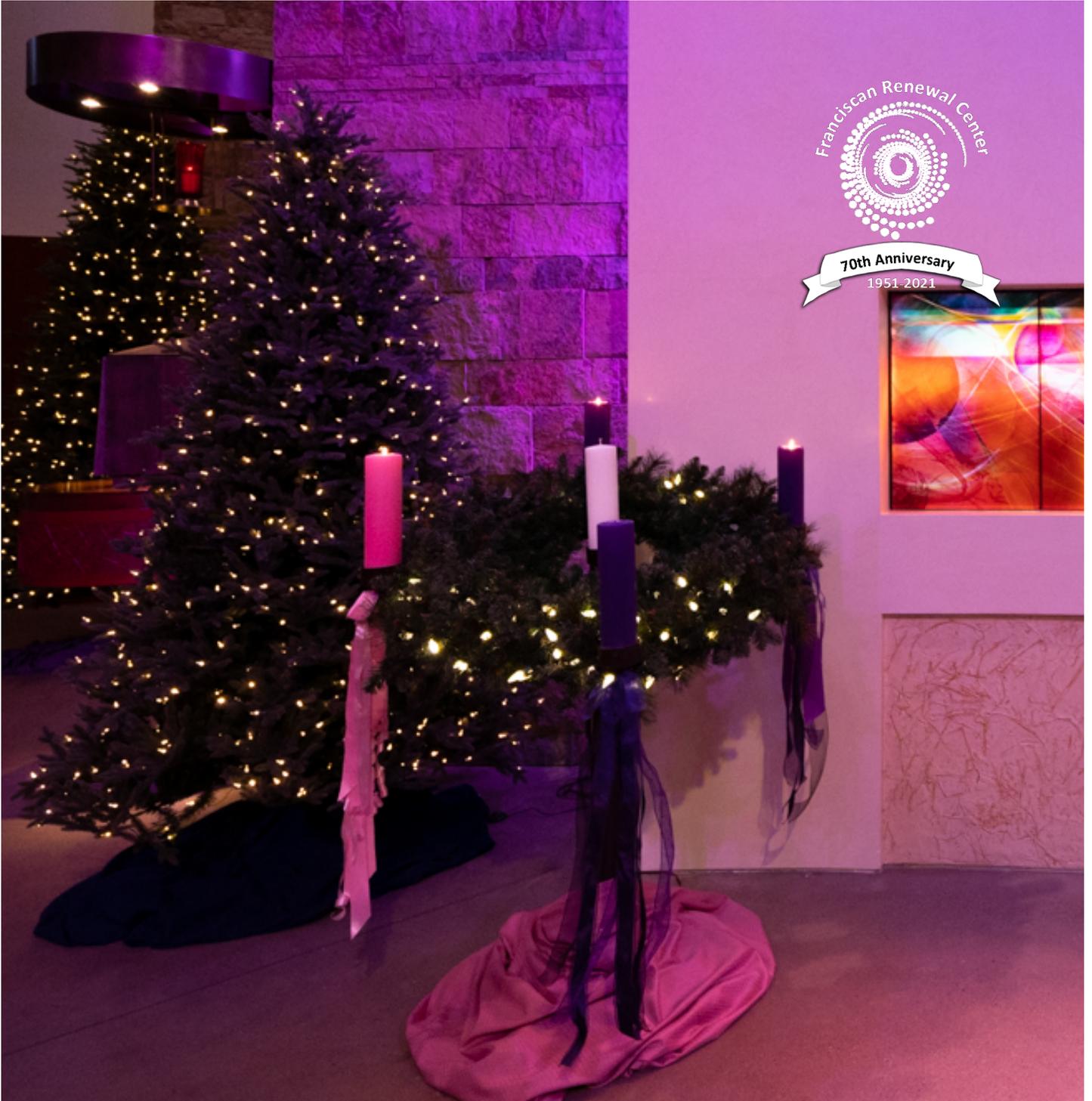


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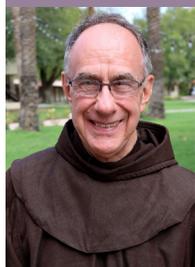
First Sunday of Advent

RENEWAL

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ADVENT IS HERE

The calendar year is coming to an end. The liturgical year is at its beginning.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph # 524) instructs us that Advent makes present the expectancy of the Messiah, and the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming.

