Upcoming at the Casa

Franciscan Vision Series: Treasure in Heaven Equals Treasure on Earth
With Fr. Joe Chinnici, OFM
Saturday, November 9, 9 - 11 am

Brush With God
With Peter Pearson
Thursday, December 5—Sunday, December 8

Fill the Well Concert
With Paul Hillebrand
Friday, December 6, 7 - 9 pm

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

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Books & Blessings
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When you think of a hero, who comes to mind? Is it Superman? Wonder Woman? Maybe one of the Avengers like Captain America or Iron Man? With the explosion of popular films featuring superheroes with high octane, action-filled cinematography, we all have our favorites. Many of the most clever plotlines weave together multiple characters’ stories to create a tapestry of beautiful storytelling, which even casual observers would appreciate. But are these heroes simply for little kids? Why do they seem to draw in so many of us?

The weekend of October 20, we asked some of our middle school youth these questions. Together with another local youth group, we went on Edge Retreat at Tonto Rim Christian Camp just east of Payson. Our theme was “Heroic” and we explored the connections between super heroes, saints, and us. What ties all these together? Christ, of course!

The middle schoolers explored how each of the superheroes has their own epic journey, from humble beginnings, through trial and error, to saving the day or even the world. In many cases, their journeys fold into the stories of others and they must work together collaboratively or face failure. These stories captivate us because they represent a deeper truth.

God, like a master storyteller, is writing the pages of history with the stories of our lives and each of us has a part to play. But heroism doesn’t always look like it does in the movies. Sometimes, it’s living the virtues of courage, self-control, generosity, patience, kindness, or humility. Many of us know people who live heroic lives, and you might even ask them for prayers. The saints lived lives worthy of emulation. We learned about Joan of Arc, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Maximilian Kolbe, Francis, and others. Each of them mirrored the love of God in their own unique way, and so do we. As you go about your week, what small acts of heroism are you being called to? What story is God writing with your life? How does your life contribute to the Great Story? Start small and be Heroic.

Peace,

James Whitaker, Youth and Young Adult Minister
Do you have a special nativity scene that you’d like to share at the 2nd Annual Casa Creche Festival

Dec. 14-15, 2019

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Christmas is such an important part of the Franciscan story; we intend to celebrate it really well this year! Let us know if you’d like to help with this fun and very unique event.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

This collection is taken every three years and supports the pastoral work of the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection, and must rely principally on private donations to fund their annual operating budget.

The AMS is responsible for providing the full range of pastoral ministries to those serving in the United States Armed Services, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and for the families of these populations.

The Archdiocese provides pastoral care to the almost 1.8 million AMS faithful spread across the globe who serve and who face constant transition and uncertainty. The funds also made possible several new and important initiatives, including the first-ever Catholic military marriage enrichment retreat and widespread certification of catechists at their installations; to begin to build an endowment with a long-term goal of assuring a self-sustaining source of funding; and to continue to underwrite the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program which provides priests to serve in dioceses across the U.S., and to serve as full-time Catholic military chaplains.

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FAMILY CATECHESIS, SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Have you been to the 9:15 am Mass lately? If so, you have seen our children aged 6 - 12 dismissed to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word for Children. Ever wonder what goes on in their Celebration of the Word? Here is a peek inside: While carrying the Lectionary and candles, children process out the back to the Children’s Liturgy Center. There, the Lectionary is placed on the ambo, and candles go on a small table. The first reading is then proclaimed by one of the older students. Volunteers from our choir come in weekly to lead the responsorial psalm with song! The cantor then leads us in the “Alleluia” (just like the adults in the church) and we hear the Gospel reading for that day. Homily time! Team leaders lead the kids in discussing what the children have heard, what it means to them and how they can do things differently starting today. The Liturgy of the Word then concludes with a recitation of the Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful. Children return to the community to continue with the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Would you like to be part of this ministry? We would love to have you join us! Materials and training are all provided. You would serve once every 4 – 6 weeks. Come share your faith, and the kids will share their faith with you! A beautiful win – win situation. Contact Donna or Patty in the Family Faith Formation office.

