Upcoming at the Casa

The Rosary: Discover the Treasure
Rediscover “a prayer so easy and yet so rich.”
Saturday, September 14, 9 am - 12 pm

Hunger Action Workshop: Through Our Hands
Come and see another way that we can love and serve others.
Sunday, September 22, 12:15 - 3 pm

St. Bonaventure’s Journey Into God Retreat
With Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS
Thursday, October 31—Friday, November 8

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

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CELEBRATING THE LITTLE ANGELS
at OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

To the parents of our young children:

~ Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.” So relax! God put the wiggle in children; don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house.

~ Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what’s going on at the altar. (They tire of seeing the backs of others’ heads.)

~ Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the ministers and sing the songs and pray the responses. (Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.)

~ If you have to step out during Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back in. By your example, you will teach them that it is courteous and respectful to stay until the end.

~ All are welcome here. Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the members of our community:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our community is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.
Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Are you seeking full initiation into the Roman Catholic church? If so, then you are invited to explore “A Journey in Faith: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).” The RCIA is the sacramental formation process that prepares individuals for living the Christian life in the Roman Catholic community and tradition.

The RCIA sessions will begin on **Tuesdays, starting the first week of October from 7 - 9 pm**. The first four “inquiry sessions” are open and you are encouraged to attend all four sessions, but are welcome to begin attending anytime during those four weeks. These inquiry sessions are designed to help you discern whether or not you want to continue on this Journey in Faith through full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church at Easter. Please call Kathleen Garast at 480.483.3803 for more information. You can also email us at rcia@thecasa.org.

**Seeking Sponsors for the RCIA**

We will also be seeking community members from the Our Lady of the Angels Church to walk with these individuals as Sponsors on this Journey in Faith. Sponsor training will begin in October as well. For more information, call Jeff Rochford at 602.369.7882.

What do these men have in common:

An attorney, a professional engineer with 3 young children, a 30-something newlywed, an occupational therapist, a 90-something retired real estate agent, a computer programmer, a kitchen designer, an IT specialist, a golf pro, and a business owner ...

They all have beautiful singing voices, can read music, and are members of the Casa Choir.

We are looking for a few more good men to join the ranks of the Casa Choir.

The choir resumes regular weekly rehearsals starting this week, so **now** is the time to join.

Contact Norbert at norbert@thecasa.org to schedule an audition. All members must be able to read music notation. Previous choir experience is very helpful, but not absolutely necessary.

A prayer for Labor Day

*On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor — in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your name. We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.*

*May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*
Next Sunday!  
**Get ready…**

**Set...**

**Go!**

**Liturgy of the Word for Children begins!**

At the 9:15 am Mass, kids ages 6 – 12 will be called forward after the opening prayer to process to their own sacred space in the Capistrano building.

After listening to the readings, singing the psalm, discussing the Gospel, reciting the Creed, and participating in the Prayers of the Faithful, they will return to the main assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

No registration or fees are required. All children in this age group are welcome!

**Did you forget something?**

Lose your paperwork?

Forgot to drop it off?

**Last call for Family Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation registration!**

Contact the office for more information.

**NEED BAPTISM?**

Over the age of 7?

*Contact Donna or Patty in the Family Faith Formation office.*

A special preparation program called the RCIA for Children is offered to all kids and teens desiring full initiation into the church.

Sessions begin this month, and participants will receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil in April.

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**Family Faith Activities Sept. 1**

**The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**REFLECTION:** Where is your place at the dinner table?

During the time of Jesus, there was a pecking order to seating, not only for family meals, but for guests at banquets. Banquets were given to celebrate an event or holiday and gathered the social and political supporters of a patron. The patron would use the banquet to cement relations with his clients. He would also define the place of each client based upon his seat. The closer the client sat to the patron, the more important the client became in the eyes of his patron.

Jesus addressed the issue of seating arrangements with two messages. To the guest, Jesus warned against overreaching. In fact, sit below one's rightful position, so the patron-host can honor the humble guest by giving him a higher place. So, Jesus preached humility as a means to glory. To the host, Jesus advised a different kind of banquet. Instead of using a feast to network, arm-twist, or entreat your guests for favors and pay-backs, throw a party that mirrored God’s Kingdom. Feed and serve the poor, the sick, and the stranger. They can’t repay the debt, but God can. Larry Broding word-Sunday.com

**CONVERSATION:** How do you show care for others?

**PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:**

Read: Luke 14:1, 7-14

• Why does Jesus tell His followers a story?

• Where does the story say to sit at a party?

• Why is it best to take the lowest place?

• What about caring for the poor?