Preface One for the Advent Season states our faith, belief, and hope with elegance.

For He assumed at His first coming to the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation that when He comes again in glory and majesty and all is, at last, made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promises in which now dare to hope.

Let us rejoice that Christ has come. Let us rejoice as we watch and wait for Him to come again.

Peace and all Good!

Fr. Page Polk, OFM
Rector
The Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Angels

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OUR LADY of the ANGELS

at the Franciscan Renewal Center

Sunday Mass	Saturday	4:00 pm
	Sunday	7:30 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am
Daily Mass	Monday – Friday	8:00 am
<i>Sat. 4 pm, Sun. 9:15 am, and Monday – Friday Daily Mass also available on YouTube.com/theCasaFRC</i>		
Taizé Prayer	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Reconciliation	Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Guest Services Desk	Sun. - Sat.	6:00 am - 7:30 pm
Bookstore	Sunday	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Monday & Tuesday	Closed
	Wed. - Fri.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Saturday	11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Please see pg. 10 for this week's Mass Intentions.
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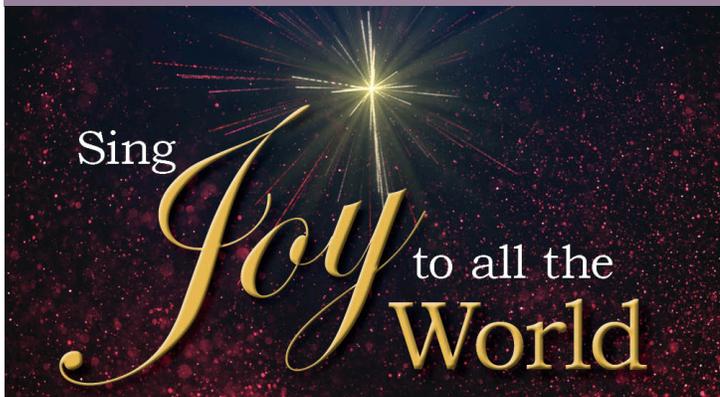
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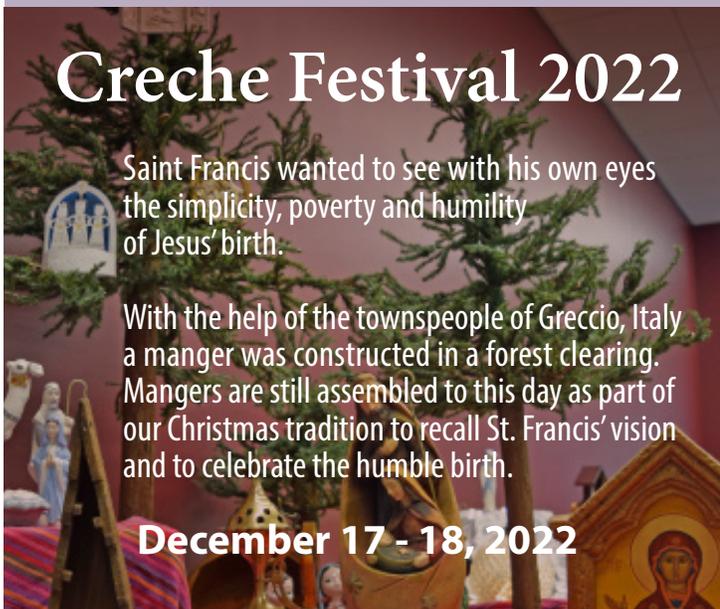
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"Buon Natale, Greccio: St. Francis & the Nativity"

Saturday, December 17, 2022 – 7 pm

This concert of beautiful Christmas music and stories is part of the *Casa Creche Festival*. Open to the public and free to attend, our Casa Choir and musicians will tell the story of St. Francis and his portrayal of Jesus' birth, which established the worldwide tradition of displaying nativity scenes. Bring the whole family ... bring neighbors and friends and introduce them to the Casa!



