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Dear Friends,

One of my go-to scripture verses is 2 Corinthians 5:17, “*Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.*”

As I write this article, Lent is coming upon us quickly. It is a great time of year in the liturgical cycle of the Church, when people strive to rid themselves of the “old” behaviors and things that hinder them from being the best version of themselves, in hopes of becoming the person they were meant to be in Christ.

I relate to the above verse as a lifelong mantra. “The only thing that is constant is change.” said the philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus (...I like philosophy, but I looked up the quote for the attribution and Heraclitus came up. We have to trust Google on this one...) Life is full of change, both good and bad. We cannot escape it, deny it or otherwise do much about it. As Christians, we turn to Christ to help us *manage and navigate* moving from old to new. We have a true friend, companion, shepherd and Savior who helps us manage change by using it to make us new, to make us fresh, to let us begin again. How wonderful the opportunity to *continually* be formed into a better version of ourselves.

As always, I welcome you to our holy grounds and hope you will let yourself be changed here. There are great sponsored retreats coming up at the Retreat Center, from one day to a full week. Our hermitages offer a peaceful place to make an individual retreat, whether your stay is for one night or many!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sara McCoy
Executive Director

Wish list

The Retreat Center is looking for a gently used electric dryer (and washer to match if available) for our guests to utilize. Our current dryer has served us well but is gradually winding down.

Please contact Sara McCoy at 419-332-6522 ext. 102 with questions or if you have one to offer.

Welcome
Spring

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 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...

Advent Overnight (Sponsored)
Centering Prayer
Cursillo Secretariat
Liberty Center Dinner
Loose Threads Quilting Retreat
Mercy Associate and Pre-Associate Retreat Day
Mercy Volunteer Corps Winter Retreat
Northwest Ohio Synod, ELCA (Region 6 DEM group)
Sandusky County Visitor's Bureau Bus Tours
Sojourners Prayer Retreat Day
Toledo Diocese Deacon Candidates Formation
Tree of Hope
Women's Winter Retreat
WSOS Early Headstart

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Sponsored Retreats

Silent Directed SoulCollage® Card Retreat *NEW*

Begins Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Concludes Friday, June 14, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Registration Deadline: *May 24, 2019*

Come into God's presence and enter the silence of your own heart as you pray in a unique way by creating SoulCollage® cards with images that speak to your soul. Use this visual prayer as a way to listen and reflect on how God is present and active in your life. Dr. Jane Steinhauser, a certified SoulCollage® facilitator will guide you in the creation of your cards. Meeting daily with a personal spiritual director will help you listen well and be attentive to your own relationship with God and how it is revealed through your cards.

Directors for the retreat are:

Debbie Brenneman ~ Lisa Heckaman ~ Wanda Smith, RSM, ~ Dede Swinehart

Cost: \$590.50 for a Standard Room

\$626.35 for a Select Room

\$350.00 to Commute

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 Steinhauser, 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

The Lunch & Learn Series Returns

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 11:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

Put a Little Love in Your Lent

Join Fr. Ted Miller for a refreshing afternoon as he shares some of his favorite stories and excerpts from famed author Brian Doyle. Doyle's heartfelt and narrative writings reflect his observations on the world around him, inspiring many to notice the "little things in life" and take greater stock in people and places that surround them. This Lunch & Learn is a wonderful way to open your mind and heart during the Lenten season.

This Lunch & Learn closes with Mass at 2:00 P.M. ~ all are welcome to attend.

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Thanking God for Our Faults

Instead of being frustrated by our character flaws we can't seem to overcome, let's look at them again through a different lens.

Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Proclaiming, Pondering, Preaching

From his experiences, Fr. Ted shares some thoughts on how pondering the Word, proclaimed during worship, can form a way of life that can "preach" better than any scripture verse can.

Presented by Fr. Ted Miller

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M.

Teaching Behind Bars

From her 30 plus years of volunteering at a state prison, Sr. Pat will share surprising facts about the felons she teaches ---and some touching and hilarious stories.

Presented by Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM

Cost: \$15 per person, includes lunch

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

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

TO REGISTER FOR A SPONSORED 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*

Hermitage Retreats



Reserve one of our charming hermitage 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, library and gift shop!

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

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center

Services and Job Opportunities



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

Help Wanted!!

Kitchen

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.

Shift Lead

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 Support

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.

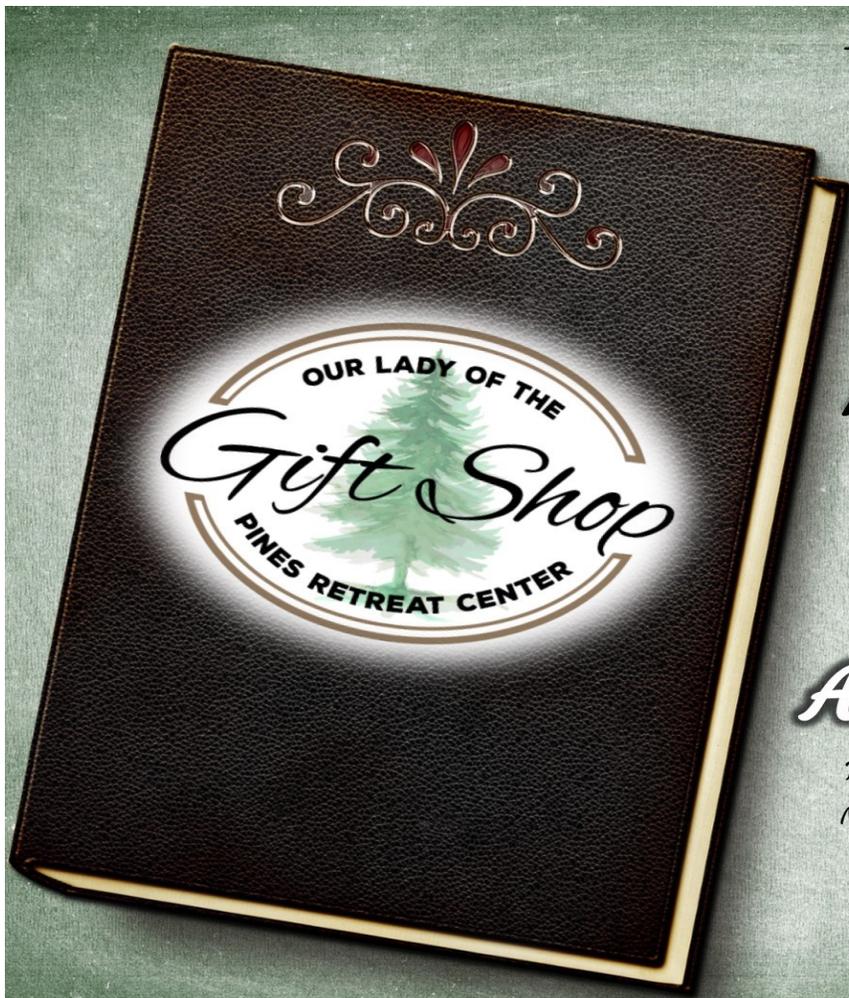
To apply for one of these positions please send your resume to: BarbDepinet@pinesretreat.org.

For questions call (419) 332-6522 to speak with the Food Services Manager, Barb Depinet.



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at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center is having a*

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Sale*

All Books 15% Off!

*This offer is valid from March 1—March 31, 2019
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*Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.
Weekend hours vary, please call in advance*