**ACTION:** Kingdom Dinner: Instead of sitting at your regular places, draw places at random, but make sure to honor the person who sits at the head of the table. Second, plan a simple meal, but set an extravagant table with food you intend to share with the poor. Reread the Gospel and stress God's table in His Kingdom.

**PRAYER:** O loving and caring God, You care for those who are poor and hungry. Help us to show Your love and care for others. Amen.

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For Baptisms, Sacramental Preparation and Family Catechesis, contact Patty Tafolla at 480.355.0359 or dcm@thecasa.org; Donna Kinzie at 480.355.0344 or donna@thecasa.org. For Youth Ministry, contact James Whitaker at 480.355.0343 or youth@thecasa.org

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Auditorium and Lobby Remodeling News!

The San Damiano Auditorium and the lobby will undergo renovations beginning mid-March 2020, thanks to a grant from the Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation.

These fully funded projects will provide guests and community members a more welcoming ambiance with greater natural lighting, a better view line of the grounds, more defined entrances, upgraded amenities, and safer spaces. The design elements are intended to create a harmonious dialogue between the Our Lady of the Angels Church and the new Community Life Center for a more unified feel and functionality on campus.

Just like the remodeling of Perricone Plaza and building the Assisi Lodge, professional design and construction committees, alongside FRC leadership, will meet to discuss and determine renovation needs. With architect Richard Long, Jr., AIA, President of L Architect, interior designer Matthew Boland, and Caruso Construction on board, this collaboration will facilitate the best possible outcome for the projects and the Casa’s intention to respect our history, meet present needs, and plan for the future.

Auditorium renovations are expected to begin mid-March 2020 and be completed by mid-September 2020. Lobby renovations are expected to begin Spring 2021 and be completed by Summer 2021.

Updates will be provided as they become available... stay tuned!

Books and Blessings
bookstore & spiritual boutique at the Casa

Featuring original art, gifts, jewelry, statuary, greeting cards and books that feed the heart and soul. Located in the Capistrano building.

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Please stop by. We look forward to serving you! Visit us online at Booksandblessingsgiftshop.com

Thank you for your stewardship!

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We received 237 collection envelopes.

SUPPORT GROUPS

No appointments required. All Are Welcome.

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

**Tuesday:**
5:30 - 7 pm: Grieving the Loss of a Loved One
6:30 - 8 pm: Depression and Anxiety

**Wednesday:**
6:30 - 8 pm: Addiction & Family

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
You pray for the hungry, and then you feed them. That's how prayer works. (credited to Pope Francis)

YOU are needed: 18% of the AZ population is food-insecure, impacting all kinds of families and individuals.

YOU can help:
* VISIT the Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) table in the Hospitality area to sign up to donate food items or make monetary donations toward our new project, Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags. Find us in the Hospitality area these upcoming weekends: Sept. 7/8, 14/15.
* ATTEND Hunger Action Through our Hands Event on September 22 at 12:15 pm with speaker Yolanda Soto from Borderlands Produce Rescue. Visit the Casa Events web page for registration information or follow this link: HAM 9/22.
* ASSIST in the assembly of 300 Food-or-a-Meal Bags.
* WEAR orange during the month of September. With your donation, you can receive the Hunger Action reusable tote bag.

For information, visit Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) webpage or contact hungeraction@thecasa.org and request Hunger Action Month information.

ACT-LOVE-WALK is a justice formation course/program for 8-14 participants. Together, the group encounters Franciscan stories and their own stories in connection to issues in our world today. For seven months, participants explore:
- How are we called to live justly in our modern world, its challenges, struggles, and joys?
- How are we called to care for the vulnerable?
- How do we grapple with and respond to "the signs of our times?"
- What words might St. Francis have to inspire or challenge us?

The full program starts on October 22. Request more information at alw@thecasa.org

Find out more: Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Act-Love-Walk, A “Pilgrimage-in-Place” Overview Session/Information and Discernment

No Fee. Register online or call Amy at x 132

All are Welcome:

JustScripture is celebrating 10 years of faith-sharing and love of Scripture. You are invited to join us next Sunday morning, September 8, at 9 am, in the Garces room in Piper Hall.

In JustScripture, we share a personal reflection of how God speaks to us through Scripture in ways we can understand. I don’t have to be a scholar to hear God’s message of love.

- "I have been coming to JustScripture since the beginning. It is a continual adventure. Somebody always comes up with some new idea or interpretation; something I had not heard before. Plus, the fellowship with others is beyond price." VB, JS participant
- "JustScripture is a gentle introduction to prayer and reflection in community with others." Kathy, JS participant

Throughout the 10th Anniversary year, please join us on any second Sunday of the month. For more information, contact: kgarast@aol.com. Provide your contact information and you will receive the monthly invitation, readings, and meeting location.

