Upcoming at the Casa

Discover the Vision Tour
An introduction to the Casa’s mission and ministries.
Thursday, February 20, 6 pm

Hunger Is No Game
Dinner, Movie and Conversation with Local Legislatures
Friday, February 21, 6 - 9 pm

The Joy of Journaling
With Bonnie Wasniewski
Saturday, March 14, 9 am - Noon

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

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Turning the Ordinary Into Extraordinary

Here we are at the beginning of February. The holidays are over, kids are back in school and the church liturgical year has resumed its ‘ordinary time’ schedule.

Most of the days of our lives are ordinary, no births or deaths, no epiphanies or miracles, instead, time filled with ordinary love and hope and fear common to daily life. It is in this day-to-day living that the nitty gritty work of discipleship occurs in our families. Things like helping with homework, making dinner when you are exhausted, saying “I love you,” asking for and giving forgiveness. Don’t forget the late-night science project or the cupcakes for tomorrow, that you just found out about!

Although our days may seem routine, dull or demanding, this is fertile ground for the “extraordinary” to occur. Little moments of grace, glimpses of Christ in others, coincidences that are not really coincidences, to occur. Little moments of grace, glimpses of Christ in others, coincidences that are not really coincidences, these moments are the extraordinary.

My Mom has late stage Alzheimer’s. I was visiting a few weeks ago, standing behind her wheelchair, when the caregiver brought over a basin of water, knelt and washed my mother’s feet. Here was Holy Thursday lived out in the daily routine of life! An ordinary task filled with compassion and love.

Ordinary into extraordinary! Look closely, because the magic of God’s grace is right here, right now.

Peace,

Patti

Patty Tufola
Director of Catechetical Ministries

Did You Know We Have a Hearing Loop in Our Church?

In the seating sections 2, 3 and 4, you can access the Hearing Loop, which is a wire connected to our sound system that transmits sounds to a telecoil (or t-coil) built into some hearing aids and cochlear implants. The telecoil picks up the sounds broadcast through the loop and delivers the amplified sound directly to the hearing aids.

To access the Hearing Loop, hearing aids must be equipped with a telecoil and have the program.

If you do not know if your hearing aids have a telecoil or a telecoil program, you will need to contact your audiologist for assistance.

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:

Winter Residents: Have You Registered? Has Your Contact Information Changed?

If you are a resident in Arizona during the winter months, consider registering as a member of the community. The information that is collected on our registration form is helpful to us in serving you. You can find the form in the Narthex, or ask at the Front Desk today. If you have changed your contact information, please update your information and turn in the registration form. You can find the form in the Narthex, or ask at the Front Desk today and they can assist you.

We would love to be informed if you move, change phone numbers, switch email addresses, etc. This way we can be sure we have the most up-to-date information, and you will not miss anything from us!

To update any of your contact information—phone, address, or email address—please call Rosa at 480.355.5642 or email her at Rosa@thecasa.org and she can assist you.
7 Fresh Ideas for Meal Time Prayer

Committing to gathering regularly, if not daily, for a shared meal is a great way to strengthen your family and to learn how to pray together. But if you find prayer becoming habit over heart, there are ways to be more mindful at mealtime. Here are a few different approaches to spicing up the prayer portion of your family meals.

- Have family members take turns leading the prayer each day.
- Sing the traditional prayer—let your child improvise the melody.
- Institute a moment of silence.
- Ask each member to say one thing he or she is grateful for that day.
- Read a poem or Scripture passage that gives thanks to God, perhaps you can even find positive lyrics in a popular song.
- Of course, it’s always good for your children to know the standard meal blessings.

Family Faith Activities  Feb. 9  5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION: Jesus uses a string of images to express this: He wants His disciples (that would be us) to be the salt of the earth. Salt is a basic and essential item in our diet, but in the ancient culture, it was a purifier, a seasoning and a preservative as there was no refrigeration at that time. Salt was extremely important! Do our lives contain too little or too much salt? Jesus also calls us to be the light of the world, to allow the Gospel message to shine out through our words and actions. Light the candle, pass the salt, and live out the Gospel so that our children, family and friends may come to know the living Christ through us!

CONVERSATION: What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family & friends?

PROCLAMATION/DISCUSSION: Matthew 5:13-16. What does Jesus tell His followers about letting their light shine? What happens when people let their light shine in the world? How can Jesus’ followers give glory to God?

ACTION: Gather all your candles, place on the dinner table and light them. Try to have enough so that you don’t have to turn on any other light. As you eat, talk together about how each member of the family is light to one another and to others. Talk about other people that bring light to your world or to the world in general. Say a prayer for all these lights.

PRAYER: God of Light, let Your Light shine through our good and loving actions. Amen.

Thank you for your stewardship!

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We received 284 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

We’re excited to share news of these upcoming campus projects...

- Work to pave the parking lot behind the Community Life Center has begun! This project will provide 69 spaces and is expected to be completed in six weeks.
- To expand its beauty, art glass is being added to the Mother Earth window in the church. Installation is scheduled for March.
- The auditorium renovation is in the permitting process and expected to begin on schedule in mid-March.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Pat Bennier at volunteer@thecasa.org or 480.355.0361
Apache Fair Trade Crafting Ministry
Is Holding Sales During February and March.