Creche Festival 2022

Saint Francis wanted to see with his own eyes the simplicity, poverty and humility of Jesus' birth.

With the help of the townspeople of Greccio, Italy a manger was constructed in a forest clearing. Mangers are still assembled to this day as part of our Christmas tradition to recall St. Francis' vision and to celebrate the humble birth.

December 17 - 18, 2022

Advent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent is a good time to celebrate this sacrament as we prepare for Christmas: the proclamation of God's great love for us! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available:

- Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 – 4 – 5pm
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 – 9 – 10am
- Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 – 1 – 2pm
- Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 – 6 – 7pm

Come and experience the peace that comes from hearing the beautiful words of absolution.

Do you have a special nativity scene that you'd like to share at the 3rd Annual Casa Creche Festival? Dec. 17 - 18, 2022

If you would like to loan us your special nativity set for this event, or be involved in the festival, please email Norbert@thecasa.org. Maybe you'd like to volunteer for the event. Christmas is such an important part of the Franciscan story. Let us know if you'd like to help with this unique event.

Christmas Eve Masses – Dec. 24
4, 6, 8 & 10 pm

Christmas Day Mass – Dec. 25
10 am

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Reflecting on the Word as a Family - Matthew 24: 37-44

As we prepare for Christmas, the Church reminds us of Jesus' coming at the end of the world. While this might seem contrary to the season, let us remember that whether Christ comes in glory or as a poor child, the results are the same. The Second Coming and Christmas invite us to come closer to the Lord. Both urge us to approach the Lord without delay, even through events of the world distract us.

Discuss the Word as a Family

- *On the way home from Mass:* What images do you have Christ's return in glory? What would happen if he arrived in a way unexpected?

Living the Word as a Family

As a family, reflect on your anxieties this week. Establish a time for family prayer and bring the things that have you anxious right now to the Lord. And pray for the peace to survive the unexpected. (Word Sunday)

SAVE THE DATE!

Family Movie Night

Saturday, December 17 | 6:30 pm

San Damiano Auditorium



December Activities for Catholic Families

- Pray for missionaries all over the world who are spreading God's love and message in honor of St. Francis Xavier, whose feast day is on December 3.
- Fill your children's shoes with small gifts or wrapped candies while they are asleep to celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas on December 6.
- Have a Mexican-themed dinner with roses as decorations to celebrate the feast days of St. Juan Diego (December 9) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12).
- Plan to give a gift (or three) to Jesus this year to celebrate his birthday! Jesus taught us that when we help those in need, we are helping him! Find a way to give a Christmas gift to someone who is particularly in need this year.
- Read one of the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Consider waiting until then to add Jesus to your family's nativity scene.
- Brainstorm with your family things you can do to live more like the Holy Family. Plan to do at least one of those things before the end of the month in honor of the Feast of the Holy Family which is always the first Sunday after Christmas.