FAMILY FAITH ACTIVITIES 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Nov. 3, 2019

REFLECTION: Zacchaeus, a very rich and despised tax collector, climbed a tree just like a little child, to see Jesus passing by. What were you looking for Zacchaeus, on that day? What inner urge spurred you on to see Jesus? Here we see a great desire for “a sinner” to see Jesus. This Gospel allows me to look at myself and how badly I want to see Jesus. Am I even looking? Zacchaeus moved out of the crowd to see Jesus clearly. Perhaps we need to move out of whatever crowds our lives in order to better see. Jesus was passing through Jericho; He also passes through our lives each day in one form or another. He will come into our lives today—most likely in ways that we may not expect. Are we ready? Can we see? Let us take the risk to see clearly and find Him in any and all people and experiences.

CONVERSATION: How does Jesus show His love for you?

How does Jesus meet Zacchaeus? Why is Zacchaeus up in a tree? What does Jesus say to Zacchaeus? How does the crowd react? How does Zacchaeus respond to Jesus?

ACTION: Dinner Guest! Imagine that Jesus is coming to your house tonight! Set an extra place for Him. What would you want to talk about? What questions do you have for Him? Talk about what people you consider least welcome in your house – is there a way to reconcile or invite them to dinner? Set a place, and find Jesus in them.


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
Casa Franciscana Outreach – Service Pilgrimage

The Casa Franciscana Outreach (CFO) of the St. Barbara Province supports the Casa Franciscana Mission in Guaymas, Mexico. On November 21 – 24, members from the CFO board are holding a Service Pilgrimage to provide an affordable opportunity to renew or deepen your relationship with God and to work in areas such as painting, serving meals and repairing buildings. You can participate in this important ministry and see, firsthand, the work that happens every day in Guaymas through the efforts of our friars and the volunteers of the CFO. Learn more about this vital ministry or sign up to be a part of the upcoming Service Pilgrimage at www.CasaFranciscanOutreach.org.

— Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

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

Thank you for your stewardship!

Mass Offerings
10.20.19 $20,305.50
10.21.18 $17,944.50
10.22.17 $22,653.50

We received 249 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

Books and Blessings

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

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm and 5:30 - 8:30 pm

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

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For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
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- Gifts for all occasions—Gift Bags with the purchase of two (or more) bags of coffee; and
- Buy a bag of coffee and donate to a local Veteran.

Our mission is to sell, annually, a minimum of 1,200 pounds of delicious *Cafe Justo* fair-trade coffee, to support one extended family in the Café Justo grower-owned cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico. The cooperative provides: a sustainable living to its members and an alternative to migration, allowing families to remain on their ancestral lands.

Invitation/Reminder: Wednesday, November 6, is our “All Team” bi-annual meeting from 6 to 8 pm. You are invited. Please RSVP at the email below.

- Are you interested in being one of our sellers and joining our ministry? This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our ministry.

Contact Eileen casagrounds@thecasa.org.

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# Immersion Trip to San Carlos Apache Reservation and Mission

**Saturday, November 16**

7:45 am - 9 pm

Spend a day on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation learning about our longtime connection with these people. Franciscan friars were present there for about 100 years. Learn about their legacy and the work that continues today.

- Visit the San Carlos Apache Cultural Center.
- Tour of the Catholic church and school.
- Listen to stories about Apache ceremonies.
- Meet Apache Crafters and see live demonstrations.

**Fee:** $75 for transportation, lunch, and dinner.

Pre-registration is required.

Register at [www.thecasa.org](http://www.thecasa.org).

Questions? Call Patti Sills-Trausch.

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# Hunger Action Ministry

**Hospitality next weekend**

November 9 & 10.

**Fall Service opportunities:**

- St Mary’s Food Bank Thanksgiving Food Box Give-Away on **Monday, November 25**
- St Mary’s Food Bank, Pack Emergency Food Boxes on **Tuesday, December 10**

Individuals are needed to help with the Thanksgiving service project in November and to pack emergency boxes in December. Stop by the hospitality table for more information and to sign-up for either or both of these opportunities, or email hungeraction@thecasa.org.

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# The Casa Habitat Ministry

**Builders are needed for our 13th home.**

No tools or experience are required. Wear closed-toe shoes, regular work clothes in layers, and be ready to get dirty. The construction crew must be at least 16 years old to be on-site.

