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

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Presenting a Child

On the Feast of the Presentation this weekend, we commemorate the presentation of Jesus by Mary and Joseph in the temple. They were following the Mosaic law, which requires every family to offer their firstborn son to God as a sign of thanksgiving for Israel's safe deliverance from Egypt to the Promised Land (Exodus 13:11).

Two weekends ago, I took six Casa community members on an immersion trip to our southern border. We were able to see, firsthand, the hardship faced by our migrant brothers and sisters. Because of recent U.S. policies, most of them are held up in Mexico in unsafe, overcrowded shelters with very basic, and sometimes, unhygienic facilities. Some of them even have to stay in tents on the streets. A lot of them came with their little children. This is regrettable because many U.S. churches and non-profit organizations have opened shelters on our side of the border that are now underutilized.

One comment that I’ve heard about migrants is that they are bad parents for exposing their children to such a perilous journey and poor living conditions. Some of them are even willing to take their child to the border and leave them to be taken by the Border Patrol, literally presenting him or her. They have enough faith that God will take care of that child. But let us ask instead: what kind of condition in their country pushed them to make such a journey? It must be so horrendous that they’re willing to take such a high risk. If we take the Exodus story in the Bible seriously, maybe we would have more empathy with the people of Mexico and Central America who are trying to come here.

We live in an extremely polarized time in our country, including on the issues of immigration. But our faith must transcend politics. Our first concern must be for the preservation of human life and respect for the dignity of every person who has been created in the image of God. I ask that you continue your prayer, your charity work, and the exercising of your rights as citizens to demand our government to treat our migrant brothers and sisters justly and according to their inherent dignity.

Peace,

Sam

CHURCH ART & ARCHITECTURE
No reservation needed. Meet at the church.  
Wednesday, February 12, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Sunday, February 16, 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm  
Wednesday, February 19, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Sunday, March 1, 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm  
Wednesday, March 11, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Planning for the 3rd Annual Casa Creche Festival for 2020 has begun

Last December, we had over 175 “creches” (nativity scenes) on display for our 2nd Annual event. We had a wonderful collection of diverse and interesting sets on loan from members of the Casa community. This next year, we hope to display even more sets from as many different cultures and traditions as possible. If you would like to be involved in the festival, please email norbert@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 helping to plan this special holiday experience. This is such an important part of the Franciscan story. Come join the team as they plan an extraordinary event that is sure to become a local Phoenix destination holiday experience!

The Casa Choir

The Casa Choir has already begun rehearsals for the Holy Week liturgies. The choir rehearses every Tuesday evening from 7 - 9 pm.

Choir members must be able to sight-read music notation and sing with a pleasing voice. Previous choir experience is very helpful.

During the year, the Casa Choir sings for special Franciscan feast days, at Thanksgiving and Christmas and for all of the liturgies during Holy Week. In addition to these special liturgies, the choir also presents other special events and concerts.

If you are interested in scheduling an audition or have questions, please contact Norbert at 480.355.0346 or norbert@thecasa.org.

Training New Ministers of the Eucharist

Sunday, February 16

Have you ever considered helping to serve communion at Mass? Lay ministers are trained and certified to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion, and are certified in the Diocese of Phoenix for a period of three years. Our ministers are scheduled to serve once or twice a month (and more often, if they desire).

The next opportunity for this training will be Sunday, February 16 at 1:30 pm in the church. Email gwendolyn@thecasa.org to confirm that you would like to attend and the Mass time at which you would like to serve.

The next training will occur in the Fall. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry.

The Charity and Development Appeal

The Diocesan Charity & Development Appeal (CDA) is the annual fundraising effort to support more than seventy charities, ministries and apostolates for the Diocese of Phoenix. Once a year, we are asked to make a commitment to support the work being done beyond the boundary of any one parish or community.

For more information on the CDA, please visit www.dphx.org/cda. If you are interested in stories of hope from the CDA, keep an eye out for The Catholic Sun. Your gift to the CDA is a way to partner with others in our community to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, comfort the sick, counsel the doubtful, and comfort the afflicted.

