Upcoming at the Casa

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

Franciscan Vision Series
*St. Francis, Master of Prayer, Part 1*
Saturday, December 7, 9 - 11 am

Hot Topics
*Left, Right & Center: Views on Violence in our Schools*
Friday, December 13, 7 - 9 pm

The Conventual Church of

**Our Lady of the Angels**
at the Franciscan Renewal Center

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Speaking the Language of Others

I have always struggled to learn new languages. It just doesn’t come easy to me. Our recent family vacation to Mexico gave me the new experience of not being able to understand or speak the prevalent language around me. Most of the people at the hotel were primarily Spanish speaking and for the first time, I had a taste of what it must be like to be a Spanish speaker in the United States with little or no ability to speak English.

My desire to be able to communicate with these beautiful people in their own language was huge. I made a sincere effort while there to learn as many words and phrases as possible. I experienced humility and gratitude as the people, whose country I was a guest in, patiently and lovingly guided me through their language. At times, they would find other ways to communicate with me; sometimes through gestures or simply by showing me what they were trying to tell me.

I have often seen displays of frustration and even indignation when witnessing the reverse situation here at home. This experience taught me something very important: As humans, we have a responsibility to learn to communicate respectfully with ALL other humans. If not by speaking their language, then at the very least, by not being judgmental that they don’t speak ours.

Peace,

Donna Kinzie
Family Catechesis Coordinator & Infant Baptism Coordinator
Saint Marianne Cope’s Story

Though leprosy scared off most people in 19th-century Hawaii, that disease sparked great generosity in the woman who came to be known as Mother Marianne of Molokai. Her courage helped tremendously to improve the lives of its victims in Hawaii.

She was an immigrant to the U.S. at the age of 2 and worked in a factory until she was 24, when she went to the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse. She was eventually elected Provincial.

Mother Marianne was a woman who spoke the language of truth and love to the world and her life was a wonderful work of divine grace. Regarding her special love for persons suffering from leprosy, she saw in them the suffering face of Jesus. Like the Good Samaritan, she became their mother.

In 1883, the Hawaiian government was searching for someone to run the Kakaako Receiving Station for people suspected of having leprosy. More than 50 religious communities in the U.S. and Canada were asked. When the request was put to the Syracuse sisters, 35 of them volunteered immediately. That year, Mother Marianne and six other sisters left for Hawaii where they took charge of the station outside Honolulu; on the island of Maui they also opened a hospital and a school for girls. Mother Marianne and two sisters went to Molokai to open a home for “unprotected women and girls” there. The Hawaiian government was quite hesitant to send women for this difficult assignment; they need not have worried about Mother Marianne! On Molokai, she took charge of the home that Saint Damien de Veuster had established for men and boys. Mother Marianne changed life on Molokai by introducing cleanliness, pride, and fun to the colony. Bright scarves and pretty dresses for the women were part of her approach. Her sisters still work on Molokai.

The government authorities were reluctant to allow Mother Marianne to go to Molokai. Thirty years of dedication proved their fears unfounded. God grants gifts regardless of human shortsightedness and allows those gifts to flower for the sake of the kingdom.

Thanksgiving Day Mass –
Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 at 10 am

For what we have received from God’s bounty, we return to the Lord with gratitude! Join in this festive liturgy where the community gives thanks together.

We invite you to bring food for the poor to Mass on this day—this invitation is always open every week. But on this day, (even though the food will not reach the needy in time for Thanksgiving dinner), it will visibly connect this holiday to our service of the poor and can help to replenish the shelves of local food distribution programs after Thanksgiving. Many people bring canned or dry food to Mass for the poor each week…thank you for faithfully and generously remembering our poor brothers and sisters in this way.

Special Collection Next Week
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence.

