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Dear Friends,

As we near Memorial Day Weekend, I think back to the time when I was in elementary school and May meant a countdown of weeks, days, hours, and finally the minutes until summer vacation began. Summer meant lazy days in the sun, going barefoot, and eating ice cream. A time for rejuvenation. Mind you, winter is still my favorite season but remembering a carefree summertime and letting life unfold day by day still brings a smile to my face.

As adults, we still need rejuvenation time. An opportunity to pause and let life unfold day by day according to God's plan. The Retreat Center doors are open to those looking to refresh and renew. Summer is a great time to spend a prayerful, peaceful, slow afternoon on the porch of one of our beautiful hermitages. The Sponsored Retreats page of this newsletter details two new day programs on our calendar: Fr. Ted Miller's June 19th Lunch & Learn entitled *Be Luminous!* and *Praying in Color* on June 25th with Amy Rospert and Sr. Wanda Smith.

As for me this summer, I will be renewing a bit differently. Life's journey is leading me in a new direction and I will end my position as Executive Director of the Retreat Center officially on June 30, 2019. I have enjoyed the privilege and experience of this position the past three years but need to follow the new path the Spirit is leading me to. I will hold the Retreat Center, staff, Board, Sisters, sponsors, and all those who come through the Center's doors in prayer each day.

There is also additional news to share about our swimming pool. The past two years there have been leaks in the pool increasing in number and severity. After much consultation with the Sisters of Mercy leadership about the repair options available, weighed against the decreased use of the pool, a collaborative decision was made to close the pool for good. The space will be utilized in the future in a manner beneficial to the mission and purpose of the Retreat Center.

May you be blessed this summer with beautiful sunsets, sweet smelling rains, the perfume of freshly mowed grass and a plan for rejuvenation created just for you!

Blessings,

Sara McCoy
Executive Director

****Please pray for the family of Gina Marie Mammano who passed away on May 5th. Gina led the guided retreat *Camino Divina: An Adventure into the Divine* at the Retreat Center in May 2018.**



Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center

Services & Hermitage Information



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 WandaSmithRSM@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

Are you looking for the perfect place to come away to God? Our hermitages may be just what you're looking for!

OLPRC currently offers (2) cabins centered in our Evergreen forest, available to individual retreatants age 18+.

Each cabin includes heating, A/C, a full bath, kitchenette (with pots, pans, utensils, coffee pot, hot plate, mini refrigerator, microwave, toaster and sink), a table, a twin bed, and a porch for taking in the wildlife and enjoying the fresh air.

While in the cabins you are welcome to spend time in the main Retreat Center during business hours. Available for your use is the art room, library, spiritual reflection rooms, the balcony, the exercise room, and the guest laundry area.

Price:

2019 - \$75.19 (includes SC Bed Tax)

2020 - \$82.40 (includes SC Bed Tax)

To check availability or to schedule your retreat, call 419-332-6522





October 25, 2019

Join us for an evening of fine food, fun, and fellowship,
as we raise funds for our beloved Retreat Center.

FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CALL 419-332-6522

Save the Date!



Sponsored Retreats

Annual Silent Directed Retreat

Begins Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Concludes Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Registration Deadline: June 29, 2019

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 personally directed retreat is designed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of each individual retreatant. Meeting daily with a spiritual director will help you listen well and be attentive to your own relationship with God.

Directors for the retreat are:

Bobbie Doneth, OSF ~ Breta Gorman, RSM ~ Stephanie Helfrich, OSU

John Lehner, OSFS ~ Judy Mouch, RSM ~ Wanda Smith, RSM

Cost: \$550.50 for a Standard Room

\$586.55 for a Select Room

\$350.00 to Commute

Wonder, Love, Courage and Hope: Four Essentials for Today's Christian *NEW*

Begins Friday, September 13, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

Concludes Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2019

Come away for a weekend to explore four virtues much needed in today's world: Wonder, Love, Courage and Hope. Draw closer to God through prayer, input sessions, personal reflection time, simple sharing, and relaxation amid God's beautiful creation. Using scripture, music, stories, short videos, and humor, Sister Melannie will gently lead us in our autumn exploration.

Presented by Melannie Svoboda, SND

Cost: \$219.78 for a Standard Private Room

\$230.08 for Select Private Room

\$140.00 to Commute

The Soul In Autumn, A SoulCollage® Card Retreat

Begins Friday, October 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Concludes Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 1:00P.M.

