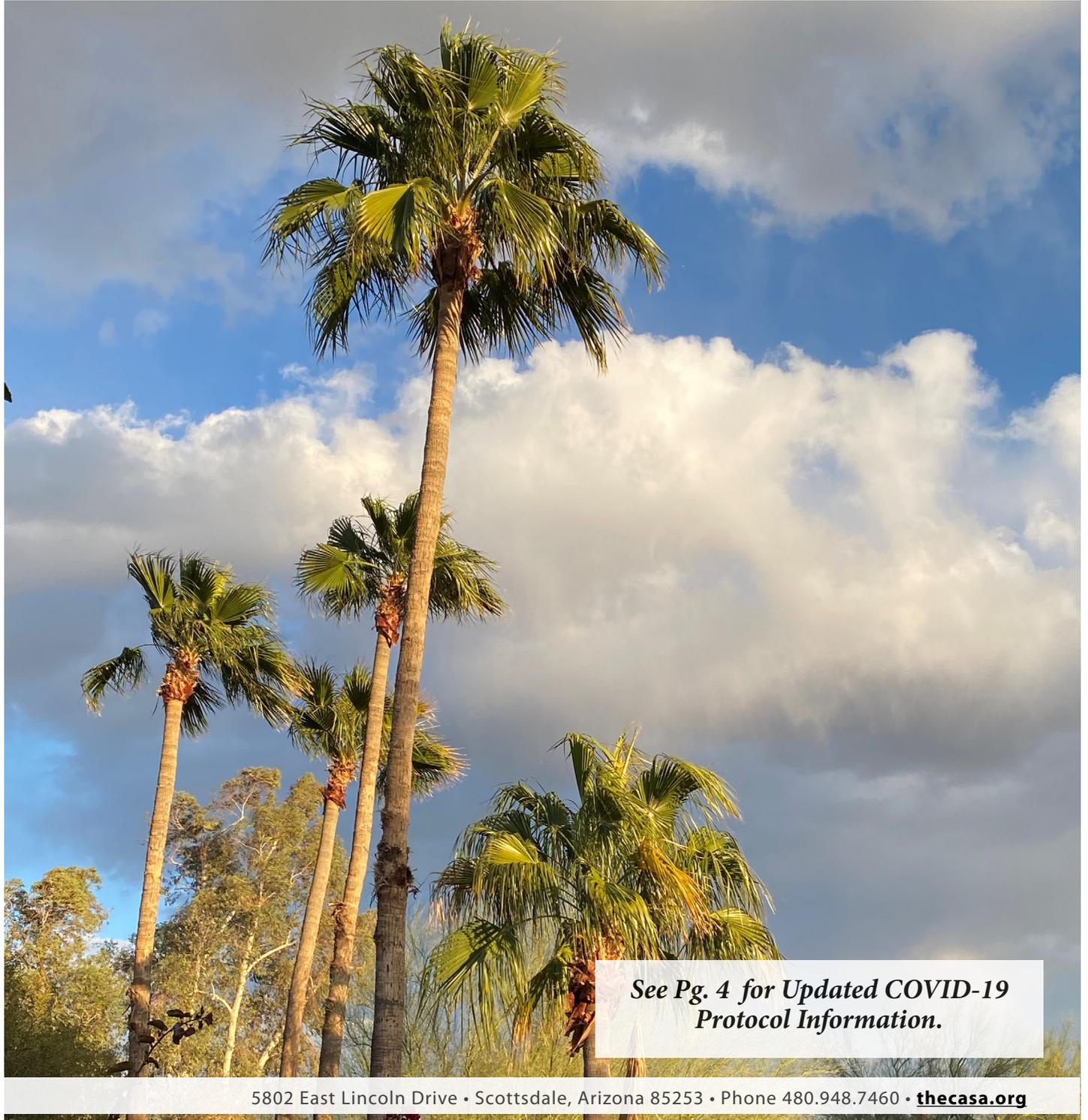


May 16, 2021

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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The Franciscan Renewal Center • A Roman Catholic Community of the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara



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Photo by Fr. Daniel Barica, OFM



