born blind weaves together the themes of light, sight, and insight. Jesus heals the man so that he can see. The blind man gains not only his sight but also insight. As we worship Jesus in the Eucharist, our eyes are opened to see Christ in others. Ask your family how they can share the light of God's love with others. **Read John 9:1-41 and discuss:**

1. **What happens when Jesus meets the man born blind?**
2. **How does Jesus heal the man?**
3. **What happens after the man is cured?**
4. **What does the man come to believe about Jesus?**

**Candle Love Activity:** Use a candle to communicate to your children the light of Christ. Pass the candle around to each family member. Have family members take turns telling the person holding the candle, what good things they see in him or her.

**Bump in the Night Activity:** Provide blindfolds for family members and set up an obstacle course. Have your family try to guide each other around the obstacle course with blindfolds on everyone, then with one person with the blindfold off, then with everyone's blindfold off. Discuss how it felt to not see, to be guided by another blind person, and how it was to take the blindfold off and see! Compare to the gospel reading.

**Concluding Prayer:** Dear Jesus, just as you cured the blind man may we be given new vision this Lent. Help us to live as children of light. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Wednesday April 2, 7:00 pm

Communal Reconciliation

Don’t let your child’s First Reconciliation be your last! Bring your family to the Lenten communal reconciliation service to prepare your hearts for Easter by experience God’s unconditional love!

#### Sunday April 6, 10:45 am

Final First Communion/Confirmation Class!

**Topic:** Confirmation signs and symbols

#### Wednesday April 9, 6:30 pm

Infant Baptism Information Session

### The Joys of Giving!

Ideas on teaching our children generosity

- **Involve your kids in decision making**
- **Make giving to others a given**
- **Maintain balance between giving & receiving**
- **Share your own needs with your child**
- **Teach them to offer it up**

Turning the difficulties of the day into a prayer for others is a great lesson on giving, solidarity and love

**Exercise your faith in God’s providence**

Generosity is an attitude of life. It presupposes the faith that god will provide and the conviction that as we have been given, so should we give.

More great parenting ideas at www.Loyolapress.com!

Sign up for their monthly parenting newsletter!
Join the friars and friends of the Franciscan School of Theology for a scholarship fundraising evening

Saturday, April 12, 2014
5:30 in the evening

At the home of Paul & Claudia Critchfield
with spectacular views of Camelback Mountain

Cocktails & Dinner ☺ Dress Resort Casual ☺ Valet Parking

Special Guest Speaker
Mary E. Lyons, PhD, President, University of San Diego

$150 per person

The Franciscan School of Theology
At the Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA

For information please email: cathienelson@cox.net
The Casa brings faith to life

Walt first visited the Casa in the 1970s. After a long absence, he returned five years ago and in 2011 was inspired to become a Catholic through RCIA. “I’ve been a changed person ever since,” he says. “For the first time in my life, I felt God’s grace, and it’s moved me to become a much better person.”

He especially finds comfort in the homilies given by Frs. Joe and Peter and how they put the Bible into historical context. “Going to Assisi with Fr. Joe also helped me to understand the true influence of Francis and Clare,” he says. “It’s no longer just a story.”

Now a “Casa commuter” since moving to Flagstaff last year, Walt finds time to attend Mass no less than one Sunday a month and is a member of the volunteer-led Building Committee that is working hard to move the Master Plan forward. “I’ve been a businessman for a long time, and I am used to taking charge of things,” he says. “Now I am learning to do it the Franciscan way, where we all help and learn from each other.”

The deeply-involved community has been like a family to Walt, and his connections here have enriched his life. “There is nothing like the Casa,” he says. “I had never experienced a living, breathing Catholic church before, and this is it.”

“And let us consider how to rouse one another to love and good works ...” Hebrews 10:24-25

Vision Summit encore presentation

If you missed the Casa’s community-wide Vision Summit in January, we’re holding a special encore presentation for you! Join us on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm, and hear the most recent news about the Casa’s Master Plan renovation and expansion, including the church’s art program and the campus infrastructure improvements, which are expected to begin this spring. We want you to stay in the know, so don’t pass up this important opportunity. Reserve your space today at rsvp@thecasa.org, or call Sheri Baker at 480.948.7460, extension 188.

DISCOVER THE VISION EVENTS

Thursday, 3 April 2014, 11:00 am
Thursday, 1 May 2014, 11:00 am
Thursday, 15 May 2014, 6:00 pm

RSVP to rsvp@thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460, ext. 188

800+ volunteers served the Casa in 2012 - 2013

For more information regarding the RENEWING LIVES initiative, or to contribute material to the Vision Corner, please call 480.948.7460, extension 186 or email communications@thecasa.org
**COUNSELING MINISTRY**

*We Are Here for YOU…*  
We welcome all who are interested in attending.

