



OUR LADY OF THE PINES RETREAT CENTER

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Dear Friends,

Upon arriving at work one recent morning and stepping out of my car, I was struck by a familiar fragrance. It was the subtle but unmistakable smell of fresh, new earth wafting in the air. The snow and ice had melted on the grounds of the Pines in a burst of unseasonably warm temperatures. Something about the fresh air intermingled with the scent of a renewed earth left me suddenly eager for the arrival of spring.

The idea of spring brings to mind clearing out clutter, the excesses and overabundance in our lives, things outdated and past a purpose. Things that make us tired in our everyday life, rather than energize us. Spring is an opportunity to tidy up and it brings a “freshness”, a liveliness that hibernated in the winter months.

Our physical space may not be the only thing that needs de-cluttering. Sometimes our mental and physical well being can seem a bit untidy. Usually we recognize it, but we do not always know how to go about putting it in order. Just like cleaning physical space, it takes some resolve and a plan. Letting go of “old” thoughts and habits that distract us from being purposeful is work. But the results are beautiful.

This spring and summer at the Retreat Center, we have many opportunities for those working to “tidy up” their spiritual well being. Just take a look inside our newsletter and see the variety of programs we are offering. We are pleased to welcome a new presenter to the Pines family, Gina Marie Mammano from May 17-20. Her guided retreat, *Landscapes & Soulscapes, an Adventure into the Divine* includes exploring the landscapes (inner and outer) that form us, along with other relaxing activities in meditation and prayer. This is a great retreat opportunity for those new to retreating as well as those looking to refresh themselves.

Sara McCoy
Executive Director

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center

General Information

Business Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30am—4:00pm



Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center provides the perfect setting among 68 acres of beautiful pine trees, walking paths and a peaceful atmosphere for your retreat and conference needs. The Pines provides state of the art conference rooms, a variety of meditation/reflection spaces, a large and small dining room and an outdoor pool.

Call us today at 419-332-6522 and let us help you plan for your retreat.

Hosted Retreats

Are you looking for space to host your group on retreat?
Or perhaps you're looking to get away for some personal time with God?

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center is happy to host you!

To schedule or for pricing, please contact Marissa Mills, Office and Programming Coordinator
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 100 or email olprc@pinesretreat.org

Sponsored Retreats

Are you interested in attending a sponsored retreat held by OLPRC?

Go to www.pinesretreat.org/programs to register or...

Contact Sister Wanda Smith, RSM, the Sponsored Retreat Coordinator
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 104 or email programs@pinesretreat.org



Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, offers a space for all seeking a deeper relationship with God, self, others and all creation. The spirit of hospitality, a Mercy charism, pervades the place, welcoming all who come.

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General Information

Have you thought about a donation to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center?

Unique ways to donate...

Amazon Smile

Go to smile.amazon.com and select Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center as your recipient charity and we receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

PayPal.Me

Go to [www.PayPal.Me](https://www.paypal.me) and you can donate directly at any time! Great for donations in honor of birthdays, jubilees and anniversaries.

Coming Soon!! Kroger

Community Rewards

Link your Plus Card to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center and then all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

Tree of Hope

Memorial donations can be directed to our annual Tree of Hope Prayer Service & Tree Lighting Ceremony, to be held December 8, 2018.

Recent Donors

Tree of Hope Donors

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In consideration for your contribution, Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center acknowledges that, as of receipt of this contribution, our organization is an IRC 501© (3) status with the Internal Revenue Service.

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center affirms that you received no material benefits, goods or services for this contribution.

Previously at the Pines...

Toledo Diocese: Deacon Aspirants and Ordained Deacons ~ Advent Overnight (Pines Sponsored Retreat) ~ Liberty Center Dinner (Sponsored by St. Ann Parish, Fremont) ~ Centering Prayer ~ First Presbyterian Church ~ Women's Winter Retreat ~ Loose Threads Quilting Retreat ~ St. Paul Lutheran Women ~ Mercy Health, St. Rita's Medical Center Executive Team ~ NWOS ~ Fr. Ted Miller, Lunch & Learn (Pines Sponsored Retreat) ~ Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM ~ Lunch & Learn (Pines Sponsored Retreat) ~ Mercy Volunteer Corp ~ St. Timothy Vestry ~ Mercy Associates Circle ~ Lutheran Pastors.

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Sponsored Retreats

May 2018

Landscapes & Soulscapes, an Adventure into the Divine: A Guided Retreat (Camino Divina)

Led by Gina Mammano, Author of "Camino Divina - Walking the Divine Way"

Begins: Thursday, May 17 at 6:00 P.M. Concludes: Sunday, May 20 at 1:00 P.M.

Through the practice of "camino divina- walking the divine way", inner and outer landscapes will be explored through intuitive observation and imagination, journaling, conversation, finger labyrinths and walking meditation, accompanied by the words of poets and sages to walk alongside you.

Cost:

\$285.40 (Standard Room)

\$300.85 (Select Room) **Select Room availability is limited and will be assigned based on order of registration.*

Registration closes April 20, 2018

Lunch & Learn: Squeezing All the Juice Out of the Gospels

Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Begins: Tuesday, May 22 at 12:00 P.M. Concludes: 2:00 P.M.

Often we read a gospel and put all our attention on what seems its major theme. But almost always there are other ways of looking at that same passage which can enrich us as well, and be a powerful aid in our spirituality.