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org; Laura Libertore at 480.355.5645 or laura@thecasa.org.
Sometimes, in Order to Move Forward—Retreat!

Sept. 6 - 8  
Boundless Compassion Retreat
Colleen Shepard & Ruth Baker
Explore how to grow in compassion by starting with your inner self.

Fee: Commuter, $135 includes meals; with lodging, single, $250; double per person, $150.
Check in Friday 5 pm; dinner 6 pm.
Retreat ends Sunday, 1 pm.
Pre-registration required.

Boundless Compassion Retreat
Friday, Sept. 6—Sunday, Sept. 8
Colleen Shepard & Ruth Baker
Explore how to grow in compassion by starting with your inner self.

Spend some time learning about the life of St. Bonaventure and his journey of developing a relationship with God.

Fees, including meals: $550; with lodging $995 single, $725 double per person.
Pre-registration required.

Walking the Footsteps of Thich Nhat Hanh & Thomas Merton
Friday, Nov. 15—Sunday, Nov. 17
Tom Stella & Jerry Braza
Guides for a Life of Prayer and Peace

Fee: $135 commuter, includes meals; with lodging $250 single, $150 double per person.
Pre-registration required.

Grief and Loss Retreat
Friday, Dec. 13—Sunday, Dec. 15
Sheila Marchetta, MA; Mauro Pando, MC; and Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC
For anyone feeling the loss of a loved one.

Fee: $135, includes meals; with lodging $250 single, $150 double per person.
Pre-registration required. Sign up early, retreat limited to 20.

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents
Friday, Dec. 13—Sunday, Dec. 15
Marianne Gouveia & Fr. Peter Kirwin, OFM
Serving the spiritual needs of parents who have lost a child.

Fee: $135 commuter, includes meals; with lodging $250 single, $150 double per person.
Pre-registration required.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Mindful Meditation  
Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 am - 3 pm  
Debbie Holexa  
Learn how to become aware of our inner critic and how to cultivate kindness to our inner selves.  
Fee: $50, includes lunch.  
Pre-registration required.  

Meditation in Movement:  
Kouk Sun Do  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 9 - 11 am  
Jung Ai Kim  
A program to train our body, mind and spirit  
Fee: $60 for a course of six weekly sessions.  

Hermit, Preacher, Wanderer: Songs and Stories from the Road  
Concert  
Friday, Sept. 13, 7 - 9 pm  
Fr. Cyprian Consiglio  
Fr. Cyprian Consiglio, OSB Cam will present a concert evening of songs and stories.  
Fee: $20 per person. Tickets can be purchased online or at the front desk. For online purchases, tickets can be picked up at the front desk, or at will call the day of the concert.  
Kids, 17 and under are free.  

The Rosary: Discover the Treasure  
Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 am - 12 pm  
Elizabeth Marietti and James Peck  
This seminar reaches out to those seeking to learn the spiritual depth of the Rosary with the guidance of Saint John Paul II, who implored the Church to rediscover “a prayer so easy and yet so rich.”  
Fee: $20, includes all materials.  
Pre-registration required.  

World Peace Day  
Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 am - 2 pm  
Sign up to be a part of the Peace Day Aerial Photo which will conclude with an Interfaith Prayer and the Presentation of the Casa Peace Award.  

Reach for the Stars  
Begins Wednesday, Oct. 2  
7 - 8:30 pm  
Susan Wrubel  
Improve flexibility and body strength by using gentle stretching and allow stress and worry to slip away while being underneath the beautiful sky of stars!  
Fee: $40.  
Pre-registration required.  
Four October evenings on 2, 9, 16 & 23  

Native American Flute Journey Extended  
Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 am - 3 pm  
Hank Molder  
Come learn about and experience the beautiful sound of the Native American Flute.  
Fee per person: $70, lunch included.  
Pre-registration required. Limited seating only.  
Flute is hand-made: $50. Purchase in class and pay directly to presenter.  

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Divine Timing

I started writing this article twice, during two separate heat advisories. Living in the Valley of the Sun, we know to be prepared for summer's heat. We also know and trust that eventually, summer will fade, autumn will arrive, and we'll move from this intense heat to warm days with cooler evenings. While this happens too soon for some and not soon enough for others, we know and trust that it will happen.

Nature and its seasonal changes remind me of divine timing. Things happen when they're supposed to — no sooner, no later. We can't rush or delay this process, and we only make things harder on ourselves if we try to. This helps teach us patience, trust, and faith; which it seems I'm always in need of learning. How much easier life would be if I just trusted that all was as it should be, working in divine order and in divine timing. I feel a sense of relief when I just trust and have faith. I relax, tensions and worries quickly fade away, and I feel like I'm seeing the world through new, fresh eyes.

