



## TWO MORE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES!

**\*\*\*Pre-sale: tickets are \$20.00 until end of September!\*\*\***

**100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Thomas Merton, writer-monk**

### LUNCH AND PRESENTATION

Wednesday October 21, 2015, Noon to 2:30pm

James Nagle, actor and playwright, presents in a one-man, one-act presentation the spiritual journey of Merton entitled:

#### **“Thomas Merton: Alive at Fourth and Walnut”**

James Nagle, pilgrim and dreamer from Cleveland, Ohio, has celebrated life as a teacher, a poet, a playwright, a story-teller, a clown (in all 50 states), and an actor.

This one-person play portrays the life and spiritual journey of Thomas Merton-his youth, conversion, monastic/hermit life and untimely death. We see the struggles, joys and challenges he embraced in becoming the deeply human monk, prophet, poet and spiritual writer God called him to be.

### GRAND RAFFLE

to benefit

### OUR LADY OF THE PINES RETREAT CENTER

#### Evergreen Elegance Gala

1st Prize \$2,000.00

2nd Prize \$1,000.00

3rd Prize \$200.00

**Tickets \$2.00 each / 6 for \$10.00**

Drawing: October 31, 2015 Winner need not be present!

For tickets:

Call 419-332-6522

Or e-mail: [olprc@pinesretreat.org](mailto:olprc@pinesretreat.org)

We will be happy to complete and enter your stubs in the drawing!

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Dear Friends,

Happy Mercy Day on September 24th or, since the Holy Father is declaring December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 the Year of Mercy, get ready for a Happy Mercy Year! September 24th, known particularly to the Sisters of Mercy, is the communal feast under the patronage of Our Lady of Mercy. May each of you recognize the mercy of God so you can extend the mercy of God to all you meet.

In Praying with Catherine McAuley by Helen Marie Burns and Sheila Carney, RSM it states there are three things which “the poor” prize more highly than gold, though they cost the donor nothing; among these are the kind word, the gentle compassionate look, and the patient hearing of their sorrows.

The above words are taken directly from the Sisters of Mercy foundress, Catherine McAuley’s instructions (p. 138) and are applicable to everyone. As we approach the Year of Mercy, spend nothing but give everything!

Always have a kind word ready for everyone you meet. Be optimistic and positive because every kind word will definitely be prized by the recipient.

A gentle, compassionate look, an empathetic smile, or a hug could be the very action that brightens someone’s day.

And a listening ear coupled with any of the above validates all who are suffering.

So, give Mercy, live Mercy, and be Mercy.

It is a pearl of great price!

Sister Mariella Bradley, RSM  
Executive Director



You are cordially invited to attend the

# Evergreen Elegance Gala

at Our Lady of the Pines  
Retreat Center

on  
**Friday, October 30, 2015**  
or  
**Saturday, October 31, 2015**

*Choose Friday or Saturday evening.  
Tables accommodate eight people.  
\$65 per person*

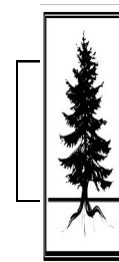
*Early auction viewing at 6:00 PM  
Take home auction items each evening*

*Cash Bar  
(wine and beer)*

*Liquor License Compliant*

*Evening to benefit  
Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center*

*For tickets or additional information call*



## INFORMATION ON Our Lady of the Pines

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center provides the perfect setting among 63 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, variety of meditation/reflection spaces, large and small dining rooms, and relaxing porches. The Pines can help YOU plan for YOUR group.

**Where can you find out about  
Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center?  
Pines Retreat Web Site  
[www.pinesretreat.org](http://www.pinesretreat.org)**

**Time Warner Cable Community Channel:**  
(Including Sandusky Co., Fostoria, Hancock, Tiffin,  
Wood, Bowling Green, Walbridge)



**Sandusky County Visitors' Bureau**

**Diocese of Toledo web site  
(under Vicar for Religious)  
<http://toledodiocese.org>**

**Lifestyles Magazine  
Local Parishes  
Fremont Newspaper**

**For virtual tours and scheduled  
programs visit our website:**

**[www.pinesretreat.org](http://www.pinesretreat.org)**

**Call Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center,  
to make an appointment with a**

**Spiritual Director. 419-332-6522**

**Catherine** would be so thrilled with people  
helping people grow in and develop a relationship  
with our loving God.

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**Program offerings at Our Lady of the Pines include:**

- ◇ Group Retreats
- ◇ Private Retreats
- ◇ Conference /Retreat Hosting
- ◇ Hermitages
- ◇ Massage
- ◇ Spiritual Direction
- ◇ Day and Overnight Programs



**Groups hosted at the Center include:**



- Religious Groups of various denominations
- Educational / Health Institutions
- Civic, Business Corporations
- Service Organizations



**Massages by Lori**

**Available by appointment**

**Call 419-332-6522**

**One hour or ½ hour**



**Please consider:**

- ..... Remembering Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in your will.
- ..... Cash donations, pledges, stocks, or bequests in support of The Pines Ministry to those seeking a deeper relationship with God.
- ..... A charitable planned gift during your lifetime or as an estate gift.

**We thank our donors for their heartfelt generosity.**

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.





Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center  
Invites you to

# A Tree Of Hope

Prayer Service and Lighting Ceremony  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:00 PM

During the prayer service the names of those being remembered or recognized will be read, followed by the lighting of the outdoor tree.

Homemade cookies, coffee and cocoa will be served.

For a light on the “Tree of Hope” and inclusion in our prayer listing please complete the form below.