For those who use our Envelope program, an extra envelope for this is in your pack. If you need an envelope, you can always request one at the Front Desk or find one in the narthex.
Family Faith Activities  Nov. 17

REFLECTION: This Gospel was written after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. At this time, the early Christians were being forced to leave the synagogues, and would have been very anxious about what lay ahead for them. Many people, over the years, have made specific predictions about the end of the world. Jesus warns that they are not to be trusted. Today’s Gospel uses symbolic ‘apocalyptic’ language to describe the end of time. This language is not meant to be taken literally, but to express the insight that life is characterized by struggle and conflict. It models a way of coming to terms with the powerlessness, suffering and death which are an inevitable part of our existence, but which were especially apparent during the persecution of the early Church. In our struggle to deal with the pressures and difficulties of life, we can draw on the promise of Jesus and experience His peace.

(RCL Benziger)

CONVERSATION: Once I was really afraid, but I found comfort when...

Why does Jesus promise to protect His followers?
How do you show your faith in Jesus? How does Jesus protect you?

ACTION: “Family Prayer Box.” Have family members write down fears and anxieties on sheets of paper and place them in the prayer box. Offer the box and its contents to God each night this week. Open the box at the end of the week and discuss how God answered the prayers.

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, we put our faith and trust in Your promise to be with us when we are afraid. Help us to call upon You in times of trouble. Amen.

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
FAQ’s about our Safe Environment Program

• **Do I need to do both SET and a Criminal Background Check?**
  Yes. Both are required for all clergy, employees and volunteers.

• **What happens if I choose to not do SET or the Criminal Background Check?**
  Without the SET and the Criminal Background Check, individuals will not be permitted to volunteer or be employed at the Franciscan Renewal Center (FRC).

• **How much time will this take to complete?**
  The Background Check will take about 5 minutes for you to fill out and submit. The SET Foundation Class takes approximately an hour and a half. The annual SET Online Renewal takes approximately 30 minutes.

• **If I only volunteer a few times a year, do I need to complete SET and the Criminal Background Check?**
  Yes. The FRC takes the safety of our community very seriously. As such, we require SET training and a background check for every employee and volunteer.

• **I’ve been volunteering at the FRC for many years. Why must I do this now?**
  The FRC is taking a more proactive stance in the safety of the community. In this time of concern throughout the church, organizations must demonstrate the highest integrity in this matter. In order to have credibility, every employee and volunteer—both new and someone who has served for a long time—must participate.

— Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

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**Thank you for your stewardship!**

**Mass Offerings**

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We received 304 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

1. On Nov. 24, meet ‘A Men’ distributor Cathy Zoccoli. She is the U.S. distributor for her relative’s company in Italy. Cathy lives locally with her husband, who is a firefighter. Cathy will be showcasing the ‘A Men’ Jewelry line including the popular leather wrap bracelet, with prayer.

2. Remember to order your cat/dog clock, today. We will order from the vendor, this week. Clocks will be ready for pick-up by Dec. 1.

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

Books and Blessings

*bookstore & spiritual boutique at the Casa*

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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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Bethlehem Hand-Carved Olivewood Religious Items after Masses on November 23 & 24

Ayman Khair, representing about 180 Christian families from Bethlehem, will be in the Hospitality area on the weekend of November 23 & 24 with a wide and beautiful assortment of nativity sets, rosaries, statues, and Crucifixes.

For decades, these families have been dependent upon sales of their hand-carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East, the tourism has been cut off. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to support their work. Supporting these families helps to keep Christians living in the Holy Land.

The Casa Habitat Ministry asks the Casa community to support women veterans from the Warriors Songs project.

The Warrior Songs project is holding a creative healing retreat for women on the weekend of November 20-24 at the FRC. Part of that weekend is an art exhibition for the general public. According to those who work with veteran trauma, for true healing and integration back into society to happen, civilians need to hear the warrior’s story.

Trauma Transformed: The Story and Art of Women Veterans
When: Sat. November 23, 6-8:30 pm.
Where: San Damiano Auditorium
Cost: Free
Recommended Age (13+)

The Casa Habitat Ministry
A Home is Where the Heart Is

 Builders are needed for our 13th home.

No tools or experience is 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.