Registration Deadline: October 4, 2019

Facilitated by Dr. Jane Steinhauer, a certified spiritual director and SoulCollage® facilitator.

She will be assisted by Sr. Wanda Smith, RSM a spiritual director and retreat minister.

Join us for this Fall weekend that invites you to tap into your inner wisdom and spirit by creating, exploring and playing with thousands of amazing images using your own imagination and intuition. In this season of letting go, we will explore praying in new ways using this delightful and fun process.

Cost: \$229.78 for a Standard Room

\$240.08 for a Select Room

\$150.00 to Commute

[Save the Date] for the Annual Advent Overnight Retreat

Begins Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Concludes Saturday, December, 14 at 3:00 P.M.

Registration will open in the fall.

During this peaceful time, Sr. Wanda Smith, RSM, will gently guide retreatants in nurturing their hearts as they prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming into the world.

TO REGISTER FOR AN OVERNIGHT RETREAT GO TO WWW.PINESRETREAT.ORG/PROGRAMS

The Lunch & Learn Series Returns

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Be Luminous

Fr. Ted Miller invites you to the Be Luminous! Lunch & Learn where he will explore how we as Christians can illuminate our own paths, and maybe the path of others, with the words of Scripture. And this doesn't take being the person who can recite a scripture verse to fit any circumstance.

The work (yes work) of listening to the Word at Mass or weekly service is a start, but how do we go deeper to reveal God's insights, convictions and encouragements each week?

Join us to find out!

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes June 9, 2019*

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 7:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.

Praying in Color

Join Fremont artist and high school art instructor Amy Rospert for an evening of Praying in Color. Amy will guide you in painting a beautiful branch of the flowering pink dogwood tree found in front of the Retreat Center. Sr. Wanda Smith, RSM, will join with reflection and prayer throughout the creative process. Paintings will be blessed at the end of the evening. No painting experience necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

Why the dogwood tree? Legend says Jesus' cross was made from the dogwood tree. God made it so the dogwood tree could never again grow big enough to be used for a cross. The blossoms resemble a cross and the dark edging at the tips, the nails. The center is sometimes described as a crown of thorns.

Cost: \$25 per person, includes all supplies

**Registration closes June 15, 2019 or when the retreat reaches 20 participants*

Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Looking Backward

Why a trip down memory lane is not only NOT a waste of time, but can help us in the constant challenge of understanding why we are who we are.

It can be enlightening AND therapeutic!

Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes August 11, 2019*

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Do I Have To Be A Saint?

Join Sr. Pat in exploring what it means to be 'holy'...with some help from Pope Francis.

Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

**Registration closes November 27, 2019*

TO REGISTER FOR A LUNCH & LEARN RETREAT GO TO WWW.PINESRETREAT.ORG/PROGRAMS

Centering Prayer is also held at the Pines Retreat Center on the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that allows us to rest in God's presence and consent to God's action within. Open to the public. Questions? Please contact Fran Benlein at fbenlein@woh.rr.com or 567-201-2286. Free will offering

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 several meditative tools.

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, the Operations Manager
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 100 or email MarissaMills@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 WandaSmithRSM@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 and you can donate directly at any time! Great for donations in honor of birthdays, jubilees and anniversaries.

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.

Previously at the Pines...

The Blessing Group
Centering Prayer Monthly Retreat
Centering Prayer Day Retreat
Cursillo Leaders and Team Day Retreat
Cursillo Secretariat
Epworth United Methodist Women
Healing Journey Support Group
The Heart Program
Lunch & Learn:
Put a Little Love in Your Lent
Lunch & Learn:
Thanking God for Our Faults
Mercy Circle
Pemberville Presbyterian Retreat
Refine, The Retreat
Retreat of Silence
Sandusky County Convention &
Visitor's Bureau Bus Tours
Seeking Stillness
Toledo Diocese Deacon Candidates
Formation (Year Two)
Touch of Heaven Quilters

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June 1 - July 31	Clearance 10%-80% off marked items
Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	15% off all coloring books & accessories
Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	Buy one Holy Aroma's lotion and get one of equal or lesser value 50% off
Oct. 1 - Oct. 31	20% off all books and journals
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	10% off marked Christmas inventory
Mar. 1 - Apr. 30	10% off sacrament cards