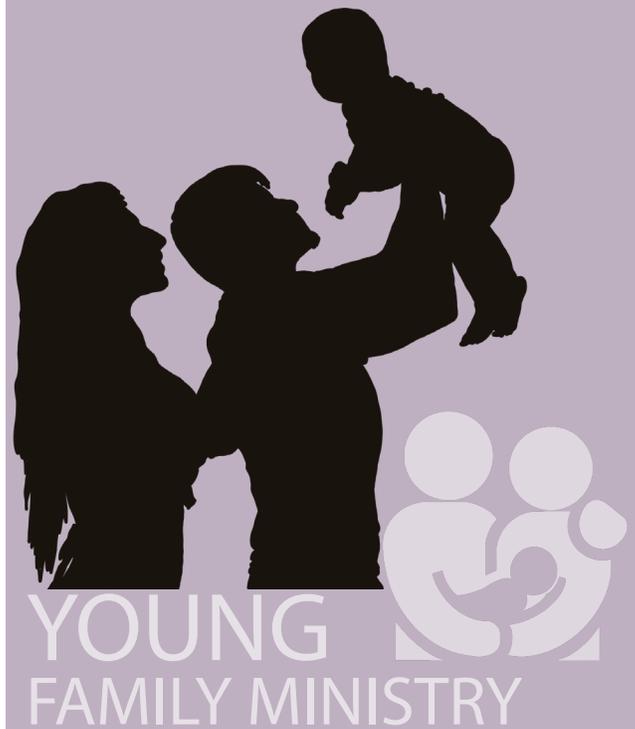
For Sacrament Preparation, contact Patty Tafolla at dcm@thecasa.org;
for Family Catechesis & Infant Baptism, contact Donna Kinzie at donna@thecasa.org;
for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org.

Introducing Young Family Sunday!

December 11 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Capistrano Room and Hospitality area

- All families who have children between birth and 5 years of age are invited to our very first Young Family Sunday. After attending the 9:15 am Mass, head over to Capistrano room for Advent activity stations, fellowship with other young families, and coffee and donuts too. Before you go home, make sure to pick up an Advent activity to use at home with your kids.



For Young Adult Ministry, contact Cheryl Hentz at chentz@thecasa.org



DISCOVER THE VISION

An introduction to the Casa's mission and ministries.

Thursdays

December 1	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>
January 5	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>
February 2	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>
March 2	11:00 am
	<i>In person</i>

Reserve Your Spot Today

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email: rsvp@thecasa.org



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FAST TALK THEOLOGY

Sunday Lecture Series | 9-10:30 am
in the San Damiano Auditorium

Dec. 11

Dr. Maureen Day, Ph.D.

Accompanying Young Adult Catholics

There is no fee or registration required.

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Explore the Art of the Casa

Highlights of
Franciscan-Inspired Art

First and Third Sunday
12:30 pm-1:15 pm

First and Third Wednesday
11:30 am -12:30 pm

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Sunday Morning, December 11
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- To make a charitable donation to the School (no tax credit), mail a check directly to:
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Box 339, San Carlos, AZ 85550

Contributions must be made by **April 18, 2023** in order to receive tax credit.

Questions can be directed to Paul Burgess, pburgess123@gmail.com

Register now for this online (virtual) course

Renew Our Hearts: Franciscan Advent Conversations

Two Monday Evenings in Advent: December 12 and 19

6:30 - 8 pm, fee \$10

Take time to pause from the holiday “hustle and bustle” and take a step back to renew your hearts in preparation to receive Jesus this Christmas. Readings are from the *Advent 2022 Daily Reflections with Saint Francis* booklet. The sessions include contemplative prayer, scripture and conversation.

To register online visit the FRC Programs Portal: <https://tinyurl.com/f5whtmkj>. You can also register at the Lobby Guest Services Desk: either in person or call 480.942.7460. Registration closes on Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm. Details found here: <https://tinyurl.com/54brs4n4>



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If you would like to speak with someone about your gift, please call Development Director Amy Jo Hutchison at 480.355.5634.

