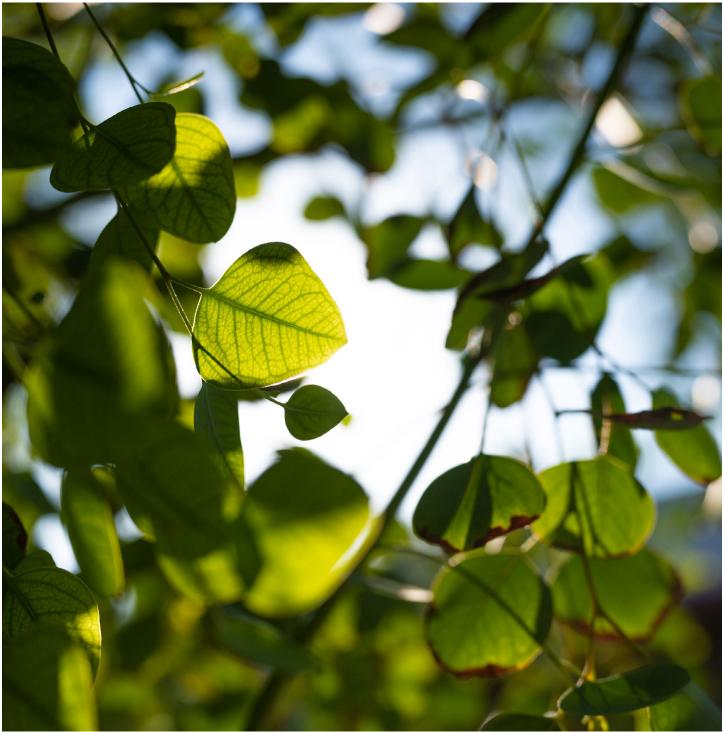
September 1, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

RENEWAL

The Franciscan Renewal Center • Peace. Renewal. Good.



5802 East Lincoln Drive • Scottsdale, Arizona 85253 • Phone 480.948.7460 • thecasa.org

PASTORAL REFLECTION



Dear Holy People of God,

Moses said in the first reading this Sunday, "...What great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?" This question invites us to reflect on our intimacy

with God, especially through the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist, we encounter the fullness of God's nearness, a divine intimacy that surpasses even the closeness described in Deuteronomy. Here, God does not just draw near to us; He becomes one with us. In this Sacrament, Jesus, the Son of God, comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine, not merely as a symbol but as His actual Body and Blood. This mystery of faith allows us to experience God's presence in a way that is both tangible and transformative.

The Eucharist is the gift that surpasses the experiences of ancient Israel. As they marveled at God's proximity in the temple and in His mighty deeds, we are invited to marvel at His humble yet profound presence in the Eucharist. Here, the Almighty God comes to us in the simplest of forms, allowing us to receive Him physically, to be united with Him in a deeply personal and intimate way.

We are all invited to experience the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist during Holy Mass and also in Eucharistic Adoration, which our Church holds every First Friday of the month at 6 pm. Come!

Note: The Eucharist Adoration this month is on Friday, September 6 at 6 pm.

Father Vincent Nguyen, OFM

Vice-Rector

The Conventual Church of

Our Lady of the Angels

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Sunday Mass Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am

Daily Mass Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on **YouTube.com/theCasaFRC**

Taizé Prayer	2nd & 4th Wed	nesday 7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services	Sun. – Sat.	6:00 am -7:30 pm
Adoration	1st Friday	6:00 pm
Bookstore	Sun.	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Mon. & Tue.	Closed
	Wed. & Thu.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Fri.	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
	Sat.	11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions. For weekly readings, visit bible.usccb.org/.

Our Lady of the Angels Church Pastoral Staff					
Rector					
Fr. Page E. Polk, OFM	<u>fatherpage@</u>	fatherpage@thecasa.org x1			
Vice-Rector					
Fr. Vincent Nguyen, OFM	<u>fathervincent@</u>	thecasa.org	x174		
Deacon					
Dcn. Hervé Lemire, OFM Affiliate <u>deaconherve@gmail.com</u>					
FRIARS IN RESIDENCE					
Br. Matt Ryan, OFM <u>brothermatt@thecasa.org</u>					
COMMUNITY LIFE DIRECTOR					
Amy Jo Hutchison	480.306.4320	amyjo@the	casa.org		
Franciscan Renewal Center Executive Administration					
Executive Director					
Charles Brown	<u>casa@</u>	thecasa.org	x175		
Officers of the FRC Board					
Diane Catlin, Chair Richard Murphy, Secreta		retary			
Linda Christian, Treasurer					
Visit: thecasa.org/about-the-casa for all board members and bios					