I'm grateful for the sometimes-subtle changes in season here in the desert. I'm grateful for the beautiful grounds here at the Franciscan Renewal Center to enjoy those seasons. I'm grateful to be reminded of divine order and timing. Everything is as it should be.

— Colleen Rogers, Donor Relations, 480.306.4914

Do You Really Need a Will?!

Last week, we shared the common misconception that you only need a will if you have substantial assets. Not true.

In fact, no matter how much (or how little) property you have, it is important to have a will. A will allows you to make choices about how your assets will be distributed, and eases the burden on those you leave behind. If you don't have a will, the state will decide for you.

Last week, we gave two reasons for including a legacy gift in your will. It is easy and costs you nothing during your lifetime. Here are two more reasons to consider a legacy gift:

- **It can change lives.** Making a gift through your will can ensure that the life-giving programs and ministries that have meant so much in your life will be here for future generations.
- **It creates a lasting legacy for you.** Leaving a legacy reminds family and community of all that you have loved and valued in your life, and is the most tangible way to have an impact far beyond your own lifetime.

At the Casa, there is no gift too large or too small — everyone has a place at this table. Whatever the asset, each and every gift makes an important contribution to the future of the Casa.

To learn how you can make a difference in the lives and causes you love, visit our legacy website: [http://www.frclegacy.org/](http://www.frclegacy.org/), or contact Mary Dunn at 480.355.0345, or endowment@thecasa.org.
About the Franciscan Renewal Center

In 1951, the Casa de Paz y Bien began as a Catholic retreat center in Scottsdale. Now, as the Franciscan Renewal Center (still affectionately called the Casa) we offer opportunities for 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 Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is a wholly owned entity of the Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara, based in Oakland, California, 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 volunteer ministries that assist the poor or vulnerable, empower individuals to improve their circumstances, care for the environment, and build community fellowship. Discover more at thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460.

Mass Intentions

September 1 – September 7, 2019

**Sunday**  Benefactors FMU  7:30 am
 **Pro-Populo**  9:15 am
 Sean Michael Hess  11:00 am
 Mrs. Velo Oliver  7:00 pm

**Monday**  Olga Sunderland  7:00 am

**Tuesday**  Xavier M. Castro  7:00 am

**Wednesday**  Claire Ann Zwickl  7:00 am

**Thursday**  John and Harriet Kowalski  7:00 am

**Friday**  Olga Sunderland  7:00 am

**Saturday**  David Hall  7:00 am
 George Wendell  5:00 pm

For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

Mass Intentions for Next Week

**Sunday:** Pro-Populo; Don Woods; Garnet Jordal and Dorothy Schaffer; Al and Eileen Hand. **Monday:** Claude and Carol Czekaj. **Tuesday:** Margie McGrail. **Wednesday:** Lillian Radigan. **Thursday:** Kathy Kontos. **Friday:** Cheryl Barlett. **Saturday:** Sister Elana Gonzales; George Wendell.

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

Faith Sharing Groups

**Casa Prayer Partners Ministry** petitions prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@gmail.com

**Casa Rosary Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday, 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel to share our prayer intentions, and those of the community. Through the Rosary, we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other as we contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

**Casa Singles** Single, Divorced, Widowed — AGES 40+, meets on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7 pm. For more information and to be added to the email list, contact rick@thecasa.org.

**Cornerstone at the Casa Meditation** Wednesdays 11:30 am in the Spiritual Direction/Cornerstone Center and Mondays 8:30 am in Room B. All are welcome.

**Men in Spirit** This group of Christian men meets the first Saturday of every month for 7 am Mass, breakfast, then discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact: Al Sapia-Bosch or Chuck Jirauch: MenInSpirit@thecasa.org.

**The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity** meets at the Casa on the second Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 pm. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343.

Nonprofit Meetings and Conferences

Nonprofit organizations are offered an exclusively serene gathering place for meetings, conferences and special events. For more information about hosting your next nonprofit event at the Casa, contact Indra Rodney, Director of Meetings & Conferences at 480.355.5632 or indra@thecasa.org.

Spiritual Direction

A **spiritual director/companion** is trained to listen and encourage you to explore a closer relationship with God through conversation, listening and prayer. If you are curious about **spiritual direction** at the Casa, or would like to make an appointment, please contact: Cathy Olds at 480.948.7460, x162 or spiritualdirection@thecasa.org.

Upcoming Special Collections

Sept. 14,15: The Catholic University
Sept. 28,29: Franciscan Missionary Union (Province)
Oct. 19,20: Mission Sunday (Diocese)