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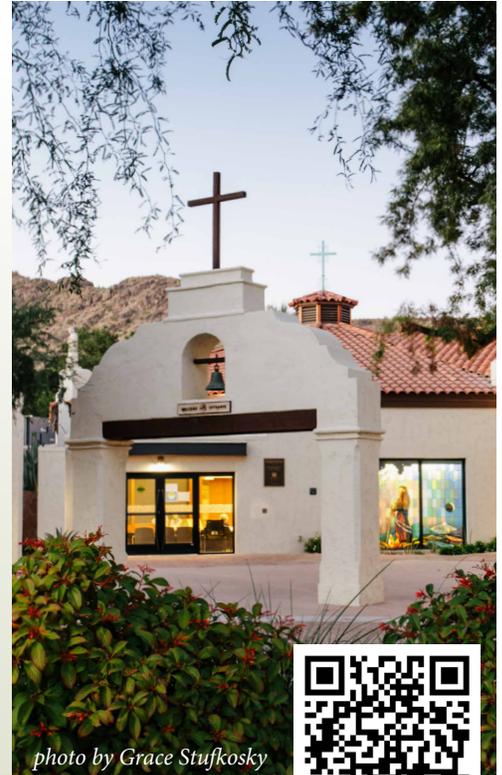


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Thank you!

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Since becoming a member here at the Casa five years ago, I have been uplifted and feel so blessed to be part of this loving and welcoming community. I have had the opportunity to be a participant in many retreats, and I am an active volunteer with the Liturgical Ministries. I have also learned about the Franciscan mission and values of spiritual renewal, service to others, and care for creation. I have looked for ways to be supportive and continue the work begun by the friars 70 years ago and sustain the many ministries and programs.

In the spirit of gratitude and looking for ways to increase my contributions, last year, the company I work for announced support for Giving Tuesday through a matching “dollar-for-dollar” program up to \$1,000. As an organization that shares very similar beliefs of balancing financial, social, and environmental considerations, I thought maybe the Franciscan Renewal Center would be a recognized recipient for Giving Tuesday, and it was! What a great way to double a donation!

I’m looking forward to participating in Giving Tuesday again this year on Tuesday, November 29. I appreciate so many organizations that are now inspired to support their employee’s generosity on this biggest day of giving in 2022!

Happy Giving! - Liz Lukase

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WEEKEND RETREAT

Grief and Loss Retreat

December 2 – 4, Friday – Sunday

with Timothy Ringgold, MT - BC

Retreat leader Tim Ringgold provides a supportive setting where you will gain new insights into the grief process and discover ways to heal and move forward from this intense and painful period.

Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter. Registration required.

Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND RETREAT

**Iconography Retreat:
A Brush with God**

December 8 – 11, Thursday – Sunday

Peter Pearson, M Div

During this workshop, we'll pray especially for the people of Ukraine. No previous experience or innate talent is required. All materials are provided.

Fee, including meals: \$575 single room; \$350 commuter incl. 2 dinners and 1 lunch

Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND RETREAT

Emmaus Retreat for Grieving Parents

Friday - Sunday, December 9 - 11

with Marianne Gouveia and Greg Eckerman

The EMMAUS Ministry for Grieving Parents is a unique ministry that serves the spiritual needs of grieving parents. The retreat is offered by grieving parents who have lost children of their own.

Fee: \$250 includes meals and lodging. \$135 per person commuter. Pre-registration is required. For details and registration, visit: frc.retreatportal.com



WEEKEND RETREAT

Men's Retreat: Being at Home in My Own Skin— The Ultimate Gift.

December 9 – 11, Friday – Sunday

Terry Hershey and Dcn. Phil LoCascio

This weekend will give you permission to be at home in your own skin, to embrace authenticity, to find your voice and the fire in your belly. Please join us.

Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter Pre-registration required.

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WEEKEND RETREAT

**12 Step New Year's Retreat
December 30 – January 1, Friday – Sunday**

Peter Pearson, M Div

Come on over to the Casa to ring in the new year with a community of those in recovery. The weekend will include wonderful food, speaker's meetings, smaller group discussions, time to relax and renew, and a special social time on New Year's Eve.

**Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter
Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com**



WEEKEND RETREAT

**Franciscan Music for the Soul
January 13 – 15, Friday – Sunday**

Cathy Tisel Nelson

Come deepen your relationship with God through the music of Franciscan composer Cathy Tisel Nelson. Our time together will include presentations, prayer, reflection, and group sharing.