Dear OLA Community members and Casa friends,

Most of us are likely familiar with a group we call Generation X, those born between 1965 and 1980. I wonder if you have heard of another X group, known as Brood X? This is a pod of insects called cicadas, found in various parts of the Midwest and mid-Atlantic that are emerging after 17 years of a quiet and unknown existence underground. They would most likely continue in their obscurity if not for their size and the volume of their mating calls, which can be deafening. Much like their human namesakes, Brood Xers can be considered self-sufficient, resourceful, and individualistic because they have learned how to care for themselves since before reaching adulthood. Yet scientists are still not sure how cicadas know the right time to emerge and how they do so as a group. How does an insect count 17 years underground?

The Feast of the Ascension, where Christ joyfully returns to the Father, is more about us, left behind. It reminds me that there comes a time in life when our personal faith must emerge on the public stage. The timing does not necessarily fit our comfort zone and, quite often, it is an experience of discomfort that pushes us into a public faith, or what Casa staff member Patti Sills-Trausch would call a “Faith In Action.” I am certain that if we interviewed the disciples who were present on that blessed Ascension day, they would tell us that they were not quite ready to let go of Jesus and get on with evangelization. Yet the great commission was thrust upon them anyway: Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Are we ever ready for such a bold and momentous task?

Every beginning has an ending and every ending anticipates a new beginning. Life as we know it is cyclical. The cicadas emerge to achieve their sole purpose of preparing for the next generation. Similarly, we are baptized and confirmed so that we might achieve our purpose of being Christ in the world, agents of healing and transformation, spiritual growth and service to others, as our Casa mission reminds us. At baptism we are anointed to be as priests (God’s sacramental agents of grace), prophets (God’s holy voice), and kings (God’s servant-leaders) to all we come across. Conversion may deepen through a powerful, personal encounter but it was never intended to remain private. As the First Reading from Acts reminds us, we are to be Christ’s witnesses. How is it possible to witness privately? It often takes a push, a nudge, or something more drastic for us to wake up to our purpose in God’s plan to set the world on fire. We cannot remain staring up at the sky.

God has generously given each of us gifts and resources to be used as we are sent forth (at the conclusion of every Mass) to be Christ in the world. What has God given you? How have you made it available for God, putting your faith into action? Patti and her team of staff and volunteers are happy to explore service options and make connections happen. You can reach her at socialconcerns@thecasa.org

May your emergence be as subtle as the cicadas!
Together with you living the faith,

Fr. Daniel F. Barica, OFM, Rector
Our Lady of the Angels Church

The Conventual Church of
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at the Franciscan Renewal Center

PUBLIC MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass	Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am
Daily Mass	Monday – Saturday	8:00 am

Also available on [YouTube.com/theCasaFRC](https://www.youtube.com/theCasaFRC)

Communion	Sunday	12:00 - 12:30 pm
Taizé Prayer	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Front Desk	Sunday	9:15 am - 12:30 pm
	Monday - Friday	8:45 am - 12:00 pm
	Saturday	Closed
Bookstore	Sunday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
	Monday & Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday - Friday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Saturday	11:00 am - 6:30 pm

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Readings and Mass Intentions

May 16 – 23, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

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Richard Hadad

Fr. Ben Innes OFM

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Robert Goldschmidt

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Salmon Family Circle

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Michael J. Mulroy

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Ann Misko

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Marilyn Calto

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Nicolas Kadzielawski

Rudy Avalos

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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We continue to follow the CDC guidelines at the Franciscan Renewal Center. With the changes that the CDC announced this week, anyone who is fully vaccinated is welcome to be anywhere on the Casa campus without wearing a mask or physically distancing.

If you aren't fully vaccinated yet, please keep taking all precautions while at the Casa until you are fully vaccinated.

We honor and respect those who choose to wear masks for their own reasons or who are still needing to be fully vaccinated.

Should I come to church for Mass?

Each person must make the decision of what is best for themselves, their families, *and* others with whom they will come in contact.

