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Dear Friends,

As I write this, we have just had our first snowfall of the season; oh my – how beautiful it is here on the grounds of Our Lady of the Pines! Snow clothes the branches of the evergreen trees and bends boughs of wood that have stood strong for decades. The ice crystals dance in the rays of the sunlight and just when I think it can't get any more beautiful here, it does. Our God is amazing!

I've been the Executive Director now for three months, and wow have those months flown by! Hundreds of people have come through our doors during that time, all with their own stories, but we welcome them as if they are long lost friends. William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet, said it best: "There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't met yet." This is the epitome of the Mercy charism of hospitality.

At the end of October, we held our annual fall fundraiser, which was extremely successful. Over \$26,000 was raised, which will help us with needed updates to the building. We added a live auction this year and one of the items – a trip for two to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina – brought in \$1500! Our generous sponsors and donors bless us each and every day.

New this year, we are adding Giving Tuesday as another way to fund retreat ministry. Giving Tuesday - the Tuesday after Thanksgiving - is a movement to create an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season. Our goal is to reach \$1,000 in donations during this 24-hour period. There are three ways to donate – in person at OLPRC, by US postal service, or online at www.pinesretreat.org/charitable-gifts. Also, in the works is a Facebook page through which you will be able to donate; keep an eye out for that. Of course, all donations are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)3 organization. If you or your loved ones are looking for a way to honor someone during this holiday season – or at any point during the year – please consider a donation to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center.

You are always welcome to visit us at The Pines; after all – we are not strangers, just future friends who look forward to meeting you.

Blessings,

Heidi Chew Osborne
Executive Director

#GI~~VE~~INGTUESDAY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Hours

Monday—Friday from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
For weekend hours, please call 419-332-6522

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, Operations Manager,
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 101 or by 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, Sponsored Retreat Coordinator
at (419) 332-6522 ext: 104 or by 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.

Special Events

Monday, January 20, 2020 from 12:00–7:00 pm

Get to know the house on the hill and experience

#RetreatLife at this year's *Open House*

where you can enjoy a tour of the Retreat Center and spend time perusing in the Gift Shop as you delight in some wonderful refreshments.

If you attend you'll also be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

Friday, December 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Just as we celebrate that Jesus is the light of the world we invite you to celebrate the loved ones that brought light to your life with a memorial light on this year's *Tree of Hope*

The lighting ceremony will include a prayer service and a special blessing.
with homemade Christmas cookies and hot cocoa

Lights available for purchase at
www.pinesretreat.org/tree-of-hope

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

This year we are thrilled to join thousands across the globe participating in

#GIINGTUESDAY

We have set a goal to raise \$1,000 in just 24 hours, and we need YOUR help so that we can continue building our ministry and offering space for all seeking a deeper relationship with God, self, others, and all creation.

To help us reach this goal please fill out the form on the back page.

SPONSORED RETREAT INFORMATION

Holy Waiting, 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 Deadline: December 2, 2019

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.

Cost: \$53.93 for a Standard Room
\$57.02 for a Select Room
\$35.00 to Commute

Hurry, spaces are running out!

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/Advent-Overnight

Springtime of the Soul, a SoulCollage® Weekend

Begins Friday, April 17, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 1:00pm

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 6, 2020

Join us for a 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. During this springtime retreat we will explore praying in new ways using this delightful and fun process.

Cost: \$240.08 for a Standard Room
\$250.38 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)
\$160.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/SoulCollage-Spring

Silent, Directed SoulCollage Retreat Week

Begins Friday, June 5, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00am

Registration Deadline: May 25, 2020

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. Lisa Heckaman, 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.

Cost: \$622.21 for a Standard Room
\$651.05 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)
\$375.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/SoulCollage-Summer-Directed

Silent, Directed Retreat Week

Begins Friday, July 10, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11:00am

Registration Deadline: June 29, 2020

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.

Cost: \$572.21 for a Standard Room
\$601.05 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)
\$375.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/Silent-Summer-Directed

The Soul in Autumn, a SoulCollage® Weekend Retreat

Begins Friday, October 9, 2020 at 7:00pm

Concludes Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 1:00pm

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2020

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: \$240.08 for a Standard Room
\$250.38 for a Select Room (room with a bath attached)
\$160.00 to Commute

To register visit: www.pinesretreat.org/SoulCollage-Fall

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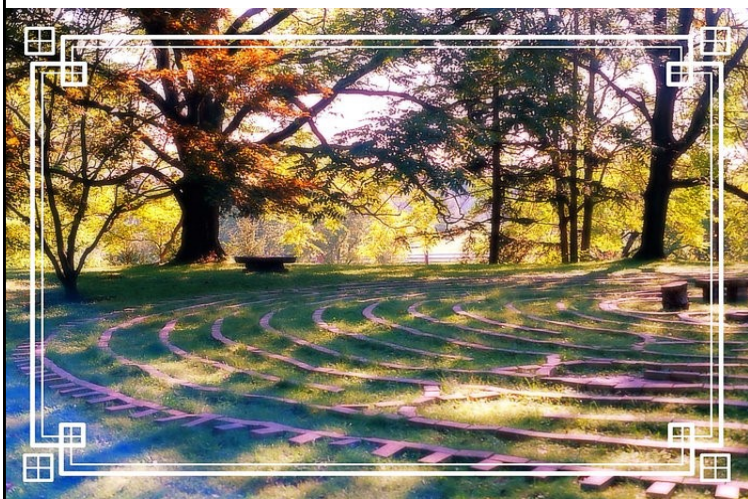
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D COCO BEANS
O COLOR HAVEN FRAME SHOP
N DAIRY QUEEN WEST
D DANHOFF, JEFF & MARSHA
O DEPINET, BARB
O HARTMAN, SUE
N HARVEY OAKS JEWELER
O HERMAN FUNERAL HOMES
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Check out these other great opportunities available at OLPRC!



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?

We offer 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



We also have 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 go to www.pinesretreat.org/massage-therapy

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 two 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, chapel, 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 reserve a hermitage today, go to:

www.pinesretreat.org/hermitage-retreat



MISCELLANEOUS 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 13, 2019.

Previously at the Pines...

Centering Prayer
Cursillo Secretariat
Cursillo Ultreya
Custom Holiday Tour
Deacon Formation (Year Three)
Fall 2019 Womens' Cursillo -
-Team Meetings
Great Day Tours
Guided Retreat with Melannie Svoboda
Healing Journey Support Group
Leadership Retreat
Lunch & Learn -
-with Sr. Pat Schnapp, RSM
NOVA Community UMC
Project Rachel
Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Retreat
Sacred Heart Staff Retreat
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Region -
-of the Secular Franciscan Order -
-Chapter Retreat
Sandusky ACTS Men's Team Meeting
Sandusky County Convention -
-and Visitor's Bureau Presentation
Seeking Stillness
SoulCollage Retreat
Spirit of Life Performing Arts
Spiritual Formation Class
Women's Cursillo Retreat

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Tuesday, December 3, 2019

This year, Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center has set a goal to raise **\$1,000 in just 24** hours.
It will be a group effort to get there, but we can do it with **YOUR** help.

Please help us as we continue to build this ministry together,
offering space for all seeking a deeper relationship with God, self, others and all creation.

There are several ways to donate:

- 1) You can go online to <https://www.pinesretreat.org/charitable-gifts>
- 2) Enjoy the serene drive through our grounds and stop by the office
- 3) Fill out the entire form below (so we may thank you properly!)

and send it to: OLPRC | 1250 Tiffin St. | Fremont, OH | 43420

**all transactions will be held until December 3, 2019*

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