Upcoming at the Casa

Retirement and Conscious Aging Retreat  
*With Jim Briggs*  
**Friday, September 27—Sunday, September 29**

The Way of Henri Nouwen  
*With Wil Hernandez*  
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Franciscan Vision Series:  
St. Francis & the Psalms  
*With Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM*  
**Saturday, October 19, 9 - 11 am**

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

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Peace Be With You
Casa de Paz y Bien - House of Peace and Good. PEACE. As Catholics who have made this place our spiritual home, it's kind of what we are all about, right? Many of us on staff here at the Franciscan Renewal Center even sign our emails with that word.

But what is peace? Is it simply a lack of conflict? Or does it go far deeper than that? Peace is when your soul can exhale. Peace is what happens when you realize that nothing but love and light surround you. I once heard peace defined in a homily just beautifully: “Peace is knowing what you need. Having what you need. And... knowing you have what you need.”

It is that last part that most people have trouble with. How often can we take a pause and realize, “I know what I need, I have what I need, and I know I have what I need”? Jesus said, “My peace I give to you and my peace I leave with you.”

We have His peace! He makes sure of that. We have what we need.

So here is what I would like to offer: In our society, we tend to find ourselves very busy. We have stress beyond measure and peace has become a commodity that is in short supply. But I would present a challenge to us. Let’s not wear our business as a badge of honor. Instead, find the peace that Christ gave you. The peace that says “I know what I need. I have what you need. I know what I need.” Sink into that. Find your space and take a deep cleansing breath in that truth.

Because when others perceive the peace of Christ within you, that’s when you can truly share the peace of Christ with them. Peace,

Donna Kinzie,
Family Catechesis & Infant Baptist Coordinator

September 22, 2019

Are you thinking of becoming 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 are held on Tuesdays beginning in 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.

The 2nd Annual Casa Creche Festival
Last December we had over 50 “creches” (nativity scenes) on display. This delightful collection of diverse and interesting sets were on loan from members of the Casa Choir. This year, we will display nativity scenes from as many different cultures and traditions as possible. If you would like to be involved in the festival, please email Rosa@thecasa.org. Perhaps you would like to loan us your special nativity set for the display...or maybe you'd like to volunteer for the event...and possibly you would enjoy the planning.

Christmas is such an important part of the Franciscan story; we intend to celebrate it really well this year!

“Taizé Prayer Around the Cross”
Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm
Making time for quiet reflection is important, especially in our very busy and very noisy lives. Taizé prayer consists of meditative singing and periods of silence in order to reach a contemplative state. All are welcome to join in this beautiful and unique prayer!

We gather on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The prayer service lasts about 35-40 minutes.

Special Collection next weekend for the Franciscan Missionary Union
The Franciscan Missionary Union (FMU) provides critical services worldwide and makes a host of Franciscan missionary activities possible. The missionary work of the St. Barbara Province reflects that call. They serve a culturally and ethnically diverse population within the United States, but also in other parts of the world, including Russia, Mexico, Peru and the Holy Land. Your contribution supports the efforts of the Franciscans in the work of evangelization, reconciliation and care of the poorest of the poor. Franciscans have been assisted in missionary efforts by people like you who share their spiritual and financial resources through this collection.

Next weekend, envelopes for this collection are on the seats. As usual, we only take one collection during Mass, so please drop both envelopes (your weekly Casa gift & special collection gift) in the collection basket. If you weren't prepared to contribute today, you may bring the envelope back next week.
**Safe Environment - for NEW VOLUNTEERS**

The mission of our Safe Environment Training is to prevent sexual, physical or emotional abuse of children and young people through continued education, building awareness and maintaining a commitment to keeping all children and young people safe.

Every employee, volunteer and member of the clergy is required to be compliant with up-to-date Safe Environment Training. But the information is also available to anyone who would like to be part of the solution to prevent abuse. This is accomplished by initially taking a foundation class in person and then annually watching a video online.

If you have never been to a class before, we have two upcoming foundation classes here at the Casa on September 24 at 6 pm and October 30 at 3 pm. To register for one:

- Go to thecaso.org.
- Click on "SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING" found at the top.
- Register for a new account.
- Follow and answer all prompts under “Start Curriculum” including the background check information.
- At the end, you will sign up for a live foundation training.

— Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

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**Books and Blessings**

*bookstore & spiritual boutique at the Casa*

Come and see our new beautiful artwork from Peruvian artist Efrain Zanabria Gutierrez! "The spiritual sacred art of Efrain Zanabria is a unique blend of European styling and Peruvian arts... Zanabria combines gold and silver leaf with oil on canvas. The elaborate, time-consuming process results in sublime imagery that is universally appealing and touches the human spirit.” We are fortunate to currently have 5 original pieces from Efrain Zanabria Gutierrez.

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

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**Volunteer Voice – Ordinary People, Extraordinary Hearts!**

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

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**FAMILY CATECHESIS, SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Sunday Sept. 22**

Sacrament Preparation begins!

54 students will prepare to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Catechist Welcome Luncheon: 12:15

**Sunday Sept. 29**

Family Catechesis, Middle and High School Youth Ministry begin! 10:45 am

Blessing of our new youth room - The La Verna Room at 12:15

**Thursday Oct. 3**

Transitus - The Passing of St. Francis

Liturgy at 7 pm with refreshments afterwards.

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**FAMILY FAITH ACTIVITIES**

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sept. 22**

**Reflection:** Today’s Gospel tells us we cannot be “slaves to two masters” in the context of serving God and money. The teaching is not about money being bad. It is about focusing on loving God and others, and making our decisions and actions based on that focus. God does not want us to concentrate all our time and energy on material things. God wants us to concentrate on making the world better for others. When we put too much emphasis and time into making ourselves happy with material objects, we cannot give the really important things in life the attention that they deserve. And what is important? A great question to ask yourself and your family.

**Conversation:**

When do you share what you have with others?

**Proclamation/Discussion:**

Read: Luke 16:10-13

- What does Jesus say about trust?
- What does Jesus say about serving two masters?
- Which master do you choose to serve?

**Action:** Pick an Action Item:

- For evening prayer this week, pray for our government leaders. Remind your family that we have a responsibility to pray for those in charge of our civic well-being.
- Make a list of situations in your community that seem to be exploiting others. Write letters to your senator asking them to work towards change.
- Discuss a local charity that your family will commit to helping throughout the rest of the year.

**Prayer:** God our Father, you want us to live as your children. Help us to ask for forgiveness when we make choices that turn against you. Amen.

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**Fun Facts about St. Michael the Archangel**

- His feast day is Sept. 29
- His name in Hebrew means “Who is like God”
- St. Francis had a special love and devotion to St. Michael – he received the stigmata while making a 40 day fast in honor of St. Michael
- In the Bible, three books mention St. Michael – Daniel, Jude and Revelations
- “Archangel” means that he is above all the others in rank
- Patron saint of mariners, paratroopers, police and sickness

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For Baptisms, Sacramental Preparation and Family Catechesis, contact Patty Tafolla at 480.355.0359 or dcm@thecaso.org; Donna Kinzie at 480.355.0344 or donna@thecaso.org; for Youth Ministry contact James Whitaker at 480.355.0343 or youth@thecaso.org
Did you know that 1 in 8 Arizona households spend more than 50 percent of their income on housing?

Habitat: A Chance to Thrive
Sunday, October 6
10:30 to 11:15 am, repeated from 12:15 to 1 pm
Discover how Habitat Central AZ affects the Heart of the Valley as it strengthens families and builds foundations. For more than 40 years Habitat has been making safe, decent and affordable housing a reality, one family at a time. Join us to learn more.

There is no fee. Pre-registration is requested and appreciated. Visit the website to register. Walk-ins are welcome.

Interested in building?
Visit the Casa Habitat Ministry in Hospitality after all Masses, next weekend, September 28 and 29.
- Sign up for our 13th Casa Habitat Home with the Fall Build, beginning in October.
- Find out more about our event on October 6.

Additional information? Email thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

Creation Connection Movie Night
Friday, October 18 6-9 pm
Franciscan Spirituality invites us to explore what it means to be brothers and sisters with all of God’s creation. Together, we learn what is ours to do.

The Fall movie, with discussion, is Chasing Coral. Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. A team of divers, photographers and scientists set out on a thrilling ocean adventure to discover why and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world. This elusive story may be out of sight, but the solutions exist all around us.

Fee: $10 includes light dinner. Pre-registration is required. Register at thecas.org.