Other upcoming special collections in 2020:

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
Feb. 2  Presentation of the Lord

REFLECTION: At 40 days of age, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to a temple ceremony to offer Jesus to the service of God. As parents, we can appreciate the way Mary and Joseph honored God’s law by doing this. Most of us have presented our own children for Baptism in our churches, then later for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. These are important events in the journey of faith. But the very end of today’s Gospel, which speaks of the return to Nazareth where the child Jesus continued to grow, reminds us that it is in the days after and in between such events that faith is lived out, learned, and strengthened in daily family life. What we say and do in the ordinary moments of ordinary days together helps shape who our children will become. (paraphrased from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources)

CONVERSATION:
How, when or where do you see the light of Jesus?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION:
• Why do Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple?
• Who do Mary and Joseph meet at the temple?
• What do Simeon and Anna tell Mary and Joseph?

ACTION:
Create a Presentation Prayer Box! Take a cardboard box, decorate with Christmas wrapping paper, and cut a slit in the top for prayer requests. Make a sign saying “God gave us His best. Let’s give Him our best.” Place prayer requests in it during the week. At the end of the week, open, share the requests, then discuss how God worked in these prayers.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:
Creator God, the Earth is filled with Your blessings. Help us to be thankful for the wonders of Your creation. Amen.
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

The men, women and youth of the EM Ministry at Our Lady of the Angels assist in ministering Christ’s body and blood at all liturgies. They do this with excellence through study, prayer, skill, and preparation.

Our EM’s receive spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence.

If you would like to learn more about how you can be a part of this immensely important ministry, contact norbert@thecasa.org.

— Pat Bennier, Director of Volunteer Services

Thank you for your stewardship!

Mass Offerings

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We received 233 collection envelopes.

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.

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.

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

For more information about our Counseling Ministry, please call 480.948.7460, ext. 134 or email: counseling@thecasa.org
Our Coffee Changes Lives!  
Share the Love and Buy "Fair" 
Selling on February 8 & 9.

Casa Grounds for Solidarity Ministry
Fair Trade-Plus Coffee

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

Café Justo is excellent, pure, organic coffee, but the taste is even more exquisite when you know that you are reducing poverty for Mexican families.

In the spirit of justice, our goal is to provide a means for people to remain on their family lands.

If you would like to join the ministry, contact Eileen Waldron at: casagrounds@thecasa.org.

How will you practice Lent 2020? 
Live Your Lent with a Purpose 
Food for Thought Lenten Course

Deepen your Lenten journey; learn, share, pray, and engage with others. Four Mondays in Lent (March 2, 9, 16 and 23) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Fee: $45. Pre-registration required.

Service Projects with the Hunger Action Ministry are also planned for February, March and April. Visit the Hunger Action Ministry webpage.

Contact Hungeraction@thecasa.org for more information or to sign up.

Care for Creation Ministry in the Hospitality Area on Feb. 8 & 9

The Care for Creation Ministry team will be selling the new FRC stainless-steel water bottle to support the reduction of single-use plastics. Why worry about plastics:

1. Creating single-use plastic items uses up significant fossil fuel and water resources.
2. Single-use plastics take anywhere from 20 to 1,000 years to break down.
3. Single-use plastics most often end up in landfills or polluting oceans.

The Franciscan Province of St. Barbara is encouraging each of its ministry sites to do more to care for God’s creation. Your use of reusable water containers will help in this effort. It’s also a way to show your support of the FRC. Cost is only $10.
Peace Within & Walking Labyrinth Meditation  
**Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 am - 3 pm**  
Kebba Buckley Button

This class introduces meditation methods, breath techniques, and finger and hand holds, plus development of your personal meditation space.  
**Fee: $45 per person, includes lunch. Pre-registration required.**

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**Franciscan Vision Series:**  
**Laity as Co-Creators of the Franciscan Tradition:** Finding Faith as a Lay Franciscan  
**Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 - 11 am**  
Darleen Pryds, PhD

Lay Franciscans can often be forgotten, but they are actually the majority of Franciscan practitioners. Explore the rich variety of ways in which laity have followed the Franciscan Charism from its inception.  
**Fee: $95 per person. Pre-registration required.**