RENEWAL is published weekly by the Franciscan Renewal Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85253. Federal Tax ID 86-0720036 | Copyright 2024. All rights reserved. **To receive RENEWAL and other Casa news by email**, tinyurl.com/z8t2vj3a

Quaranta Giorni Sul Monte La Verna

Forty Days on Mount La Verna

Two performances Saturday, September 28, 2024 • 7 pm Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 2 pm

800 years ago this month, St. Francis of Assisi spent forty days in a retreat of intense prayer and fasting on a remote and rugged Italian mountain called La Verna. During an afternoon of quiet prayer and meditation, Francis had a mystical vision. In the time following that intense encounter, his companions began to notice marks on his hands, feet, and side that reminded them of the wounds of Jesus. In the remaining two years of his life, Francis never spoke of those marks and apparently tried to conceal them, not wanting to draw attention to himself. The musical performance "Quaranta Giorni" explores the events that led Francis to La Verna in the first place, and stories of what happened on the mountain, as well as what followed that transformative experience.

Special Collection for the Catholic University of America

This is for scholarships to the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. Founded in 1887, CUA offers an education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. For info and donate online, visit engage.catholic.edu/giving/fund-catholic-university

Why do we join in these collections?

Once a month, we participate in some national and international special collections. Offering what we can to these special collections is a reminder that, as Catholics, we belong to a worldwide Church. And helping others is an opportunity to show gratitude to God for the kindness we have been shown.

Upcoming special collections in 2024:

Sep. 15 Catholic University

Oct. 20 Mission Sunday

Nov. 24 Catholic Campaign for Human

Development (CCHD)

Dec. 8 Religious Retirement Fund

Training Ministers of the Eucharist

If you would like to help serve Holy Communion at Mass, our training and orientation is this coming week. These ministers are certified in the Diocese of Phoenix for a period of three years. Our ministers are typically scheduled to serve once or twice a month (and can be more often, if they desire.) If you are insterested in serving, please email Rosa@thecasa.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1st Friday at 6 pm in Our Lady of the Angels Church

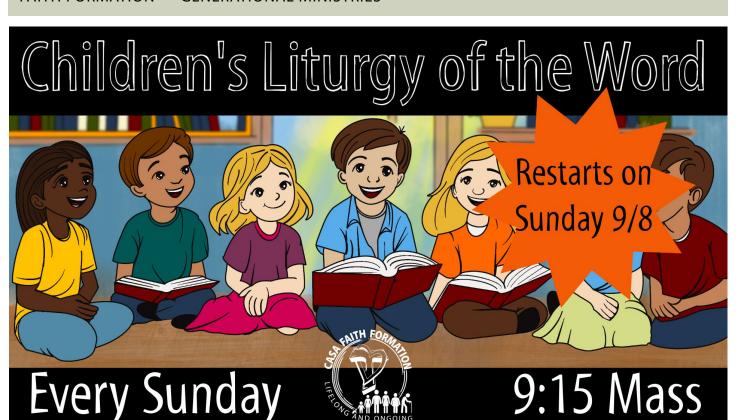
Come and adore Him who loves you unconditionally, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."



Director of Liturgy & Music Assistant Director of Liturgy & Music Executive Assistant to the Liturgy Office Norbert Zwickl Richard Guerra Rosa Rodriguez-Saiz

norbert@thecasa.org richard@thecasa.org rosa@thecasa.org 480.355.0346 480.355.0347 480.355.5642



How to Read the Bible Learning to use "head & heart"

as a means of interpretation

- Offered as a precursor to possibly joining a bible study group.
- Learn how to read the bible in a contemplative and intelligent way.

Wednesdays: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2 7-8 PM in the Liturgy Room

Contact: fred@thecasa.org

Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org

FAITH FORMATION



Donna Kinzie Family Minister

480.355.0344 donna@thecasa.org



Fred Mercadante Director of Faith Formation

480.355.0359 <u>fred@thecasa.org</u>



Cheryl Hentz Adult Minister

480.306.4817 cheryl@thecasa.org



Vincenzo Torsiello Youth Minister

480.306.4334 vincenzo@thecasa. org



Laura Libertore Faith in Action Co-Manager

480.355.5645 laura@thecasa.org



Victor Jaimes Faith in Action Co-Manager

480.306.4027 victor@thecasa.org

Visit our online Faith Formation portal: casafaithformation.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