**Counseling Support Groups**

No appointments required for groups listed below

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**Monday:**  
6:30 - 8:00 pm: Divorce & Separation/Relationship Endings  

**Tuesday:**  
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Grief Support Group  
6:30 - 8:30 pm: Depression Support Group  
(Every other Tuesday. Please check with front desk for dates.)

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**Individual Sessions**

Individual sessions are available mornings, afternoons and evenings, Monday through Friday, and require an appointment.

**To make an appointment, please call the Counseling Ministry at 480.948.7460, ext. 133 between the hours of 8:30 am and Noon.**  
If you know of someone who is looking for help, answers, guidance or just needs someone to listen, please suggest our counseling ministry.

Judith McHale, MA, LPC, Director of Counseling Ministry

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**MEETINGS & CONFERENCES**

We offer non-profit organizations an exclusively serene gathering place for meetings, conferences, and special events. With spaces and lodging designed to inspire the mind and soothe the spirit, as well as exceptional food to nourish the body, the Franciscan Renewal Center is a wellness plan for non-profits that allow them to renew and recharge.

In the words of a past retreatant:

“I want you to know I have really enjoyed working with you. You helped make planning easy and efficient. Our group had a wonderful retreat and sincerely appreciated the Renewal Center accommodations. Any staff members I encountered were friendly and helpful. Everything was in place as promised in our meeting room. Sleeping rooms and dining experience proved to be beyond our expectations.” - Love and blessings, Diane

Visit us at [www.casameetings.org](http://www.casameetings.org) and take a Google Virtual Tour of the campus. We would appreciate it if you would refer any groups, churches, non-profits or government entities to: Sue Force, Director of Meetings and Conference Ministry, sue@thecasa.org or 480.948.7460 x173.
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Fax: 480.948.2325

In need of a place to live: 56 yr. Catholic Female. I have lived in Scottsdale for many years. I am looking for a room to rent from you. Respectful, clean quiet, N/S, N/D. Have references. Call 480.628.5967 or email moonrise747@yahoo.com.

Need a place to live for the summer? I need a house-sitter mid-May to mid-October. Near Arcadia. Must be neatnick. Terms negotiable; references required. 602.840.2163.

In-home Caregiver: Private-duty caregiver in the Phoenix area will provide services in your home. Please call Aury Rivera. 623.755.5706.

Alterations at affordable prices. Please call Janice for a free estimate. 602.526.7274.

Caregiver/Patrol Assistant: Affordable care and help with basic needs. Will treat loved ones with warmth and dignity. 602.595.0512 leave message.

The Casa may publish requests in this space, but it does not reflect our endorsement or knowledge of the people submitting the information. We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

Are you Single? The Casa Single Adult Ministry is for anyone 21-101 years old looking for a place to share their faith with others. Whether you were never married or are divorced or widowed, this is a group for spiritual and women who desire to share their journey with like-minded people of faith. We gather once a month for fun and fellowship. In addition, members often organize outside activities to keep the group connected. We meet at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Friday of every month. Please join us at our next meeting on April 11. For more information or to be added to the group’s email list, contact spiritualsingle@outlook.com.

AZ Males
A group inspired by the teachings of Fr. Richard Rohr OFM, meets at 5:30 pm on the last Wednesday of each month. The discussions are typically centered on one of Fr. Richard’s teachings and philosophy. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting on April 30. Meeting details at www.azmalespirituality.com.

The Casa Rosary Ministry
The Casa Rosary Ministry was introduced in May 2010, and meets at 6:00 pm Monday through Friday in the Meditation Chapel. Divine Mercy is held on Friday night at 5:45 pm followed by the Rosary at 6:00 pm.

The vision is to deliver a Rosary experience that is profoundly moving, uplifting, and unique to help increase our relationship with Jesus Christ and to increase reverence to our Blessed Mother. This is a ministry for the well-being of others and the world. The goal is to honor Our Blessed Mother and the Life of Jesus with a meditative and contemplative approach to each prayer.

About the Franciscan Renewal Center
Since 1951, the Franciscan Renewal Center – affectionately known as the “Casa de Paz y Bien,” or simply “the Casa” – has existed as a Catholic retreat center in Paradise Valley to offer spiritual growth, healing and transformation that moves lives into the service of others.