My Donation is . . . (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Green Light      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Red Light  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 White Light      \_\_\_\_\_ Other, Yellow

In Memory of, or in Gratitude for, or my Petition, written below:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will attend the tree Lighting. \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please copy and return this page with your donation to:

Tree of Hope  
1250 Tiffin Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420  
OLPRC@pinesretreat.org

If you are unable to attend the prayer service, your intention will be included in all of our prayers.



## Around The Center. . .



Pictured are several of the drums that were used during Evening Prayer: Drum and Nourish Your Spirit on August 24, 2015. This was a prayer event that attracted every age group.

Italian cuisine prepared and presented by

John Zimmerman

### HORS D'OEUVRES

Wine

Mini Antipasti

Meatballs

### SALAD

Italian Tossed Salad

Prepared dressing

### ENTREE

Seven Layer Lasagna with Red Meat Sauce,

Italian Sausage Link,

and French-Cut green Beans Almondine

Garlic Bread sticks and Warm Dinner Rolls

OR

Homemade Chicken Cordon Bleu, Red Skin Potatoes,

and Glazed Baby Carrots

Garlic Bread Sticks and Warm Dinner Rolls

### DESSERT

Raspberry Accented Parfait



thank you!

God bless our generous benefactors!

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Good News!

The Hermitages NOW have WIFI!!

Also

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center was gifted with the St. Casimir Grant of \$535.00 for improvements in the bedrooms. Look for new pillows, a new mattress, and one new box springs.

<sup>3</sup> Thank you, St. Casimir Grant Committee!





Programs for September, October, November, December

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**SEPTEMBER**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015; 7:00 - 8:00 PM

**Leader:** Fran Benlein Free will offering

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**TEA TIME WITH A FRIEND**

**Tues., September 22, 2015 9:00 - 10:30 AM**

This event is an occasion to enjoy and share "tea time" with a friend. **Presenter:** Sister Marianne Longo, RSM and Sister Noel Frey, RSM

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**Overnight Retreat on Thomas Merton and Your Journey  
from Self to God and Everything Along the Way**

Friday/Saturday, September 25 & 26, 2015  
begins with Supper (5:30) and ends  
Saturday at 3:00pm

Do you want to be fully awake, fully active, and fully aware? Let Merton help ignite your awe, gratitude and joy for the extreme privilege of being human. Learn how this modern day monk can help you become all you want to be and can be.

**Leader:** Marilyn Kaiser .

Cost: \$90.00(includes overnight and meals)

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**EVENING PRAYER**

**Gentle Drumming with Naming God**

Monday, September 28, 2015 7:00 – 8:00

Experience gentle drumming blended with praying the many names of God. We will use simple and meaningful ritual as we pray.

**Leader:** Sister Breta Gorman, RSM

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**OCTOBER**



**MEN'S FALL BARBECUE**  
**Keeping the Sabbath-Keeping the Lord's Day**  
Thursday, October 1, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
This evening of prayer includes spiritual reflection, outdoor barbecue and fellowship.

**Leader:** Father Theodore J. Miller

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2015; 7:00—8:00 PM**

**Leader:** Fran Benlein Free will offering

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**Refresh Your Spirit Day**  
**Celebrate Letting Go**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

A day to celebrate: letting go of anxiety, restlessness, schedules, and work.

A day to take care of YOU... a day to listen... a day to pray... a day to learn... a day to remember how very much God loves you!

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

**Leader:** Sister Breta Gorman, RSM

Cost: \$25.00 Registration requested

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THOMAS MERTON!!!  
100TH BIRTHDAY**

One man, one act presentation of  
Thomas Merton: Alive at Fourth and Walnut  
by

Actor playwright James Nagle

Wednesday, October 21

Luncheon Presentation

Noon to 2:30pm

**Registration required!**

Plan to come and bring a friend!

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**EVENING PRAYER**

**Monday, October 26, 2015 7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Lectio Divina with Body Mind and Spirit**



Lectio Divina is a familiar prayer for many people and yet new for many others. We will experience this prayer of Holy Reading not just with our minds, but since we are whole being, with our body and spirit as well. Prayer will begin with gentle movement to awaken our bodies and help us to center ourselves as we listen to the Sacred Scripture. Following the reading we will sit in silence allowing our spirits to absorb the gifts of God's Word.

**Presenter:** Sister Wanda Smith, RSM,

**Free will offering**

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

During the time of Centering Prayer, our intention is simply to rest in God's presence and consent to God's action within.

**Leader:** Fran Benlein

**Free will offering**

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**REFLECTION WITH A CUP OF TEA**

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Grateful Hearts

As Thanksgiving approaches we will take some time to slow down and reflect on the gift of the season. What does it mean to have a grateful heart? Join us for a cup of tea and a gentle morning of gratefulness.

**Leader: Sr. Wanda Smith, RSM**

Cost: \$7.00

Registration requested



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**Refresh Your Spirit Day**  
**OUR PATHWAY TO LIFE**  
**Wednesday, December 2, 2015**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

John the Baptist proclaimed a pathway for the Lord. We, too, proclaim a pathway "to and with" others leading to a deepening of our faith and a journey to fullness.

**Leader:** Sr. Pat Meyer, OSF  
Registration requested

Cost: \$25.00 (includes morning snack and lunch)



**CENTERING  
PRAYER**

**Tuesday,  
December 1,  
2015**

**7:00 – 8:00**

**Leader:**

Fran Benlein

**"Waiting In Joyful Hope"**

Waiting in Joyful Hope rings in our hearts but in our longing we may come to realize that it is really God who waits for us in the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas. Come away for an overnight and let yourself rest in the quiet of this Advent retreat.

Friday December 11-Saturday December 12

**Presenter:** Sister Wanda Smith, RSM

**Cost:** \$90.00 for overnight stay and three meals

**Deposit:** \$25.00 (registration and deposit required.)