Please stay home if:

- + You are feeling sick.
- + You have a fever.
- + You have a new cough or sneezing.
- + You have a sick family member at home.
- + You have been recently exposed to someone who may be sick.
- + You are a primary caretaker of a vulnerable person.
- + You have been traveling.
- + You have been in large unmasked crowds.
- + You are at risk because of pre-existing conditions or age.

Special Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

This weekend, we are participating in the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in our diocese stay in our diocese to support our local communications needs, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications.

For those of you who have opted to use our collection envelope program, you will find an extra envelope for this purpose in your packet. You can drop this envelope – along with your envelope for your gift to the Casa – in the collection boxes near the church doors.

You can make a donation to this collection by going to the Special Collections section at <https://www.thecasa.org/donate> You'll find information there about this particular collection.

Why do we join in these collections?

Offering what we can to the special collections is a reminder that we, as Catholics, belong to a worldwide Church and how we can help others is a way to say thank you to God for the kindness we have been shown.

For your financial planning, here are the upcoming special collections:

- May 30 Franciscan Missionary Union
- June 27 Peter's Pence
- July 18 Native American & Black Mission

Thank you for your generosity!

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



When I became a parent, I had this vision of one day teaching my children to cook. I love to cook, and being in the kitchen is truly one of my happy places in this world. As a new mom, I was excited that one day I would be able to pass that passion on to my children. Then reality set in. As my daughter, in particular, got older, I began to realize that my dream — this ideal in my head — was probably going to end up being much different, not to mention far more difficult, than I anticipated. Teaching another person to do something you yourself are extremely passionate about is not for the faint of heart! It wasn't long before I realized that she wasn't going to just intuitively know exactly what to do. Even the smallest details needed instruction and explanation at first. It wasn't long before I realized that I had to be flexible and allow her to do some things differently than I do them. It wasn't long before I realized that her skills and mine were not meant to be identical, but rather, they could compliment each other.

I remember the first time I stepped away from her and let her make a recipe on her own. As I stepped out of the kitchen to watch her from the other side of the room, I realized that my work was mostly done. I had taught her the basics, walked with her through several different recipes, and now it was up to her to take what I had given her and make something wonderful with it. I was there to watch over her, keep an eye out and make suggestions along the way, if she needed me to — but the journey was now hers. She would still make mistakes, but she would learn and grow from them just as I had at her age.

I wonder if that is how Jesus felt as He sent his disciples off to do the work that He began here on earth? He spent so much time walking with them, teaching them, and guiding their path. Sometimes even the smallest detail had to be fleshed out and explained (I'm looking at you, St. Peter). He exposed them to many different situations and scenarios. Even after His resurrection there were still lessons to be learned, and He continued to teach them (St. Thomas). And then there came that moment where He ascended into heaven and had to just let them make something wonderful with what He had given them.

It's so important for us to understand that our Christian traditions have been passed down to us from these same men and women whom Jesus himself taught to become Him in the world and that we are now the ones carrying on that tradition. It's no different from how we carry on the tradition of teaching our children to cook, or drive a car, or even how to love in this world. And the beautiful melting pot of all of our own ways of doing things, our own skills, and personalities is what makes each of our own contributions to that work unique. My friends, it's up to us to take what we have been given and make something wonderful with it!

Donna Kinzie,
Family Faith Formation and Infant Baptism Coordinator, Interim Youth Minister

Registration for the 2021/2022 Program Year

*Are you planning to register your family for the upcoming program year, beginning Fall 2021? If so, please let us know! **Email Donna the following information:***

- ~Family last name
- ~Parent(s) name(s)
- ~Name and grade of each child in the family



For Sacramental Preparation and Family Faith Formation, contact Patty Tafolla at dcm@thecasa.org; for Baptism and Youth Ministry, contact Donna Kinzie at donna@thecasa.org

Heeding the Call



As we begin taking steps back into normalcy, like many of us, I've been reflecting on this past year. A disruption to our daily lives shakes us out of our routine, especially a continued disruption coupled with uncertainty. We start seeing with fresh eyes. Sometimes routine is good: brushing our teeth, meditation and prayer, and getting the oil changed on time, for instance. Sometimes, routine becomes a rut, when we do things not because it's feeding our soul but because we've been doing it for so long it's habit. Those things are all up for review right now, along with the bigger questions of: Am I doing what makes my soul sing? Am I spending my time where I want to be and with the people I love most? Those questions and more have been on many people's minds, resulting in relocations, job changes and even complete lifestyle changes for some.

