Upcoming at the Casa

Suicide Prevention and Intervention
With Ryan Sheade, LCSW
Friday, September 13, 9 am - 4 pm

CONCERT: Hermit, Preacher, Wanderer
Songs and Stories from the Road
With Fr. Cyprian Consiglio
Friday, September 13, 7 - 9 pm

Young Adult Symposium
With Maureen Day & John Roberto
Saturday, October 12, 8 am - 5 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 as announced
High Holy Day Masses
Reconciliation please call for appointment
Rosary Tuesday 6:00 pm
Centering Prayer Thursday 7:45 am
Front Desk Hours Monday - Saturday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am - 8:30 pm

Books & Blessings Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Small Acts of Kindness

Walking out of church today, are you inspired by Paul’s letter to Philemon (a leader in the Colossian church), asking that the “good you do be voluntary and not something forced (Phlm 1:14)”? Is your heart open to the message found in James Chapter 2: “I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works (James 2:18)” ? These are challenging words for us. The challenge lies in the relationship of faith and works (deeds): a genuine, living faith will produce good works willingly. When we do good works, we honor God.

Our Sunday Mass celebration brings our community together to give thanks, praise, and hear the Lord’s word. As Mass ends, we are sent forth into the world and asked (not forced) to make a difference! As had Sts. Francis and Clare, we have opportunities to open our hearts and not only hear, but also follow God’s call.

Today, take a moment to reflect on the many ministries and opportunities offered to our OLA community. For instance, you are invited to participate in the activities of the Casa’s Weekend of Peace and Good. Learn about Peace Day and the Casa Hunger Action Ministry (HAM). September is Hunger Action Month and HAM is one example of a team of people whose hearts are touched by the hunger seen in our community, state, and world, and are motivated to act. HAM’s opportunities are your opportunities. Wear orange. Pray. Contribute to the new project: Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags. Register for our “Through Our Hands – We Serve in Love” workshop on September 22.

The Hunger Action Ministry at the Casa believes that food is hope and strives to be change agents and to take action against hunger. “As peacemakers, we are called to share our good earth’s bounty, sharing tables with all and celebrating the big and small ways that God restores our broken world.” Every small act of kindness makes a difference, especially when done voluntarily. Amen.

Peace and Good,

Laura Libertore, Faith in Action Program Coordinator
Special Collection next weekend for the Catholic University

Next weekend, we will participate in the national collection for The Catholic University of America, which is the national university of the Catholic Church, located in Washington, D.C. This collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. For those who use our collection envelope service, you will find an extra envelope for this purpose in your packet. As is our custom, there will be only one collection during Mass, so please drop this envelope, along with your gift to the Casa, in the collection basket. Extra envelopes can be found in the narthex.

Why do we join in these collections?

We demonstrate our care and concern for the larger Church, of which we are a part. Offering what we can to the special collections is a reminder that we, as Catholics, belong to a worldwide Church, and how we can help others is a way to say thank you to God for the kindness we have been shown.

Upcoming special collections:
- Sep. 28 & 29: Franciscan Missionary Union
- Oct. 19 & 20: Mission Sunday
- Nov. 23 & 24: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Dec. 7 & 8: Retired Religious Fund

Last Chance to join the Casa Choir

The Casa Choir has now begun regular weekly rehearsals. So, now is the last chance to audition and join the choir. All choir members must be able to read music notation. Previous choir experience is very helpful, but not absolutely necessary.

To schedule an audition, please contact Richard at richard@thecasa.org.

The New Casa Handbell Choir is starting now!

The new Casa Handbell Choir is starting rehearsals beginning this week. Adults and teens are welcome. This is an intergenerational opportunity — a great thing for families to do together. No experience is necessary. Reading music helps, but is not required. You will learn all that you need to know. Rehearsals are every Monday from 5 - 6 pm, starting Monday, Sept. 9 through May. You can email CasaBellsAZ@gmail.com for info.

It’s time to sign up now!

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 are also seeking community members 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.
How Was School Today?

Creative Ways to Encourage Conversation with your Kids!

- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class?
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- Tell me a weird word that you heard today.
- How did you help somebody today?
- Tell me one thing that you learned today.
- When were you the happiest today?
- When were you bored today?
- If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed someone up, who would you want them to take?
- Who would you like to play with at recess that you’ve never played with before?
- Tell me something good that happened today.
- Where do you play the most at recess?
- Who is the funniest person in your class?
- What was your favorite part of lunch?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would you trade with? Why?

Family Faith Activities Sept. 8
The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

REFLECTION: The people in the large crowd that Jesus addressed in today’s Gospel were deeply committed to loving and honoring their parents. That’s why Jesus’ words must have been shocking to them, saying that they must turn from their parents (some translations even say “hate”).

The point Jesus wanted to make was that nothing—not family nor possessions—could interfere with a person’s choice to follow Jesus. Jesus was making a point about how committed we should be if we want to follow Him.