**Fee, including meals: \$250 single room; \$135 commuter Pre-registration required.
Visit: frc.retreatportal.com**



FULL-DAY WORKSHOP

**Learning to Play the Native American Flute
February 25, 2023, Saturday**

Ken Bogart and Sherry Vames

You will take home all the skills necessary to continue on a flute journey of your own. You will learn how to play the fundamental notes, finger control, breath control, caring for your flute, and how to make up your own songs.

Fee: \$30, plus \$60 materials fee (payable at class) includes an Authentic Native American Flute. Registration required. Visit: frc.retreatportal.com



ONE WEEK RETREAT

**St. Bonaventure's Journey Into God
May 4 – 12, Thursday – Friday**

Fr. André Cirino, OFM & Josef Raischl, OFS

Based on St. Bonaventure's masterpiece, "*Itinerarium Mentis in Deum*" — his Journey Into God — this retreat opens with a presentation on the life of St. Bonaventure to provide context for reflection on his work.

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Grief and Loss Support Group

Second Wednesday of Month | 5:30 – 7 pm

Facilitator: Joyce Brimhall, LMSW

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Spiritual Direction Ministry

Our Spiritual Direction Ministry 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. To set up an appointment with one of our directors, contact Cathy Olds, Coordinator of the Spiritual Direction Ministry, at spiritualdirection@thecasa.org

Faith Sharing & Prayer Groups at the Casa

Men in Spirit. This faith sharing group of Christian men meets every other Saturday via Zoom for discussion, study, lectures and guidance. Contact Al Sapia-Bosch 602.748.6149, Chuck Jirauch 480.290.9687. MenInSpirit@thecasa.org

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

Rosary Group Meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the San Damiano Auditorium and on Zoom. Requests for meeting information and prayer intentions contact Elizabeth Marietti: emarietti@cox.net

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays, 8:45 am in the Meditation Chapel. All are welcome.

Cornerstone Contemplative Meditation Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. We are located in the Spiritual Direction room located behind the East parking lot.

Interfaith Healing Prayer Group meets every Friday following 8 am Mass in the back of the church. Contact Terri at healingprayer@thecasa.org. All are welcome.

The Order of Secular Franciscans (OFS) Peace Fraternity meets on the second Sunday of the month. This canonical Order of the Catholic Church is open to lay Catholics. Contact: John Elder, OFS, at Johncelder@gmail.com or 480.580.7750.

Mass Intentions November 27 – December 3, 2022

Sunday	
<i>Jim Mischke</i>	7:30 am
<i>Jean Mruz</i>	9:15 am
<i>Susan Thornberry</i>	11:00 am
Monday	
<i>Deceased friends of Vina Wilson</i>	8:00 am
Tuesday	
<i>Jose Montero</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday	
<i>Special Intentions of Bill Macaulay</i>	8:00 am
Thursday	
<i>Fr Vincent</i>	8:00 am
Friday	
<i>Mary Agnes Goodman</i>	8:00 am
Saturday	
<i>James Dickinson</i>	4:00 pm

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

The Franciscan Renewal Center ("the Casa") is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith. Activities at the Casa include:

- Weekday (Mon. - Fri.) and Weekend Masses at Our Lady of the Angels Church
- Meetings and conferences for religious and nonprofit groups
- Therapy, counseling, and support groups
- Education, retreats, and events
- Family faith formation and Young Adult ministry
- Volunteer ministries in service of the poor and vulnerable
- Spiritual direction

The Franciscan Renewal Center was founded as a Catholic retreat, called Casa de Paz y Bien (the Casa), by the Order of Friars Minor in 1951. The Franciscan Renewal Center remains an active religious community that seeks to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Casa is guided by the Franciscan Friars and works cooperatively with the Diocese of Phoenix.



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