The Casa was founded by and is today an active religious community of the Order of Friars Minor – part of the worldwide Franciscan family, following the footsteps of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, Calif., that works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Activities at the Casa include daily Mass, Sunday services, private retreats, gathering space for non-profit groups, as well as 50 volunteer ministries that give aid to the poor or vulnerable, empower individuals to improve their circumstances, and build community fellowship. Discover more at www.thecasa.org

If you would like to make a recurring donation to the Franciscan Renewal Center through your debit or credit card, please contact Ryan Hill at developmentpm@thecasa.org or 480.948.7460. Thank you for your generous hearts.

Men in Spirit
Come join us!! The Casa’s “Men in Spirit,” a new men’s group, meets the first Saturday of each month, beginning April 5 from 7:00-9:00 am. Join us for Mass in the Chapel, followed by breakfast and an open discussion about spirituality. Deacon Phil LaCascio will lead our first discussion: “Seeing Through the Eyes of Faith.” Contact jmccroy@yahoo.com

The Casa Prayer Partners…
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The Casa Prayer Partners…
A group inspired by the teachings of Fr. Richard Rohr OFM, meets the first Saturday of each month, beginning April 5 from 7:00-9:00 am. Join us for Mass in the Chapel, followed by breakfast and an open discussion about spirituality. Deacon Phil LaCascio will lead our first discussion: “Seeing Through the Eyes of Faith.” Contact jmccroy@yahoo.com

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About the Franciscan Renewal Center
Since 1951, the Franciscan Renewal Center – affectionately known as the “Casa de Paz y Bien,” or simply “the Casa” – has existed as a Catholic retreat center in Paradise Valley to offer spiritual growth, healing and transformation that moves lives into the service of others.

The Casa was founded by and is today an active religious community of the Order of Friars Minor – part of the worldwide Franciscan family, following the footsteps of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, Calif., that works cooperatively with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Activities at the Casa include daily Mass, Sunday services, private retreats, gathering space for non-profit groups, as well as 50 volunteer ministries that give aid to the poor or vulnerable, empower individuals to improve their circumstances, and build community fellowship. Discover more at www.thecasa.org

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Contact Rivermaya747@yahoo.com.
Did you know…

**someone needs blood every 3 seconds in this country?**

An average of 40,000 units are needed every day in the U.S. 60% of the population will need blood at some time in their lives, yet less than 5% of the population donates blood.

**Schedule your appointment to donate blood at the Casa on April 6.**

Go to: [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com), sponsor code: Franciscan or visit us in the hospitality area after Sunday morning Masses.

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Have your life circumstances changed? It is important to update your will or trust for those you love. When you plan your will, you are helping family members deal with the future. Without a will, the state of Arizona makes some of those decisions for you. You can shape a legacy of generosity by including this community in your plans, so please consider naming the Franciscan Renewal Center in your will or trust.

**Contact Ryan Hill** to learn more about the La Verna Legacy Society and estate planning with the Franciscan Renewal Center. Call 480.948.7466, ext. 145, or visit [thecasa.org/planned-giving](http://thecasa.org/planned-giving).

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**Catholic Charities**

**Community Services**

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**Duet**

**Partners in Health & Aging**

**Rejuvenation for Caregivers**

Duet invites all people who care for aging loved ones to an uplifting retreat that will focus on mind, body and spirit. Take time to care for yourself on **Saturday, April 5, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** at 917 East Sheridan, Phoenix. The $12 cost includes meals. RSVP by phone or email by March 31.

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**Worth Stretching For**

Jean copes with macular degeneration, glaucoma and fibromyalgia. She no longer can see to read newspapers or drive. Happily, our congregation makes it possible for her to remain living in her own home. Duet pairs volunteers from congregations like ours with Jean and hundreds of other seniors and adults with disabilities. Jean benefits from grocery shopping, visits, rides to doctors, and computer training complete with modifications for her vision loss. Jean recently shared, “With Duet, I have gained a sense of freedom. I am so grateful!” Please consider volunteering to help another person in need. It may take a stretch to find that extra hour every week or two. However, your stretch will bring rewards. To register for a volunteer orientation or to request help, contact us.

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Readings and Mass Intentions
March 30 - April 5, 2014

Today: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
Pro-Populo 7:30 am
Joseph I. Phillips 9:15 am
Sally Krupka 11:00 am
Robert (Bob) Presendo 7:00 pm

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Nell Baranski 7:00 am

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Janet Schall 7:00 am

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13ed-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Irene Wielandics 7:00 am

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
William Hoddy 7:00 am

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Chris and Family 7:00 am

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Huin Family 7:00 am
Gary Legner 5:00 pm

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3 7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

The intentions listed here will be the intentions of the priest and will not be announced to the gathered assembly.