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**Introduction To Centering Prayer**  
**Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 - 1 pm**  
Sharon Taszarek and Carole Whittaker, PhD

This workshop will provide the foundation for developing a personal practice of Centering Prayer as a practice that leads to contemplation.  
**Fee: $35, snacks and refreshments provided; lunch is not included. Pre-registration required.**

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**Hunger Is No Game**  
**Friday, Feb. 21, 6 - 9 pm**  
Casa Hunger Action Ministry

Hunger Is No Game: in the United States, over 40 million people, including 7 million children, live in households that struggle to put food on the table. The evening will begin with a light dinner, a short movie about hunger issues, and remarks by local legislators about Federal, State and local hunger issues. This also includes a Q&A with all attendees. How do we translate biblical justice and Gospel values into our present day Christian civic life? We as citizens can help alleviate hunger in Arizona through the legislative process:  
- Discover the current bills about hunger and food insecurity in the legislature.  
- How we move the legislature to act on hunger issues?  
- How do I rise up and act: constituent involvement?  
- Links for Learning.  
- What can I do beyond legislative action?  
**Fee: $40 per person. Pre-registration required.**

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**Food for Thought: Lenten Course on Hunger and Food Insecurity**  
**Monday, Mar. 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Casa Hunger Action Ministry

In the United States, over 40 million people, including 7 million children, live in households that struggle to put food on the table. In this course, through a group experience of dialogue, active listening and prayer, participants engage and grapple with food insecurity. Various print resources as well as online and in-class videos, offer new insights; participants’ awareness is increased about the causes and consequences of food insecurity.  
**Fee: $40 per person. Pre-registration required.**

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**The Joy of Journaling**  
**Saturday, Mar. 14, 9 am - Noon**  
Bonnie Wasniewski

Come for a morning that will give you basic knowledge, tools and that little nudge that can help you discover the joy of journaling and get you started writing!  
**Fee: $45 per person, includes lunch. Bring your favorite pen and journal or paper. Pre-registration required.**

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For more information or to register for any of these programs please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132
Jesus As Prophet in Christian-Muslim Dialogue  
Offered Twice:  
Thursday, Feb. 20, 10 - 11:30 am  
Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.  

Jesus has been seen as the obstacle to the relationship between Christians and Jews. This presentation focuses on how in contemporary scriptural studies and theology challenge this belief. Jesus’ role as prophet may be a bridge to a more profound relationship between Christians and Muslims.  

Fee: $20 per person daytime or evening sessions. Pre-registration required.  

God’s Mercy: Reflections  
Offered Twice:  
Friday, Feb. 21, 10 - 11:30 am  
Friday, Feb. 21, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.  

God’s mercy has been the subject of the papacy in recent years, especially that of Pope Francis. The concept of mercy also appeared in medieval theology and spirituality. This presentation focuses on how God’s mercy appears in the works of such women as Hadewijch, Angela of Foligno, and Catherine of Siena.  

Fee: $20 per person daytime or evening sessions. Pre-registration required.  

Spirit & Life: New Spiritual Insights of the Writings of St. Francis of Assisi  
Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 - 11:30 am  
Fr. Steven McMichael, OFM Conv.  

The Writings of Francis are the focus of several recent studies among Italian Franciscan scholars. This presentation brings to light the fruits of this writing on Francis’ two “Chartula” (parchments) that are in Assisi and Spoleto (that contain the Praises of God and the Blessing for Brother Leo), and the Canticle of Creatures. One will see that these writings of Francis can still convey to us “Spirit and Life.”  

Fee: $25 per person. Pre-registration required.  

Special Pricing!  
Attend all three Fr. Steven McMichael workshops for $60.  

Holy Week 2020  
Saturday, Apr. 4—Sunday, Apr. 12  

Holy Week Retreat, Part 1  
The peaceful, prayerful surroundings of the Casa only add to your Holy Week of renewal. Commuters are welcome and may share in lunch and dinner for a fee per meal. For the most complete retreat experience, book one of the Casa’s peaceful lodging rooms with private bath. Massages are available at additional cost, paid directly to the masseuse, on Monday and Tuesday only. Spiritual Directors are available Monday through Thursday, 1 – 3 pm, by appointment. Sign-up sheets for these optional services will be in the presentation room.  