A one-hour introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

September 5 11:00 am

October 3 11:00 am

November 7 11:00 am

Reserve Your Spot Today

online: thecasa.org/ discover-the-vision

phone: 480.355.5631

email: rsvp@thecasa.org

Casa Franciscana Service Pilgrimage



Wednesday, October 2 – Saturday, October 5

Come celebrate the Transitus and Feast of St. Francis in Guaymas! We'll incorporate time for prayer, meditation, and reflection as well as time to meet our brothers and sisters in Guaymas. **Registration fee is \$315.**

For more information, visit us at: casafranciscanaoutreach.org/servicemission/

Director of Development Development Manager Christopher Meyer Paula A Tobin christopher@thecasa.org 480.355.5634 paula@thecasa.org 480.355.5631

FAITH FORMATION — FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRIES— Visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

Do you have election season excitement? Or burnout? Do you wonder how faith and civic responsibility intersect?

Attend any or all of the FIA Fall Series of programs: Formation of Conscience and Our Baptismal Call in the World.

First program in the Series — Last chance to Register.

Next Sunday, September 8



A Consistent Ethic of Life: A Challenge of Our Baptism.

12 – 3 pm, fee is \$15, includes light lunch.

"An authentic faith...always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it..."

~ Pope Francis

The consistent ethic of life remains controversial among some people and is, generally, poorly understood. The upcoming election and our civic responsibility challenge us to make difficult and important choices, nationally as well as locally. Join us to learn more about the consistent ethic of life; and discuss how it helps form our conscience as Catholics in response to our baptismal call.

Featured presenters:

- Dr. Stephen Millies (Catholic Theological Union, CTU),
- Mary Permoda (Diocese of Phoenix),
- Luke Henkel (Laudato Si' Movement).

Flyer available on FIA LinkTree or in the Lobby.

Registration Closes at 7 pm on Thursday, September 5.

Co - Manager, Faith in Action

Co - Manager, Faith in Action

Victor Jaimes Laura Libertore

laura@thecasa.org

For volunteer opportunities and FIA events, visit: linktr.ee/socialconcerns

September: Hunger Action Month

Email hungeraction@thecasa.org for additional information.



Taizé Prayer Service, September 25 at 7 pm (church). All are welcome.

Service Project(s): Sign-up for service on FIA LinkTree

- St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP), Mondays, September 9 and October 7 from 8:45 - Noon, main kitchen. Help plate the 1,000 daily meals sent to the homeless shelters. 14 - 16 yrs old accompanied by an adult.
- (Sunnyslope), Desert Mission Food Bank, Wednesdays, September 18, and October 16 at 8:45 - 11 am. Sort and bag food, prepare senior and student supplemental bags, distribute food.
- Casa Fall Food Drive, October 13. Volunteer to help. Email HAM.

Donate. Casa Fall Food Drive, Sunday Morning, October 13. Bring shelf stable, nonperishable items for St. Vincent de Paul.

Your Involvement Matters

(Find detailed flyer on FIA LinkTree)

Additional Programs in FIA Fall Series

Formation of Conscience: Living Our Baptismal Call in the World

Sunday, September 15 (9 – 10:30 am, no fee). Franciscan School of Theology (FST) topic: The Franciscan Moral Vision. See Casa Programs/ Retreats Portal for details.

Thursday, September 26 (6:30 – 8:30pm, no fee).

Ballot Initiatives: Filling in the Bubbles. Voter education event on Arizona ballot initiatives by

Casa Valley Interfaith Project (VIP). Details and

registration available on FIA LinkTree. victor@thecasa.org 480.306.4027 480.355.5645

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Spiritual Direction and Private Retreats

Having the opportunity to complete the two-year certification for becoming a Spiritual Director back in 2011, I understand and value this exceptional ministry at the FRC, provided to everyone who desires it. Spiritual companionship is an ancient Catholic tradition that involves dialogue and practices to help people deepen their relationship with God. Here at the FRC, we have over a dozen people trained and ready to work with you or someone you know. Personally, this practice guides me in my journey with God and helps to facilitate my

prayer life and spiritual practices. I recommend this and ask you to please contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of Spiritual Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org.

Private Retreats are offered at the FRC for anyone in our worship community and beyond! In fact, we have people retreat from all over the world. We recently received an exceptional testimonial, and I would like to share: "It was the experience I was looking for, and definitely needed...providing such an experience is beyond description; I absolutely loved it."