Discipleship is how we live in the everyday world—how we treat those around us. Each morning, we might consider the challenges we will face with people throughout the day. This preparation can help us deal with unexpected issues or irritations in order to act like disciples. Asking Jesus to help us throughout the day will remind us that we are not alone!

(RCL Benziger)

CONVERSATION:
One thing in my life that gets in the way of following Jesus is ...

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:
Read: Luke 14:25-33

- What does Jesus tell the people about giving their cares to God?
- Who cannot be Jesus’ disciple?
- What does Jesus tell his followers to give up?

ACTION: Have each person in the family cut out a cross from a large sheet of paper and draw symbols on the cross that describe their personal commitment to Jesus. When finished, share your symbols. What kind of planning and foresight does it take for you to do the things you’ve drawn on your cross?

PRAYER: Loving and caring God, You always listen to our prayers. Thank You for taking good care of us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.
Thank You, Donna

Donna Chase recently completed her term on the Franciscan Renewal Center Board of Directors. Donna's tenure on the Board included a term on the Executive Committee as Board Secretary. Along with her Board service, Donna faithfully works on the Board Formation and Governance committee, where she also serves as Secretary to that committee. Donna came to the Casa in 1990 seeking spiritual direction, and then became Catholic after completing RCIA. Over the years, she has participated in almost every aspect of Liturgical Lay Ministry here. Please help me in thanking Donna for her many years of dedicated service to the Casa. — Pat Bennier

For volunteer opportunities, contact Pat Bennier at volunteer@thecasa.org or 480.355.0361

Thank you for your stewardship!

Mass Offerings

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We received 231 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

PAZ artist, Nancy, is heading to Medjugorje in late August / early September. This will be an exciting and inspirational trip.

Nancy will be sending photos of her travels back to the gift shop. The photos can be viewed on the digital frame in the gift shop or via the website: BOOKSANDBLESSINGSGIFTSHOP.COM

Stop in to give Nancy good wishes for a safe trip!

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org

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What does our God ask of you?

**ACT Justly, LOVE Tenderly, WALK Humbly!** Micah 6:8

Justice Formation in the Franciscan Way

To talk with leaders and past participants, visit the table after all Masses in the Hospitality area on the weekend of September 14 and 15.

**ACT LOVE WALK** is a justice formation program for 8 - 12 participants. Together, the group encounters Franciscan stories and their own stories in connection to issues in our world today. 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 x132

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**Catholic Charities Awareness Month**

With over 20 services and programs, we help the most vulnerable in Central and Northern AZ. We serve children in foster care, veterans, those experiencing homelessness, survivors of sex-trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and many more. Additional services include adoption, pregnancy counseling, early childhood education, low-cost counseling and immigration services, and more. Join us, spread awareness, and help us in this mission! To learn more about our services and programs or to volunteer or donate, call:

Where Miracles Happen Every Day!

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**September is Hunger Action Month**

**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 today and next weekend (Sept. 14/15) — your last chance to sign up to help. *Please sign up, because we still need hundreds of food items!*

* ATTEND Hunger Action Sunday “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: HAM9/22 (digital bulletin).

* ASSIST in the assembly of 300 Food-or-a-Meal Bags

* WEAR orange during September. Donate and receive the Hunger Action reusable tote bag.

For information, visit Hunger Action Ministry (HAM) [webpage](http://www.CatholicCharitiesAZ.org) or contact hungeraction@thecasa.org.

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**Casa Grounds for Solidarity**

**Every Purchase Matters**

**Selling September 14 & 15**

*Café Justo* fair trade coffee sales give hope in the face of desperation by providing a living wage.

Café Justo is excellent, pure, organic coffee; and the taste is even more delicious knowing that you are reducing poverty for Mexican families. Our yearly goal is to sell 1,200 pounds of coffee so that an extended family can remain on their lands.

**Will you help us meet our goal?**

Look for our tables in the Hospitality area after Mass. If you would like to join the ministry, contact Eileen Waldron at: [casagrounds@thecasa.org](mailto:casagrounds@thecasa.org).

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September programs

Sept. 10  Meditation in Movement: Kouk Sun Do
Sept. 13  Suicide Prevention and Intervention
Sept. 13  CONCERT: Hermit Preacher, Wanderer: Songs & Stories from the Road
Sept. 13 - 15  St. Francis Repairs the Church
Sept. 14  The Rosary: Discover the Treasure
Sept. 16  Care for the Caregiver
Sept. 21  World Day of Peace
Sept. 22  Hunger Action Workshop: Through Our Hands
Sept. 27 - 29  Retirement & Conscious Aging Retreat

St. Francis Repairs the Church
Friday, Sept. 13—Sunday, Sept. 15
Br. Bill Short OFM
Learn how St. Francis discovered his calling and how this calling relates to us today.

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

Suicide Prevention and Intervention
Friday, Sept. 13, 9 am - 4 pm
Ryan Sheade, LCSW
CEU workshop for healthcare professionals

Fee: $67.80 per person, includes lunch. Pre-registration required.

