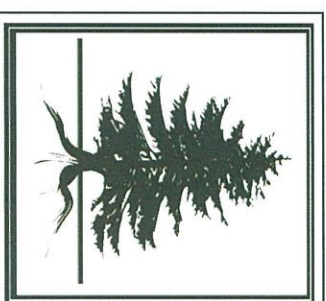




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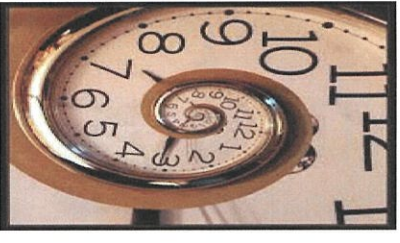
**Dear Friends,**

Don't you wonder where time goes? On one hand, it seems like forever ago since a newsletter has been prepared. On the other, I can hardly believe how much has happened just this week.

Recently we had evening prayer prepared by Sister Marianne Longo, the topic of which was **TIME**. Then I read a segment from the book by Brother David Steindl-Rast, **A LISTENING HEART**, in which he says that,

"**TIME** is not clock-time, but opportunity – opportunity to wake up to the timeless now."

If now, the present moment, is timeless, then it seems to me that we have to capitalize on **THIS** moment and **EVERY** moment that combine together to form this **DAY**. When you think about it, there is nothing we do throughout a day that is not time-directed. We get up based on a plan we've derived for the day; we clock in at work; we eat three meals because our inner being tells us it is time to be fed; we struggle to fit all our plans into a seemingly short period of time; we intensely schedule and painstakingly plan every moment because **time** for each of us **IS** clock-time.

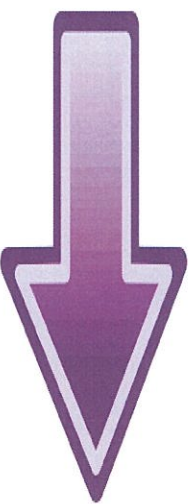


As we approach the lazy-hazy days of summer, perhaps that thought of summer could spur us to adopt the notion that the "timeless now" given to us each and every day is a wonderful opportunity to live a little more, to be less stressed, to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, to be spontaneous, and to awaken ourselves to the concept of the timeless now. You are invited, as always, to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center to help formulate this plan in your own life as you accept the challenges and uncover the timeless **NOW** before you. Will your summer be governed by clock-time or opportunities?

Sister Mariella Bradley, RSM  
Executive Director

**SAVE THE DATE**

for our annual Evergreen Elegance Gala  
to be held **Friday and Saturday,**  
**October 30 and 31, 2015**



This summer issue, Volume XVIII, is the first newsletter from Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center that is being **EMAILED** to most of our friends and guests. Only a select few (those who do not have access to email) are receiving a copy of Volume XVIII via the US Mail. We are hoping this step is a successful one for you and for us. (The trial efforts on our part for the past several months, with some of you receiving two copies of some things, some with attachments, and some without, have hopefully, been resolved!)

However, we don't want anyone who wants to receive the Newsletter to not have it in hand. The newsletter can be found at our website, [www.pinesretreat.org](http://www.pinesretreat.org) under the tab **NEWSLETTER**. If you want your own copy via email, please take a moment and send us your email address.

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THANK YOU to ALL as we move forward with technology!





Mercy Alive...

## The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

How wonderful it is that Our Holy Father has declared a Holy Year of Mercy to begin on December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when the HOLY DOOR (OF MERCY) will be opened permitting anyone who enters to experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope.

Excerpts from Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Misericordiae Vultus

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's **MERCY**.

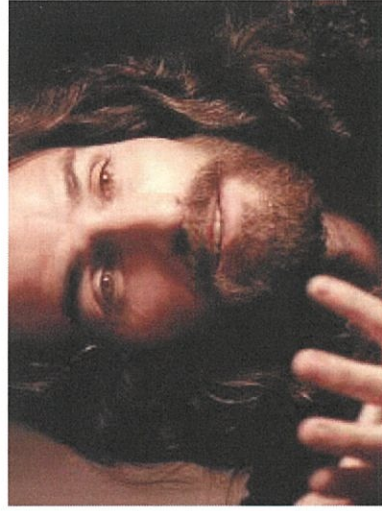
We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of **MERCY**.  
It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.  
Our salvation depends on it.

**MERCY**

The word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

**MERCY**

The ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.



The fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

**MERCY**

The bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness

Francis  
Bishop of Rome  
Servant of the Servants of God



## 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

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)

Lifestyles Magazine  
Local Parishes  
Fremont Newspaper

For virtual tours and scheduled  
programs visit our website:

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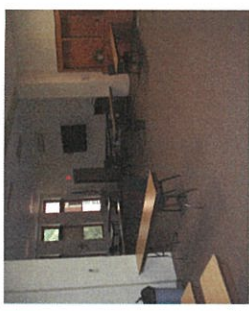
Catherine would be so thrilled with people helping people grow in and develop a relationship with our loving God.