Retirement and Conscious Aging Retreat
Friday, Sept. 27—Sunday, Sept. 29
Jim Briggs
Making Room for the Spirit as We Grow Older
Discover how to see life after retirement as a blessing and how to live differently and more contemplatively.

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.

The Way of Henri Nouwen
Friday, Oct. 18—Sunday, Oct. 20
Wil Hernandez
Learn from Henri Nouwen how to make room for tension in our lives and use it as a way to grow on this journey of life.

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.

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132.
Part I: Your Story, Your Legacy: Exploring Your Spiritual Legacy
Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 am - Noon
Mary Dunn
Learn how to write your legacy story, which is one of the most cherished and meaningful gifts you can leave your family and community.
No Fee. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Part II: Your Story, Your Legacy: Writing the Legacy Letter
Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 - 3 pm
Mary Dunn
For those who have already begun the legacy writing journey in Part I, this workshop will allow you to deepen your experience in reflecting and writing about your legacy story and feel supported in your legacy work.
Fee: $20 per person. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Register for the complete series: $65/person and includes Parts 1, 2, 3, & 4.

Twelve Gifts For Living
Monday, Oct. 25—Wednesday, Oct. 31
Charlene Costanzo
This experiential program will explore ways to tap into your inner strength, courage, wisdom, and other healing gifts.
Fee: $135, commuter includes meals; with lodging, single, $250; double, $150 per person. Pre-registration required.

Lady Jacoba’s Gift: A Franciscan Approach to Dying and Death
Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 am - 3 pm
Darleen Pryds
A Franciscan Approach to Dying and Death.
Fee: $50, with lunch. Pre-registration required.

Envisioning a Beautiful World
Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 am - 12 pm
Laura Libertore
Join Laura as we explore the key themes and principles of Catholic Social Teaching as they apply to peacemaking, the common good and how they shape our call to lives of love and service in the world.
Fee: $35 includes lunch. Pre-registration required.

St. Bonaventure’s Journey Into God Retreat
Thursday, Oct. 31—Friday, Nov. 8
Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Ritschl, OFS
Spend some time learning about the life of St. Bonaventure and his journey of developing a relationship with God.
Fee including meals: $550; with lodging $995 single, $725 double per person. Pre-registration required.

Part III: Preparing Your Estate Plan
Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:30 - 11 am
Stephanie Rivens, Esq., Certified Elder Law Attorney
Fee: $20 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Part IV: Planning for End of Life
Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30 - 11 am
Anne Corsen & Mary Dunn with Hospice of the Valley Team
Fee: $20 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Painting With God
Monday, Nov. 18—Wednesday, Nov. 20
Fr. John Quigley
Fee: $195 per person, includes all materials and lunch each day. Pre-registration required.

AN EASY WAY TO CREATE A LEGACY
Every day, the Casa touches the lives of many people. How can we ensure that no one will ever be turned away, and the Casa’s life-giving programs will be sustainable for generations to come?

Endowment is the key.

Now you have the opportunity to endow what you have loved at the Casa! It’s easier than you might think to make a gift to the Casa’s endowment, without affecting your current lifestyle.

To learn more about how the endowment works and the simple way anyone can endow what they love at the Casa, visit our legacy website: www.FRClegacy.org, or contact Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, endowment@thecasa.org. You can also pick up the Endowment brochure in the church lobby!
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 Jirauach: 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.

**Upcoming Special Collections**

- Sept. 28, 29: Franciscan Missionary Union (Province)
- Oct. 19, 20: Mission Sunday (Diocese)
- Nov. 9, 10: Archdiocese for the Military

If you are a woman struggling with the pain due to the loss of a child(ren) to abortion, please join our support group for hopen and healing. The next meeting is Tue. Oct. 8 at Mount Claret Main Office Library, 4633 N. 54th Street, Phoenix. For confidential discussion, call Patty/Tears Speak at Church of the Holy Spirit: 480.838.7474.

**Mass Intentions**

**September 22 – September 28, 2019**

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**About the Franciscan Renewal Center**

The Franciscan Renewal Center began in 1951 as a place for retreat programs. Affectionately known as the “Casa de Paz y Bien” or simply “the Casa.” It is today a Catholic renewal center, offering opportunities for spiritual growth, healing and transformation and service to others.

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

Be a hero, donate blood TODAY! Stop by Piper Hall between 8 am and 12:30 pm. (Don’t forget to grab your donut first) Walk-ins are always welcome! 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.

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