**2019 FALL BUILD DATES:**

- 7:30 a.m. start time.
- *November 16, 2019 - Complete Framing*
- *December 14, 2019 - Begin Drywall*

Watch the bulletin for 2020 dates. To help build, please sign-up through email: thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

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# Just Scripture

**How does God’s Word speak to you?**

Join with others for an interactive process of sharing from a perspective of Franciscan values on Biblical issues of justice and mercy. A deeply personal and collective experience—no previous study of Scripture is needed. For more information, contact: kgarast@aol.com. Provide your contact information and you will receive the monthly invitation, readings and meeting location.

**All Are Welcome, November 10 at 9 - 10:30 am in Ventura in Piper Hall.**

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact us at 480.948.746. Patti Sills-Trausch at x130 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org, or Laura Libertore at x156 or laura@thecasa.org.
Check out these Retreats!

Nov. 15 - 17  
Retreat: Walking the Footsteps of Thich Nhat Hanh & Thomas Merton

Nov. 15 - 17  
Healing of Memories for Women Veterans Only

Nov. 22 - 24  
Retreat: The Centrality of Christ

Dec. 13 - 15  
Grief and Loss Retreat

Dec. 13 - 15  
Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

Franciscan Vision Series:  
Treasure in Heaven Equals Treasure on Earth  
**Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 - 11 am**  
Fr. Joe Chinnici, OFM

How do we use the resources we have to help others? Money, property, government—all issues which are hotly contested today. Does the Franciscan social tradition have anything to guide us towards an “economics of abundance and an economics of provision”? Come and discover the early Christian roots of the tradition, its basic Gospel commitments, its theory and practice, and its challenge to live an “ethics of sustainability.”

**Fee: $95 per person.**  
**Pre-registration required.**

Blessing of the Animals  
**Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 am - Noon**  
Meet the friars in Rose Court for your pet’s annual blessing.

**Fee: Free.**  
**Pre-registration required.**

Part IV: Planning for End of Life  
**Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30 - 11:30 am**  
Anne Corssen & Mary Dunn with Hospice of the Valley Team

This workshop will help you prepare for the challenges that often arise in the later years of life and make choices that reflect your values and what matters most to you.

**Fee: $20 per person.**  
**Pre-registration is required.**

Reigniting Religion  
**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7 - 9 pm**  
**Program repeated on Thursday, Nov. 14, 10 am - Noon**  
Tom Stella

Through presentation, reflection, and dialogue, this class will provide an opportunity for participants to look closely at their beliefs, and to discover new and meaningful ways to understand them.

**Fee: $20 per person.**  
**Pre-registration required.**

Painting With God  
**Monday, Nov. 18—Wednesday, Nov. 20**  
Fr. John Quigley

Putting brush to paper allows your mind and heart to enter creative space within—without embarrassment, judgment or a need to explain.

**Fee: $195 per person, includes all materials and lunch each day.**  
**Pre-registration required.**

For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Practicing the Ways of a Mystic in a Busy Life
Monday, Nov. 18, 7 - 9 pm
Program repeated on Nov. 19, Tuesday, 10 am - Noon
Jerry Braza

In this class, we will explore the path and qualities of the mystics including insights from the teachings of Thomas Merton and Thich Nhat Hanh. This will be followed by guidance through meditations, contemplation and prayer—within a container of silence.

Fee: $20 per person.  
Pre-registration required.

Brush with God
Thursday, Dec. 5—Sunday, Dec. 8
Peter Pearson

In this retreat, under the expert guidance of Peter Pearson, you’ll go through the steps to create an icon, including the prayer and reflection that work of this nature evokes.

Commuter Fee includes Thursday and Friday dinner, Saturday and Sunday lunch $350. With lodging and all meals: $575 single, $475 double per person. A $75 materials fee is included.  
Pre-registration required. Space is limited.

SAN CARLOS IMMERSION TRIP

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Fee: $75. Includes lunch, dinner and transportation.  
Pre-registration required.

