

Ecumenical holiday service to recognize heroes' efforts

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SCOTTSDALE — Mayor Mary Manross will attend next month's fifth annual "Scottsdale Gives Thanks ... A Community Interfaith Celebration," held by the Community of the Blessed Sacrament.

Every year, the celebration has a different theme. This year, the theme is "Giving Thanks for Local Heroes," recognizing the efforts of firefighters, police officers, people in the military and more.

The celebration is set for 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Chaparral Christian Church, 6451 E. Shea Blvd.

Honora Norton, parish manager for the Community of the Blessed Sacrament, said the celebration is a way to take time to honor, remember and thank the people that are "often not thanked enough."

The celebration also gives people the opportunity to see a variety of faiths coming together to give thanks, Norton said.



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Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross plans to attend the celebration of "Giving Thanks for Local Heroes" next month.

There will be a number of activities to honor and thank those who protect the community, Norton said, including an interpretive dance to *Amazing Grace*.

Also planned is a "live" spiritual painting, in which smaller paintings are used to tell a story and form a bigger picture.

For more information, visit www.interfaithscottsdale.org.