Commuter Fees: No fee for sessions. For lunch, $10; dinner, $15. 48-hour advance registration for meals.  
Lodging, including meals: $100 Single, $80 double, per night, per person, Sunday night through Wednesday night. Stay as many nights as you wish within this span. Pre-registration required.  

Holy Week Retreat, Part 2  
On Holy Thursday, we commemorate Jesus’ example of washing the Feet of the disciples, the Last Supper, and the institution of the Holy Eucharist, then prayer in the Garden of Olives. On Good Friday, we remember Golgotha, carrying the cross, a Suffering Savior and a Sorrowful Mother, and death by crucifixion. Holy Saturday is the eve of New Birth. We let Holy Scripture tell our story as we welcome our new Church members with Baptism and Faith Promises. Then we celebrate “Christ has risen, truly He has risen!”  

Fee: With lodging, $375 single; $230 double per person. 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
Like a Choir…

Our beautiful Casa choir reminds us that the voices of many in harmony can be so joyful and powerful. Undoubtedly, our choir began as a small, passionate group of community members and grew—just as so many of our other groups and ministries at the Casa have grown. We are blessed to be in community with each other and share our passions.

The Endowment Initiative is one more example of a growing community and ministry. Although the original endowment fund started decades ago, we revitalized our efforts in 2016 with just 36 La Verna Society members and a tiny handful of six people at our first “Your Story, Your Legacy” workshop. Since then, over 290 people have attended a “Your Story, Your Legacy” workshop to explore their spiritual legacy and the difference they will make in the lives of people around them.

Additionally, 117 families have chosen to include the Franciscan Renewal Center in their estate plans, becoming members of the La Verna Legacy Society, leaving a gift so that the work of our community can continue for generations. As we gathered these members of the La Verna Society together recently for a poolside dinner of gratitude, the warmth of hugs and the buzz of conversation rose up from the poolside tables like the voices of a choir. These growing voices and gifts are indeed as joyful and powerful as a choir.

If you would like to learn more about the “Your Story, Your Legacy” workshops, or have questions about the Endowment or La Verna Legacy Society, please contact Mary Dunn at mdunn@thecasa.org, or 480.355.0345. All are welcome at this table!

—Endowment Team

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

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, mdunn@thecasa.org. You can also pick up the Endowment brochure in the church lobby!
Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!
Sign up here:

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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:** Fridays, 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.

“She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all…” We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at 602.354.2005 or dphx.org/vocations.

**Blessed Sacrament Preschool & Kindergarten 2020-2021 Catholic School Registration:** We would like to invite families with children ages 2-years-kindergarten to tour our school. Come and learn about our classrooms, curriculum, teachers, affordability, and Christ centered environment. Please call the school office at 480.998.9466 to set up a day and time tours. Registration information is available on our website at www.bscaz.org or you can pick up a registration packet on your tour. We have a few spots available so reserve your child’s class for the 2020-2021 school year.

Upcoming Special Collections

- **February 8, 9:** Charity & Development Appeal (CDA)
- **February 28 & 29:** Almsgiving
- **March 21 & 22:** Catholic Relief Services

**Mass Intentions**

**February 2, 2020 – February 8, 2020**

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For weekly readings, please visit usccb.org.

**Mass Intentions for Next Week**

**Sunday:** Pro-populo; Nancy Hardy; Cindy Consolver; John Maier.
**Monday:** Mary Osiol. **Tuesday:** Jay Samms. **Wednesday:** Nancy Hardy. **Thursday:** Helen Czekaj. **Friday:** Mary Murillo Rivera. **Saturday:** Terri Mansfield; Nancy Hardy.

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

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**SERVICE PILGRIMAGE**

**GUAYMAS SONORA, MEXICO**

Please plan on joining us on a Service Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Mission in Guaymas, Mexico!

**February 20-23, 2020**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:**
George Sabol - gvsamdg@gmail.com
or visit: www.CasaFranciscanaOutreach.org/servicemission to sign-up today!

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