Mindful Meditation
Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 am - 3 pm
Debbie Holexa

When we contemplate the meaning and impact of a world of nonviolence, we often fail to include our self in the equation. Many of us are deaf to the voice of our inner critic; those inner violent narrative tapes playing on repeat. The first place to begin in the development of nonviolence is to go within and become aware of how we relate to our self. This course will provide the science, strategies, skills and meditative practice experience necessary for developing a nonviolent relationship with our self. Change ourselves, and we change our world.

Fee: $50, Includes lunch.  
Pre-registration required.

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Shepherds Show Up in all Forms

Back in 2001, I met Father Larry Dolan as we were the scheduled speakers at a recovery meeting in Scottsdale. The hosts of our dinner before the meeting told me that he was a friar at the Franciscan Renewal Center down the street. I was in my silk suit and heels and he was in his cargo shorts, T-shirt, flip flops and Big Gulp. Once past my initial shock at his attire, he became a person that I was very comfortable with and I became a “project” for him.

Every time I saw him, we would end up having a conversation about my faith, which I believed to be quite strong and genuine. It continued this way until 2007 when I had a major health crisis and I called him in total fear. He was calm and told me that he would pray for me as would all the other friars. Being an Episcopalian at the time, I did not know what that meant but it was strangely comforting. I went through all my healing process and the next time I saw Father Larry, he mentioned that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) was beginning in the fall. I reminded him that I was an Episcopalian and he reminded me that I had come to him when I was scared, not the Episcopal pastor from the church that I went to on Easter and Christmas—maybe.

So as a courtesy to this friar, I entered RCIA in the fall of 2008 and I have never left. I was confirmed by Father Larry at Easter Vigil in 2009 and I will be forever grateful for his consistent shepherding of me for those seven (7) years. He never gave up on me and my hope is that he knew how much his “project” loved him and needed him as a reminder to not get so caught up in the external trappings of the people that I meet. Father Larry died on May 15, 2018, leaving behind many who are still saddened by his sudden passing. For me, I miss you, Father Larry, and I thank you for getting me to where I needed to be.

— Sarah Privée, Major Gifts Officer 480-355-0357

IN UNCERTAIN TIMES, HOW WILL YOU CREATE A LEGACY?

If you are like many people, you may be concerned about the economy and taxes this year. There are still ways you can create a legacy and leave a lasting impact on the people and causes most dear to you – without affecting your cash flow.

A charitable bequest is a gift you can make without using any of your current resources. It is simply a commitment made in your will or trust to leave a future amount, asset or percentage of your estate to the Casa.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY INCLUDED THE CASA IN YOUR LEGACY PLANS, PLEASE LET US KNOW. That will allow us to recognize and thank you, and ensure that your wishes are honored when your bequest is received.

To learn more about how to create a bequest in your will or trust, or to request our free guide to creating your will or trust, please contact Mary Dunn at endowment@thecasa.org, 480.355.0345, or visit our legacy website: http://www.frclegacy.org/.
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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 Tuesdays, 6 pm in the Meditation Chapel to share our prayer intentions, and those of the community.

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.

Contemplative Prayer Thursdays, 7:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. All are welcome.

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.

Interfaith Healing Prayers: Saturdays, following 7 am Mass. Room varies — please contact Front Desk or healingprayer@thecasa.org. 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.

Magnificat Luncheon
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019—11:15 AM-2:30 PM
St. Helen’s Catholic Church
5510 W. Cholla Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304
Guest Speaker - Joan Chavez
Call Esther 623-565-0304 or Eventbrite.com, for Magnificat

Retrovaille/Rediscovery
Is your marriage troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, cold and distant? Are you thinking separation or divorce? RETROUVAILLE can help you. For more information call (602)254-6723; you may call anonymously. No group discussions. The next Retrouvaille program in Phoenix begins November 8-10, 2019.

Mass Intentions
November 3, 2019 – November 9, 2019

Sunday
- Benefactors FMU 7:30 am
- Pro-populo 9:15 am
- Karla Koehnemann Coffelt 11:00 am
- Alice Roman 7:00 pm

Monday
- Tom Jappe 7:00 am

Tuesday
- James Quinn 7:00 am

Wednesday
- Suzanne Menelssohn 7:00 am

Thursday
- Karla Coffelt 7:00 am

Friday
- John Wolcott 7:00 am

Saturday
- John McLeod 7:00 am
- The Morse Family 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.

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.