World Peace Day
Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 am - 2 pm
Be a part of the Peace Day Aerial Photo, followed by Interfaith Prayer, the Presentation of the Casa Peace Award, Dances of Universal Peace, and a poolside picnic.

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

Please register online. Fee: $10, includes a simple lunch which is provided by the Hunger Action Ministry and workshop with Yolanda Soto followed by assembling the Casa Food-for-a-Meal Bags for distribution.

Sign-in/check-in for the workshop in Palm Court outside Fr. Owen.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
**Care for the Caregiver**
Begins Monday, Sept. 16
1 - 2:30 pm
David Samora

A free 10-week video / discussion series called “Finding Meaning and Hope” based on the book “Loving Someone Who Has Dementia” by Dr. Pauline Boss, PhD

**Fee:** There is no fee.
**Pre-registration required.**

**Dates include:** Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, & 18

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**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**

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**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.

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**Flute is hand-made:** $50. Purchase in class and pay directly to presenter.

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**Young Adult Symposium**
Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 am - 5 pm
Maureen Day & John Roberto

This session explores ministry with young adults.

**Fee:** $10.
**Pre-registration required.**

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**Embracing a Spirituality of Imperfection: Following the Example of Henri Nouwen**
Monday, Oct. 14—Wednesday, Oct. 16
Wil Hernandez

Discover how we can use our brokenness as a way to find wholeness.

**Fee:** Commuter $135, Single room $250, Double occupancy $150 per person. Fees include meals. **Pre-registration required.** Please call 480.948.7460 ext. 132 or register online.

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**Who Am I? I Am Grieving**
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Marcy Moore, MPS

This series will include reflection, meditation, and journaling in order to examine your inner thoughts and feelings and provide a place for healing.

**Fee:** $40 per person for 3 Thursday classes. **Pre-registration required.**

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God's Love In Action

As members of this Franciscan community, we are called to see creation and all of its creatures as the overflow of God. For God does not give a piece of something — half of a flower for instance. He makes a meadow teeming with abundant variety and color and fills the sky with their pollinators to ensure their color and fragrance continue for generations.

Consider that you, too, are the overflow of God's love. You have everything you need in this moment, everything you can hold. Each week at Mass, we are called to join the dance, to give ourselves away. If we are a caregiver, we look after those who need help. If we are a poet, we write and inspire others. If we are a farmer, we tend the soil and feed the hungry.

Who we are and all we have are gifts — gifts that will be left behind when we pass away. Look around. Who you are is making an imprint now on your family, your friends, and others in your life. Everyone we touch carries a piece of us.

And, in this way, we endow those things that give our lives meaning. At the Casa, everywhere you look you can see evidence of the gifts of those who came before us. What they left behind nourishes you and me. As their outpouring continues to feed us, inspire us, and care for us, so may our generosity become sustenance for others.

You have made the Casa part of your story. Is it time to consider making the Casa part of your legacy? You can endow what you have loved with a gift to the Franciscan Renewal Center Endowment. For more information, contact Mary Dunn, Director of the Endowment Initiative, 480.355.0345, endowment@thecasa.org.

— The Endowment Team

For information regarding the RENEWING LIVES initiative, please call 480.355.0357 or email sarah@thecasa.org

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES AND CREATE YOUR LEGACY

Your loved ones need you, but what would they do if you were not there?

Just a little planning will give you great peace of mind. A current estate plan can ensure that your wishes are carried out, and also help you leave a lasting personal legacy.

Planning is easy when you use the new online Wills Planner available on our legacy website. The Wills Planner helps you organize your estate planning information before meeting with your attorney. You can even share your secure account information online with your attorney to simplify the process.

To get started, visit our legacy website: www.FRClegacy.org, and click on “Create Your Plan.” For assistance, contact Mary Dunn: 480.355.0345, or endowment@thecasa.org.
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.

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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.

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Why donate blood? Our blood supply comes from donors like you. It takes about one hour of your time. When you give blood, it gives someone another smile, another hug, another chance. It is the gift of life. Please make your appointment to donate blood on Sunday, September 22, 2019: www.bloodhero.com, sponsor code: Franciscan, or stop by the Front Desk before or after all Masses or during the week.

Upcoming Special Collections

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

Mass Intentions

September 8 – September 14, 2019

Sunday Pro-Populo 7:30 am
Don Woods 9:15 am
Garnet Jordal & Dorothy Schaffer 11:00 am
Al & Eileen Hand 7:00 pm

Monday Claude & Carol Czekaj 7:00 am

Tuesday Margie McGrail 7:00 am

Wednesday Lillian Radigan 7:00 am

Thursday Kathy Kontos 7:00 am

Friday Cheryl Barlett 7:00 am

Saturday Sister Elana Gonzales 7:00 am
George Wendell 5:00 pm

For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

Mass Intentions for Next Week


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

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