Come support the crafters of the San Carlos Apache Reservation by purchasing beautiful handmade jewelry, baskets and other items. Volunteer sellers will be set up in front of the Dining Room from 11 am - 1:30 pm on:
* Wednesday, February 19
* Thursday, February 27
* Saturday, March 7
* Saturday, March 21

You can also support the ministry by becoming one of the volunteer sellers. The ministry team would like to take sales to other churches in the area, but they need more volunteers to do so. Training is provided. For more information, email: AFTCO@thecasa.org.

Looking Ahead ...

Feb. 15  Introduction to Centering Prayer
Feb. 20  Jesus As Prophet in Christian-Muslim Dialogue
Feb. 21  God’s Mercy: Reflections from Medieval Women
Feb. 22  Spirit & Life: New Spiritual Insights of the Writings of St. Francis

For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact us at 480.948.7460 ext. 130 or Patti Sills-Trausch at x130 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org, or Laura Libertore at x156 or laura@thecasa.org.
The First Open House

It's rather difficult to drive anywhere in the Valley—especially on a weekend—and not run across an Open House sign along the side of the road. My husband, Brian, is a realtor, so maybe I notice those signs more than others. But the concept is obvious. A house is for sale, and a real estate agent is inviting you, and everyone else in to take a look. It does not matter who you are, whether you already own a home and are just curious or are even serious about making a move to some place new.

Did you ever wonder where the concept of an Open House started? Who came up with idea? If you think about it—maybe it was the Church. Here at the Casa, we invite everyone in all the time. All are welcome, every day of the week. Maybe we should place a few Open House signs along Lincoln Drive, with giant arrows pointing toward the parking lot. Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Church is the true meaning of an OPEN House. There is no judgement here, we welcome you right where you are. I have had the pleasure to meet several Casa "regulars" who tell me their story of being a curious tire-kicker many years ago when they first ran across the Franciscan Renewal Center. On that day, if we as a community were not welcoming and truly OPEN, they may have never returned. But the Casa really is a true Open House, not just a church with its front door unlocked.

As community members, we need to be open to invite others to experience Mass, a retreat, or a program here at the Casa. The best way to do that is to invite someone to a Discover the Vision tour, which is a wonderful introduction of the Casa's ministries and mission.

Welcome home.

—Sue Force, Donor Relations, 480.355.5631

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.

Register for the complete series for just $65 per person. Includes Part I (no fee), Part II with lunch, Part III and Part IV. Add a second person, registering at the same time, for just $25 more.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, please visit thecasa.org or call 480.948.7460 ext. 132.

The Legacy Workshop Series
Planning Ahead: A Gift of Peace

Part I
Your Story, Your Legacy: Exploring Your Spiritual Legacy
Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 am - Noon
Mary Dunn
No Fee. Space is limited. Pre-registration required.

Part II
Your Story, Your Legacy: Writing Your Legacy Letter
Saturday, Feb. 22, 1 - 3 pm
Mary Dunn
Fee: $20. Space is limited. Pre-registration required.

Part III
Preparing Your Estate Plan
Saturday, Feb. 29, 9:30 - 11 am
Fee: $20 per person. Pre-registration required.

Part IV
Planning for End of Life
Saturday, Mar. 7, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Fee: $20 per person, Pre-registration required.

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

CASA LAUNCHES 'ENDOW YOUR TAU'

Tau contributions are the cornerstone of daily operations at the Casa. From turning on the lights and cooling the buildings to religious formation for children and adults, from facilities and grounds upkeep to liturgy, counseling and outreach to others. This is the Casa, and Tau makes it all happen – for today.

Endowment also plays a vital role in the Casa’s financial sustainability by investing gifts to generate operating income – for tomorrow.

The Future is Calling Us

We all want to see the Casa changing lives for others in the same way it has for us, long into the future. We have built a house where the People of God can gather, be renewed and minister together. So, too, we must build a future. By Endowing Your Tau, you can help ensure that the Casa has the resources to grow and become what we, as a community, are called to be through the goodness of God.

Forever!

To learn more about how Endow Your Tau works, contact Mary Dunn, 480.355.0345, mdunn@thecasa.org. We also invite you to pick up the Endow Your Tau brochure in the lobby or Church Narthex.
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 Casa@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.

FST Raffle Sale Student Appeal

WIN your San Francisco Vacation

Nob Hill Condo - 7 day
VIP Napa Winery Tour
Flora Springs Winery
$1,000 Spending Cash

Raffle Tickets are $100
(See raffle tickets for details.)

Available after all the weekend Masses at the Casa February 22 - 23 and February 29 - March 1.

The Friars ask for your support in this raffle to help continue Franciscan Graduate Education.

Mass Intentions
February 9, 2020 – February 15, 2020

Sunday  Pro-populo                                           7:30 am
         Nancy Hardy                                            9:15 am
         Cindy Consolver                                       11:00 am
         John Maier                                             7:00 pm

Monday   Mary Osiol                                           7:00 am

Tuesday  Jay Samms                                            7:00 am

Wednesday Nancy Hardy                                       7:00 am

Thursday Helen Czekaj                                       7:00 am

Friday   Mary Murillo Rivera                                  7:00 am

Saturday Terri Mansfield                                    7:00 am
             Nancy Hardy                                         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.

Upcoming Special Collections

Feb. 28 & 29:  Almsgiving
Mar. 21 & 22:  Catholic Relief Services
Apr. 25 & 26:  Catholic Home Missions

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. Discover more at TheCasa.org.