Cost: \$15.00 per person *(includes lunch served at Noon)*

June 2018

Exploring the Mysteries, A SoulCollage® Weekend Retreat

Led by Dr. Jane Steinhauser, a certified spiritual director and SoulCollage® facilitator.

Begins: Friday, June 1 at 6:00 P.M. Concludes: Sunday, June 3 at 1:00 P.M.

Join us in a weekend of creating doorways and mirrors of life through the use of your imagination, intuition, and thousands of amazing images. We will explore praying in new ways using this delightful and fun process. This weekend retreat will focus on the mysteries of life: the self, relationships, the spiritual world and the natural world. All supplies, except scissors, will be provided.

This retreat is CLOSED -- to be placed on a waiting list go to www.pinesretreat.org/programs

July 2018

The Annual Directed Retreat

Begins: Saturday, July 7 at 7:00 P.M. Concludes: Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 A.M.

Directors for the retreat are: *Deb Brenneman, Bobbie Doneth, OSF, Breta Gorman, RSM, Stephanie Helfrich, OSU, John Lehner, OSFS, Wanda Smith, RSM, Dede Swinehart*

Come into God's presence and enter the silence of your own heart as you pray, listen and reflect on how God is in your life. The directed retreat is designed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of each individual retreatant.

Cost: Standard Room - \$535.50 Commuter - \$350.00 ****This is a silent retreat.***

TO REGISTER FOR A SPONSORED RETREAT GO TO WWW.PINESRETREAT.ORG/PROGRAMS

Hermitage Retreats



Reserve one of our charming log cabins for a wonderful, private retreat among beautiful Pine trees, walking paths and a peaceful atmosphere.

The Pines currently offers (2) cabins featuring one bedroom, private bath (with shower) and a small kitchenette. The area possesses a peaceful and natural setting that is calming and relaxing from the minute you step foot in the door. Each cabin has a porch area with seating that allows a close up view of the small pine forest that surrounds the building. While on retreat experience all that The Pines has to offer from our labyrinths, meditation deck, grotto and outdoor pool to our reflection spaces, libraries and gift shop!

For pricing information or to inquire about availability call 419-332-6522

To view a video of the cabin's interior go to www.pinesretreat.org/individual-hermitage-retreat

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Employment Opportunities

We would like to offer a very special Thank You to

Louise Filliater

*for her many years of service in the Retreat Center kitchen.
Her dedication to the Pines is greatly appreciated and she will be dearly missed!*

Help Wanted!!

Are you looking for a unique and rewarding job opportunity? The Retreat Center is hiring kitchen support staff to serve the many wonderful retreat groups who stay with us. The schedule can vary based on size of retreat group and duration of stay, but shifts are primarily weekends (day or evening) and a few weekdays. Day shifts are typically 6 A.M. – 2 P.M. and afternoon evening 2 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Kitchen:

We are seeking one individual with at least one year experience in food prep and service to work as a pair to the lead cook scheduled on shift. Basic prep tasks, set-up, drink service, assistance serving in the food line and cleaning/sanitation of the kitchen and dining area after a meal are some of the duties assigned to the role.

Kitchen:

The second position is for a shift lead to prepare the planned menu, run the serving line, and be responsible for dining and kitchen area, including support staff, in areas of sanitation and safety regulation. Individual must be able to follow Ohio food safety regulation for prepping and serving food and storage. ServSafe certification preferred, but not required.

Guest Services:

The Retreat Center is also seeking an individual to join our Guest Services team. Guest Assistants may greet arriving retreatants, collect retreat payment, ensure accommodations are appropriate, facilitate building use, ring out gift shop purchases, assist in the dining area and answer any inquires as they arise. Hours are primarily weekends and vary between day/evening based on each retreat's needs.

To apply for one of these positions please send your resume to: director@pinesretreat.org.

For questions call (419) 332-6522 ext:102 to speak with the Executive Director, Sara McCoy.



Are you looking for a way to deepen your prayer life, engage in discernment of your call from God and to integrate more fully your spiritual life with your personal life?

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center offers spiritual direction with trained directors who are good listeners and wonderful guides to help you explore and grow more deeply into your own spiritual life.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Sr. Wanda Smith, RSM at (419) 332-6522 ext: 104 or email her at programs@pinesretreat.org



Our Lady of the Pines has a partnership with licensed Massage Therapist, Lori Price in order to offer a powerful tool to aid our retreatants in finding balance and relaxation.

Cost: 60 Minutes-\$61.00 30 Minutes-\$42.00

All appointments must be made in advance in order to coordinate scheduling. Spaces are limited.

To book an appointment call 419-332-6522

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Five fast facts about Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center:

- In 1869 Lewis Leppelman purchased the land on which the Retreat Center stands and built a French second empire mansion on the property. Lewis had taken over his father Edward's Fremont jewelry business in 1854.
- In 1893, Charles J. Green purchased the estate and named it Evergreen Hill. The Green's did major renovation on the house, including installing beautiful chandeliers and building fireplaces and a ballroom.
- Sisters Bernardine McMullen and Anthony McMullen came from Grand Rapids, MI to Tiffin, OH in 1912, at the request of Bishop Joseph Schrembs to build and operate a hospital.
- As the order grew into serving hospitals and schools in the area, the Sisters of Mercy purchased the Green house in 1925 to serve as a motherhouse and novitiate to train young Sisters for the order in the Toledo Diocese. Newspapers articles state the Sisters became owners of the house and fifty-nine acres of land for \$50,000. The Sisters officially moved in on October 7, 1926.
- The Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, now Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, sees approximately 5,000 people come through its doors on an annual basis.