If you are interested in a private retreat, please contact Kevin Lee, our Private Retreat Coordinator at klee@thecasa.org

—Charles Brown Executive Director

Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry (TSCM) thecasa.org/tscm

One-on-One Therapy for 18+

Available by appointment.

Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LCSW

Donations are suggested. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

For an immediate crisis, please call 911 or the Maricopa County Crisis Line at 602.222.9444.

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support and Counseling Ministry. counseling@thecasa.org

The Conventual Church of

Our Lady of the Angels

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Mass Offerings

8.18.24 \$24,288 8.20.23 \$17,452

Mass Attendance

8.18.24 1,082 8.20.23 1,109



With over 20 services and programs, we help the most vulnerable in central and northern AZ. Offering low cost counseling services, shelter for homeless veterans, services

and shelter or victims of domestic olence, programs for children 5 and under, support and counseling for women with an unexpected pregnancy, affordable housing through Housing for flope, recruits and serves foster families and many more. For more information, contact: **Phoenix:** 602.285.1999 Email: CatholicCharitiesAZ.org

Ryan Sheade, LCSW, Director of Therapy, Support, and Counseling email: counseling@thecasa.org phone: 480.948.7460, ext. 134

EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — To register, visit thecasa.org/programs and click on Programs Portal



CLASS

The Stories You Need to Tell Saturdays: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5 and 12 | 11 am - 12:30 pm

Cristiane Busato Smith

We are all storytellers, and telling stories about our spiritual journeys — our individual contact with God and the Divine within us — can be enlightening and healing.

Fee: \$150 for six sessions.



PROGRAM

Enneagram Revelations with the 9 Types Wednesdays: September 18 – November 20 | 6:30 – 9 pm

Karen Adams

A foundational and experiential training in the understanding of the 9 Enneagram types, the dynamic interrelations among the types, and the potential beyond type.

Fee: \$225 per person for all ten sessions.



RETREAT

Broken and Blessed Retreat for Suicide Loss Survivors October 4 – 6, Friday – Sunday

Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The Broken and Blessed Retreat will help those bereaved by suicide reconcile and process their pain, understand their feelings of powerlessness, and find comfort in God's mercy.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter.



PROGRAM

Compassionate Communication: Core Concepts and Practices Thursdays: October 10 – November 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Christine Dove, MSW

You will learn the 4-step process that promotes more connection in our everyday lives. You will learn how to use it when you or another is angry and/or overwhelmed.

Fee: \$100 per person for all five sessions.



RETREAT

St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God

October 31 - November 8

Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS

This 8-day retreat opens with a presentation on the life of St. Bonaventure to provide context for reflection on his work. 2024 is the last year planned for this amazing retreat.

Fee, incl meals: \$1,250 single room; \$950 double room per person; \$800 commuter.

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, visit <u>thecasa.org/programs</u> and click on Programs Portal. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing <u>lora@thecasa.org</u>.

EDUCATION, RETREATS, AND EVENTS — To register, visit thecasa.org/programs and click on Programs Portal



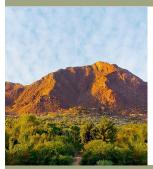
RETREAT

Marriage: It's Not for the Faint of Heart November 22 – 24, Friday – Sunday

Erica Tatum-Sheade, LCSW and Ryan Sheade, LCSW

Join married therapists Ryan and Erica for a three-day retreat designed to help strengthen communication, respect, intimacy, and understanding in your marriage.

Fee per person, incl. meals: \$175 double room; \$150 commuter.



RETREAT

Grief and Loss

December 13 – 15, Friday – Sunday

Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC

Experience a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal and move forward from this intense and painful period.

Fee, incl. meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter.



ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT

A Brush with God December 12 – 15, Thursday – Sunday

Peter Pearson, MDiv, ThD

Saint Lucy, whose name literally means "light," is one of the early martyrs of the Church of Rome. We will walk through the process of creating our own Saint Lucy icons.

Fee, incl. meals: \$600 single room; \$400 commuter.



RETREAT

New Year's

December 30 – January 2, Monday – Wednesday

Peter Pearson, M.Div, Th.D

Come away for a bit. Pause, breathe, and reflect. Make this ending/beginning an opportunity to live more intentionally.

Fee, incl. meals: \$300 single room; \$150 commuter.



RETREAT

Befriending Our Belovedness Saturday, February 15 | 9 am – 4 pm

Diane Millis, PH.D

It's easy to forget who we are and who we were created to be. This retreat is designed for all those who are seeking to claim their identity as God's beloved.