2019-2020 Build Dates:
7:30 am start time.
*December 14, 2019 - Begin Drywall
*January 18, 2020 - Begin Doors & Trim
*January 25 or February 8, 2020 - TBD - Finish Interior Paint/Begin Exterior Paint/Landscape

To help build, please sign up through email: thecasahabitat@thecasa.org.

Hunger Action Ministry
Fall and Winter Service Opportunities

Sign up for service through email to Hungeraction@thecasa.org.

Individuals are needed to help with the Thanksgiving service project in November, to pack emergency boxes in December and serve at St. Vincent de Paul or Desert Mission in the New Year. More details provided per opportunity.

- Monday, November 25 St. Mary’s Food Bank (SMFB) Thanksgiving Food Box Give-Away—sign up now as space is very limited, or sign up for the waiting list.
- Tuesday, December 10 St Mary’s Food Bank, Pack Emergency Food Boxes on, 12:45 - 3 pm.
- Tuesday, January 28, Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Family Dining Room and Dream Center, prep and serve dinner, 4-6:30 pm.
- January 17, February 10 and March 20, help at Desert Mission Food Bank (DMFB). HAM is continuing to provide volunteer service once a month at DMFB in 2020.

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.
What’s NEW in Programs for December?

Dec. 5 - 8  Brush with God
Dec. 6  Concert: Fill the Well with Paul Hillebrand
Dec. 7  Franciscan Vision Series: St. Francis, Master of Prayer, Part 1
Dec. 13 - 15  Grief and Loss Retreat
Dec. 13 - 15  Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents
Dec. 14  Mindful Meditation
Dec. 30  New Year’s Eve Retreat

Introduction to the Nonviolence Leadership Certificate Program Luncheon
Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, 12:15 - 2:30 pm
Br. Scott Slattum, OFM

Learn about the Casa’s Certificate Program in Nonviolence Leadership, focused on facilitating nonviolent dialogue and action. After lunch, the speaker will begin with a presentation on the journey with Peace and nonviolence as a focus. Following the talk, you will find out about the courses and programs in the Nonviolence Certificate Program. A few of the instructors and presenters of programs will be present so you can meet them and ask questions about their classes.

Fee: $20 per person, includes lunch. Pre-registration is required.

Veterans Reconnect Event
Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020, 7 - 8:30 pm
Jamie Valderrama

Are you an active duty military member, veteran or veteran supporter? If so, come join Jamie Valderrama, lecturer and undergraduate coordinator for the Integrative Health Initiative at Arizona State University as she takes members of the military and their friends through a journey of self-awareness and empowerment via the growing field of mindfulness.

Fee: Free. Pre-Registration is greatly appreciated.

Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, 9 am - Noon
Kathy Feld

Step into the physical world of the Bible and Jesus’ time through Biblical Archaeology. Come discover what the Franciscans began 800 years ago and continue today. Journey with Kathy in the class from Dan to the Negev Desert with stops at fascinating archaeological sites along the way. Discover the culture, living conditions, writings, language and politics of Jesus’ time through Biblical Archeology. With these tools, the Bible comes alive!

This program will also take you through an actual dig that Kathy was selected to join consisting of a 30 member team in association with the University of North Carolina/Charlotte and the Israeli Antiquities Authority. The dig is located at the Zion Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem which is located close to the Room of the Last Supper and David’s Tomb. This dig just took place in June, 2019.

Fee: $45 per person, includes lunch. 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.

The Centrality of Christ Retreat
Friday, Nov. 22—Sunday, Nov. 24
Fr. John Quigley
We are accustomed to hearing that “Christ” is not Jesus’ last or family name. But who is he? Who or what is the “Christ”? Is he the same sum as the historical Jesus? In the first 40 years of Christianity there was a fast and wide expansion in the understanding of who Jesus was, first as Messiah, then Son of God and eventually fully Divine. He also grew to be named the Christ. What practical meaning does this evolution in understanding have for the early community of believers, for the Church and us today? Fr. John will examine the significance of the development of our belief in the Christ as the physical extended love of the Trinity in creation.
Fee: $135, commuter includes meals; with lodging, single, $250; double, $150 per person. Pre-registration required.