A young man on YouTube mentioned that he'd learned this year to stop waiting. It resonated deeply with me when I heard that. So often in the past I would put things off into the future. I don't want to delay anymore, waiting for a better time or place. If I'm being called to something, whatever that something is, now is the time to take action in some fashion. So, while in many ways 2020 felt like a year of waiting, it was also a year of reflection, contemplation, and clarifying priorities. I feel like life is calling us back. Spirit is calling us. We need only answer and follow the calling.

May you have a blessed week filled with what you love and value most.

Colleen Rogers
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Valley Interfaith Project Casa Core Team
invites you to a Listening Session to learn what is happening to members of our community.

**May 24, 6:30 - 8 pm
on Zoom**



This last year has been stressful. What keeps *you* up at night? What are the pressures on you and your extended family? Our world turned upside in the last 14 months. Some people have lost jobs, health insurance, homes, and possibly their dignity. Rental and home prices are skyrocketing. Some students have missed a year of education. Friends and family members have died and could not be mourned properly. We experienced racial unrest and climate/weather emergencies.

Join the Valley Interfaith Project Casa Core Team on May 24 at a listening session on Zoom to share your experiences and discover common issues that need to be addressed. [Click Here](#) to register.



Please save half an hour for the poor!
Thursday, May 27 at 9 am (MST)

Join Casa Franciscana Outreach for our first virtual appeal. In thirty minutes, discover the Franciscan Tree of Life in Guaymas, Mexico as Fr. Martin and his team serve God's children under difficult conditions. See your donations at work.

To register for this virtual event, [Click Here](#). Pass along this invitation to family and friends. — Mil gracias.

Remember Our Deceased Veterans and Their Families on Memorial Day with a Rosary Service

**Monday, May 31 at 6 pm
Guadalupe Shrine**



This Memorial Day, the Casa Veterans Ministry invites you to the Guadalupe Shrine to pray, in person, the Rosary in remembrance of those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. At this service, we will also remember those veterans who have died after completing their service.

Prayer Intentions: In remembrance of all veterans who have died, the Casa Veterans Ministry & Rosary Group are collecting the names of deceased veterans to include in a special Rosary uniquely composed to honor them. Please email: Name, Rank and Branch of Service (if known) to:



casaveteransministry@thecasa.org by May 30.

Laudato Si' Week 2021

Laudato Si' Week 2021, to be held May 16-25, will be the crowning event of the Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion.

To see a message from Pope Francis and to sign up for information on how to participate in the week, [Click Here](#).



For more information about Faith in Action Ministries, contact Patti Sills-Trausch at 480.355.0348 or socialconcerns@thecasa.org, or Laura Libertore at laura@thecasa.org or 480.355.5645.

Grief and Loss Retreat (On Campus)

Friday, June 4 – Sunday, June 6

with Sheila Marchetta, MA and Timothy Ringgold, MT-BC

The retreat team provides a supportive setting for anyone experiencing grief over the death of a loved one, information about the grief process and ways to heal during this intense and painful period. **Overnight lodging strongly recommended for this retreat. Fee: \$135, includes meals; with lodging \$250 single, \$150 double per person. Pre-registration required. Sign up early; retreat limited to 20.**



Divorced and Separated Retreat (On Campus) Renew, Restore, Rebuild After Your Relationship Ends

Friday, June 4 – Sunday, June 6

with Judith McHale, MA, LPC & Tom Mitchell, PhD, LPC

While we would like to think time heals, it is truly insight that helps us understand what is needed to renew, restore and rebuild after our relationship ends. This weekend retreat will help you not only live

through the end of your relationship, but show you how that ending can be transformed into an opportunity for personal growth, healing and even joy. Judith and Tom will gently guide you through the emotional process of parting with a step-by-step guide, as well as a series of exercises designed to teach you that you have the power to make your future whatever you decide it to be. **Fee: \$135, includes meals; with lodging \$250 single, \$150 double per person. Pre-registration required.**

The Legacy Workshop: Your Story, Your Legacy (On Campus)

Saturday, June 5 | 9 am – 1 pm

with Mary Dunn

This workshop will engage you in reflecting, writing, and sharing stories of how you came to be who you are and exploring what more might await you. Participants have come away from the workshop with a clearer sense of self and purpose, and less stress about the future. They have learned the importance of having conversations with loved ones about the legacy they want to pass on and their wishes for care through the end of life.