Fee, incl. lunch: \$100 per person.

To see all of our upcoming programs and to register, visit <u>thecasa.org/programs</u> and click on Programs Portal. Registrations can also be made by visiting or calling our Guest Services Desk, or by emailing <u>lora@thecasa.org</u>.



An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

Our Spiritual Direction Ministry offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God in our lives and deepening that relationship.

Spiritual direction or companionship is not counseling, it is holy listening and discernment

of God's voice in our lives. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

Faith Sharing Groups at the Casa

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. **SpiritualDirection@thecasa.org**

Contemplation in the Desert gathers in the Healing Garden on Mondays at 7 am. **CareforCreation@thecasa.org**

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation meets Wednesdays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, in the Spiritual Direction room between the Guadalupe and Tekakwitha conference rooms.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets Fridays following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Send prayer requests to **HealingPrayers@thecasa.org**.

Men in Spirit. Christian men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8 am for breakfast in the dining room, followed by discussion. Zoom available. **MeninSpirit@thecasa.org**

Rosary Group meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel and on zoom. Requests for meeting information, zoom link, and prayer intentions, contact: **Rosary@thecasa.org.**

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets on the second Sunday of the month. This Canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: John Elder, OFS, at **johncelder@gmail.com** or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions September 1–7, 2024

Sunday	
Charlie Campbell	7:30 am
Minerva Valls	9:15 am
Ed Davis	11:00 am
Monday NO MASS	8:00 am
Tuesday	
Fr. Vincent Nguyen, OFM	8:00 am
Wednesday Nancy Marshall	8:00 am
Thursday	
Geraldine Eagan	8:00 am
Friday John & Harriet Kowalski	8:00 am

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

4:00 pm

About the Franciscan Renewal Center

Saturday

Thomas Muldowney

The Franciscan Renewal Center ("the Casa") is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith. Activities at the Casa include:

- Weekday (Mon. Fri.) and Weekend Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Church
- Meetings and conferences for religious and nonprofit groups
- Therapy, counseling, and support groups
- Education, retreats, and events
- Family faith formation and Young Adult ministry
- Volunteer ministries, including those in service of the poor and vulnerable
- Spiritual direction

The Franciscan Renewal Center was founded as a Catholic retreat, called Casa de Paz y Bien (the Casa), by the Order of Friars Minor in 1951. It remains an active religious community that seeks to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.





Subscribe to YouTube youtube.com/TheCasaFRC



DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit Ipicommunities.com



SHORT STAFFED



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Cindy Kelly

Ckelly@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2695

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



Richard J. Getzen, CFP, CLU, CHFC

WEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

THE GETZEN GROUP, INC

- Investment Advisory
- Fixed & Alternative Investments
- Taxes, Wills and Trusts

Office (480) 998-8150

Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP* CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and federally registered CFP (with flame logo), which it awards to individuals who successfully complete initial and





ADT-Monitored Home Security Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection Carbon Monoxide

AUT Authorized SafeStreets

833-287-3502



800-950-9952

SUPPORT **OUR PARISH**

Local business ads sponsor the printing of our bulletin.

4lpi.com/adcreator

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMed*Alert*!

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire ✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW 800.808.9294 a md-medalert.com



BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.





602.954.6517

BiltmoreProPrint.com **Full Service Printer**

> Family Owned Since 1981

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

AD CREATOR STUDIO





kitchen **tune·up**

602.848.3240 • kitchentuneup.com Eric and Jennifer Warbasse Locally owned and operated by diocesan parishioners Update. Upgrade. Uplift



NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com













- Anywhere Anytime
- Crédentialed Drivers
- New Full Size Vehicles

Call or Text 602-810-5208

Accepting Applications For Drivers.

(Retired or Active Clergy, First Responders & Veterans Wanted)



Plumbing Heating & Air

480.405.4380





Serving the Diocese of Phoenix since 1949. www.hansenmortuary.com



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Mesa Market Place Swap Meet

FREE Parking • Admission • Live Music OPEN Fridays Saturdays & Sundays 7:30am to 4pm each day

480-380-5572 www.mesamarket.com

At Highway 60 & Signal Butte Rd., Exit 193 10550 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa 85209





4402 East Camelback Rd. 602.840.1144

SchmittJewelers.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit Ipicommunities.com







CatholicMatch.com/AZ







Maintenance | Mantenimiento Air Ducts | Ductos de Aire

602.571.5897 LOCALLY OWNED & FAMILY OPERATED