Practicing the Ways of a Mystic in a Busy Life
Monday, Nov. 18, 7 - 9 pm
Jerry Braza
Program repeated on Nov. 19, Tuesday, 10 am - Noon
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.

Hot Topics
Left, Right & Center: Views on Violence in our Schools
Friday, Dec. 13, 7 - 9 pm
Mark Klym
This program features lively discussions centered around a variety of "Hot Topics" that are of concern to people in Arizona and the Casa community.
Come discuss, ask questions and listen to differing views about the Violence Within Our Schools. What effect is all the talk of violence having on our children today? On the teachers? On parents?
For this evening’s Hot Topic Talk, we will also have a panel of professionals in Education and Law Enforcement that will share their views with us to get us started on this discussion.
Fee: $12. Space is limited. 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
Attitude of Gratitude

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, this is a great time to stop and reflect on all the blessings we have in our lives. When you wake up in the morning, take just a few minutes for an Attitude of Gratitude.

Here at the Franciscan Renewal Center, we are grateful for each and every one of you. The Casa is amazingly blessed with community members and volunteers who donate their time, talent and treasure.

There are so many ways to get involved at the Franciscan Renewal Center by volunteering with Programs, Liturgy, Ambassadors, Faith-in-Action and so much more.

There are also many giving opportunities to choose from. **We just kicked off our Annual Appeal.** This one-time gift will help close the gap of the annual budget and allow the Casa to continue to renew lives through spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and service to others.

If you are over 70 ½ years of age, you may consider donating your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA or turning that into a five-year Tau Society pledge. This is a great way to save tax money and support the Franciscan friars.

You may also choose to support the Casa’s endowment by adding the Franciscan Renewal Center to your will.

Whichever you choose, the Casa is ever grateful. It is because of YOUR generosity that the Franciscan Renewal Center renews lives through healing and transformation, spiritual growth and service to others.

— Sue Force, Donor Relations, 480.355.5631

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

Legacy Made Simple

Have you been thinking about making the Casa a part of your legacy but need to find a way to keep it simple? If so, a beneficiary designation of assets you own may be just the solution.

**Consider – Life insurance**

You likely purchased life insurance to protect your family’s financial security in the event something happened to you. Perhaps circumstances have changed, and your family no longer needs as much financial protection. With a simple change of beneficiary form, you can designate the Casa to receive a percentage of the death benefit on your policy. Unlike changing your will or trust, there is no cost to changing the beneficiary of your life insurance. And, we can help with the paperwork so it takes very little of your time!

To learn more about the benefits and options for making a beneficiary designation, please look for our Legacy Made Simple card in the narthex of the church or the lobby. You can also learn more by visiting our legacy website: [http://www.frclegacy.org/](http://www.frclegacy.org/), or contacting Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, 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** 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.

**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.

**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**

- **Nov 23, 24:** Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- **Dec 7, 8:** Retirement Fund for Religious/Province
- **Dec 14, 15:** Tax Credit Appeal for St. Charles School

**Mass Intentions**

**November 17, 2019 – November 23, 2019**

**Sunday**
- Pro-populo
  - 7:30 am Christine French
  - 9:15 am Anne McAvoy
  - 11:00 am Chris French
  - 7:00 pm Chris French

**Monday**
- Chris French
  - 7:00 am

**Tuesday**
- Carmen Lineiro
  - 7:00 am

**Wednesday**
- Christine French
  - 7:00 am

**Thursday**
- Jerry and Evelyn Zygowicz
  - 7:00 am

**Friday**
- Larry Schwietz
  - 7:00 am

**Saturday**
- Michael Markgraf
  - 5:00 pm

For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

**Mass Intentions for Next Week**

**Sunday:** Pro-populo; Larry Schwietz; Robert Wimmer and Family; Javier Vasquez.

**Monday:** Jewelyn Down.

**Tuesday:** Harriet Tappan.

**Wednesday:** Dan Eldridge.

**Thursday:** Robert Salvino.

**Friday:** Gaylene Ori.

**Saturday:** Larry Schwietz; George Murry Reed.

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.