Fee: \$50. Pre-registration required.



Water Movement (On Campus)

Saturdays July 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21, 28

9 - 10:30 am

with Susan Wrubel

Relax and renew with gentle movement in the water. Taking advantage of the Casa's beautiful pool, participants will enjoy the gentle, buoyant sensation of mindful physical movement in the water. Water noodles and towels provided. **Fee: \$75. Pre-registration required.**

For more information or to register for any of our programs, please visit frc.retreatportal.com/ or email lora@thecasa.org



Thank you, John LeMoine!

My name is John LeMoine. I have been a member of Our Lady of Angels Church for the past thirteen years and joined the Valley Interfaith Project (VIP) Casa Core team in July of 2020. During the COVID pandemic, I became more and more frustrated at the way the health crisis was being handled.

I heard that VIP was developing a strategy to get its member congregations to open their parking lots as mass testing sites. As a father of four and grandfather of seven, I wanted to get out to see all of them again. My wife Kathy and I love to visit our children and their families that are spread across the country. I knew that we needed to get the pandemic under control to do that again. It seemed to me that ordinary citizens had to step up and make something happen. This is the strength of Valley Interfaith Project as it trains ordinary citizens to make an impact in their community.

As the year went on, VIP's strategy went from testing and tracing to providing venues for flu vaccinations to finally promoting COVID vaccine sites. Working with Maricopa County, other VIP member congregations, vaccination vendors, and VIP volunteers, we are reaching out to hard hit, underserved areas within the county. It has been extremely rewarding for me to see these low income/ low vaccination rate areas finally getting the attention they need. Working with the VIP Casa Core team has been a great experience and made it possible for me to participate in this effort.

To learn more about volunteering at the Casa, please visit thecasa.org/volunteer or email volunteer@thecasa.org



Facilities Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you handy? Do you have a green thumb or experience in A/V equipment? We have many opportunities for facilities volunteers to share their skills and enjoy the rewards of helping to keep the Casa clean, beautiful, and running smoothly for all who come here. Here are some of the ways you can help:

- Landscaping/Groundskeeping
- Plant Propagation/Plant Nursery Care
- Cleaning Inside and Outside of Buildings
- Helping with Meetings and Events Setups
- Running A/V for Meetings
- Handyman for Maintenance and Repairs
- And much more...

Interested? Email volunteer@thecasa.org



Support Groups at the Casa

Our support groups are settings where common difficult experiences can be shared among those who know what you're feeling and can reassure you that you are not alone. These gatherings can generate practical tips and resources, new information that can lead to new hope, or simply a smile of solidarity. Monthly support groups are available at the Casa and are facilitated by our volunteer therapists, who also happen to have personal experience with the topic of the group. Appointments are not required, however schedules may change (especially during holiday periods), so please email counseling@thecasa.org to confirm times and dates.

Depression Support Group

Second Tuesday of each month 6 – 7:30 pm
Facilitator: Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW

Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7 pm
Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

Anxiety Support Group

Fourth Tuesday of each month 6 – 7:30 pm
Facilitator: Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW

Parents of Children with Autism

First Thursday of each month 7– 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Greg Moody, LAC

Navigating the Immigration Process

First Wednesday of each month 5:30 – 7 pm
Facilitator: Ginka Conrey, LMSW

One-on-One Therapy for 18+ at the Casa

One-on-One Therapy for 18+ is available by appointment, with safety protocols in place. Online sessions are also available, per the preference of the client and therapist. Our therapists volunteer their time to help individuals, families, or couples cope with life's challenges — such as relationship issues, stress, depression/anxiety and personal growth. Because our therapists volunteer their time, a donation is suggested for each one-on-one session, though no one is turned away due to lack of funds or insurance. Email counseling@thecasa.org to make an appointment. If you are or a loved one experience an immediate crisis, please call 911 or the Maricopa County Crisis Line at 602.222.9444.