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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

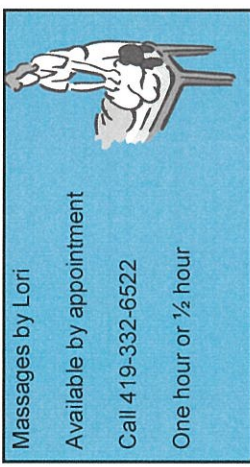


Messages by Lori

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.

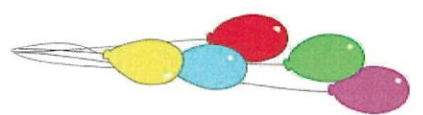
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LOOKING AHEAD....

**Refresh Your Spirit Days 9:00am-3:00pm**  
 "Celebrate Letting Go" Oct. 17 with Sr. Breta Gorman, RSM  
 "Our Pathway to Life" Dec. 2 with Sister Patricia Meyer, OSF

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THOMAS MERTON!!!



**100TH BIRTHDAY**  
 One man, one act presentation  
 Thomas Merton:  
 Alive at Fourth and Walnut  
 by  
 Actor playwright James Nagle  
 Wednesday, October 21  
 Luncheon Presentation  
 Noon to 2:30pm  
 Plan to come and bring a friend!

Around The Center....



Dinner time at "Just for Men's BBQ" held on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Father Ed Schleiter was the presenter.

God bless our generous benefactors!

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| Mrs. Marty Ahrens            | Donna and Rick Lill                                      |
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*Thank you!*

**FALL BARBECUE SPIRITUALITY**  
**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

**Reflection with Cup of Tea 9:00-10:30am**  
 "Gratitude / Thanksgiving" Nov. 10  
 Sister Marianne Longo, RSM

**Lectio Divina with Body Mind and Spirit**  
 EVENING PRAYER  
 Monday, October 26, 2015 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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 beings, 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

Advent is a season observed in the Christian Church as a time of expected waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center is offering you the Advent overnight retreat "Waiting in Joyful Hope" so you can observe Advent in a private, personal, joyful way as you wait for Christmas in joyful hope.



**"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

**Chicken BBQ**

Thank you to all who celebrated Mother's Day at The Pines! The day was lovely, the Chicken BBQ dinner was delicious, and a good time was had by all.  
 Special congratulations to **Jason Waldo**, winner of the BBQ raffle: hanging plant baskets, Massage by Lori, Gift cards to Peebles and Gordon Foods



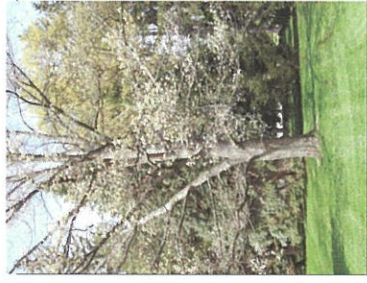
Gathering of attendees at the "Spring Day Retreat" hosted by Anne Kernion.



**Pictured is preparation for the bus ride home.**  
 A reflection day given by Sr. Marianne Longo, RSM was attended by men and women of Tiffin's Allen Eiry Senior Center.

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## JUNE

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**Centering Prayer** Tuesday, June 2, 2015 7:00pm

Leader: Fran Benlein

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### Summer Private Retreat Days

From June 8-13, 2015

During these days, you are welcome to stay at the Pines for prayer and personal time with God. Our chapel and our 63 acres of gorgeous pine trees are conducive to reflection and spiritual growth. Meals will be provided. Cost for 5 nights is \$450.00 including meals

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### Refresh Your Spirit Day

**REVERENCE FOR ALL CREATION**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:00 – 3:00

Presenter: Sister Patricia Meyer, OSF

Reflect on the beauty of humanity and our union with all creation.

Cost: \$25.00 Registration required

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### Praise God, Pool Side!

Monday June 22, 2015 7:00pm -8:00pm

Come and join Miss Tracey Vas, Liturgical Coordinator, and the Sacred Heart Children's Choir. Experience "Evening Prayer" pool side with song, prayer, and fellowship. Followed by snacks.

Cost: \$5.00 per family; registration requested

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## WHAT ON EARTH IS DISCIPLESHIP?

Father Anthony Gittens, CSSP

July 27-August 1, 2015

In this retreat, we will explore Jesus' understanding of and invitation to Discipleship, which includes any and all of the baptized living today. Retreat begins with Dinner at 5:30 Monday; ends at 10:30 AM on Saturday.

Cost: \$495.00 (Commuter \$265.00 includes meals)

## AUGUST

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### Drum and Nourish Your Spirit!

Monday August 24, 2015

7:00pm to 8:00pm

Come drum with us in the spirit of love, giving and sharing. Let the drums move the spirit in you. Bring your hands and your hearts and come celebrate with us the beauty of the Lord.

Come and join with friends for a rhythm party!

Families are welcome.

Presenters: Amy Slatter and Donna Steinbauer

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### Summer Sabbath Day: How do

### I "DO" Sunday?

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Jews worshipped God masterfully on the Sabbath. Studying their rich legacy will lead us to worship God in true and tried ways.

Leader: Father Ted Miller is a native of Sandusky County from Millersville.

Cost: \$25 (Registration is requested)



## SEPTEMBER

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### CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 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

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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