For more information, contact Ryan M. Sheade, LCSW, Director of the Therapy, Support, and Counseling Ministry at counseling@thecasa.org

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



An Invitation to Spiritual Growth

We endure the isolation, manage small and large losses. The times we live in can leave us uncertain and asking where God might be in these challenges. Here at the Casa we offer the support of our **Spiritual Direction Ministry**. Spiritual direction offers one-on-one listening and support for finding God in our lives and deepening that relationship. Spiritual direction or companionship is not counseling, it is holy listening and discernment of God's voice in our lives. We have nineteen spiritual directors, most available via phone or Zoom. Simply contact **Cathy Olds, Coordinator of Spiritual Direction Ministry**, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org to set up an appointment with one of our directors. You can learn more about spiritual direction at www.thecasa.org/spiritual-direction. **During these times of grief, this Casa ministry would like to offer one free session to anyone in the Casa community.**

FAITH SHARING

Casa Men in Spirit. This faith sharing group of Christian men meets every other Saturday via Zoom for discussion, study, lectures and guidance. We are currently studying/discussing Sr. Joan Chittister's *Welcome to the Wisdom of the World* and Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's *Against an Infinite Horizon, The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives*. Contact Al Sapia-Bosch 602.748.6149, Chuck Jirauch 480.290.9687. MenInSpirit@thecasa.org

For Prayer Requests: Casa Prayer Partners petition prayers and prays for our human family. Send requests to: CasaPrayerPartners@thecasa.org.

Casa Rosary Group meets Tuesdays at 6 pm. Temporarily we are meeting telephonically and online. Call in number is 518.418.1722 or join by video-conference: www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/jgpeck, meeting ID: jgpeck. Or you can email prayer intentions to James Peck at jgpeck@gmail.com, and he will make sure they get offered up with the Rosary.

Interfaith Healing Prayers meets Fridays following 8 am Mass by email, until we can meet in person. Please contact Terri at healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome to participate.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets on Zoom on the second Sunday of the month. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: Pat Kennedy, OFS, at 602.284.9343

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 and Sunday Mass at the Our Lady of the Angels Church, private retreats, conference space for non-profit groups, individual therapy/counseling, support groups, adult education, family faith formation, 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. Sign up for a **Discover the Vision** tour to learn more about the Casa's mission and ministries.

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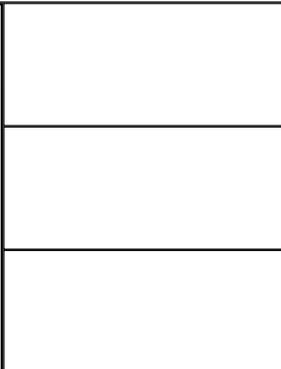
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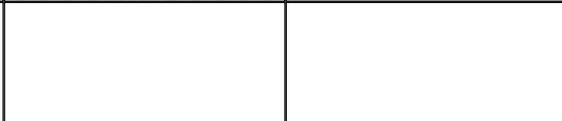
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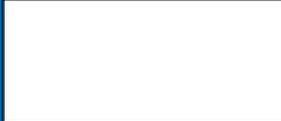


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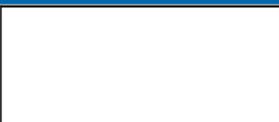
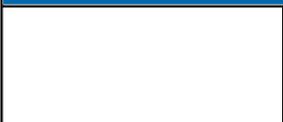
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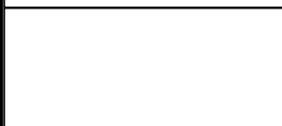
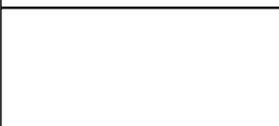
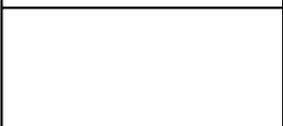
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