

## Upcoming Retreats: Spiritual Inspiration on a Summer Day

**N**UMEROUS SPECIAL RETREATS for men, women and families are in the works for this summer at Malvern Retreat House. The burst of activity will begin shortly before the official start of summer when Malvern will host a family festival on Sunday, June 11.

The **Malvern Family Festival** will start at 1pm with a walking Rosary and bilingual (Spanish/English) outdoor Mass at the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine behind the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center. **Bishop Edward Deliman** will be the main celebrant. After Mass, there will be food, music and games on the lawn. This year Grammy-nominated singer **Marty Rotella** will perform, a DJ will direct kid-friendly activities, and Rob Evans **The Donut Man** will offer his child-centered show. Evans uses donuts to illustrate how something can be good and yet still have something



missing. At the end of every presentation, after kids hear the good news of Jesus, they get to fill the empty hole in a donut with a round pastry and then enjoy eating it. Holy Spirit Radio also will broadcast live from the family festival.

The cost for Family Festival is only \$25 per car and includes food. The festival will run from 1pm-6pm, and pre-registration is preferred for planning purposes. To register, please visit [malvernretreat.com/register](http://malvernretreat.com/register) or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

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*Retreatant Leo Parsons was the recipient of the John Ferreck Award.*

## Annual Awards

**F**ORMER BOARD CHAIRMAN Joseph M. Nardi III and Chester County Group retreatant Leo Parsons headed an impressive list of people honored at the 26th Annual Night of Awards at Malvern on April 19. The awards dinner is held each year to recognize the special contributions of members and friends in advancing the mission of Malvern. This year more than 280 people attended the awards ceremony.

Nardi, who completed his term as chairman at the Annual Meeting on April 5, was honored with the William M. Lennox Award for his outstanding leadership contributions, not only as League chairman, but also for his service as captain of the Epiphany group. Parsons, a 10 year retreatant, received the John Ferreck Award for his financial support of the League's development program. New Board Chairman Stephen McNamee presented both awards.

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**Mark J. Poletunow**  
President

## Mark's Musings from Malvern

Dear Friends,

**We have a lot to rejoice in! And we have a lot to hope for!**

We are in the midst of Easter: 50 days of celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death. Jesus is alive!

At our **Annual Meeting**, we endorsed new Board members and selected an energized new slate of officers who will form our Executive Committee. We also gave thanks to God for a year of transition that showed growth and innovation. Just recently, at our **Awards Banquet** we recognized the outstanding commitment and generous spirit of service that many of our retreatants, volunteers and associates display tirelessly.

During May, we lovingly remember **Mary, our Mother and the Mother of God**. At the same time, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Somehow through the intercession of Saint Joseph, our predecessors were miraculously led to this place that would be claimed as sacred ground and upon which millions of people have trod while praying, and reflecting, and being renewed in Christ.

Looking forward, we anticipate the addition of **new retreat experiences and retreat directors**, who will help us to stay busy and full even during the summer season. In the upcoming months, we will have activities, such as the Family Fest on June 11 with a bilingual Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Deliman and music with three time Grammy nominated Catholic evangelist Marty Rotella. We also will have several renowned retreat directors and presenters coming to Malvern this summer, including Johnnette Benkovic with Women of Grace; Holy Spirit Radio host and author Gary Zimak; bilingual Casting Nets Ministry focusing on discipleship formation; popular speaker Fr. James Blount leading the Charismatic Retreat; as well as author and sought out presenter Lisa Duffy

addressing relationship healing in a Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics.

As Malvern Retreat House engages in many activities, our central theme "**Encountering the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ: Healing of the Paralytic**" resonates intensely with Pope Francis' reflections about the Church needing to be a "**field hospital**." Whether someone is attending a traditional Men or Women of Malvern Retreat or another style retreat or day of reflection, we are people very much in need of healing. Arriving at MRH is like entering triage and offering ourselves to God for healing and direction in any way we most need.

The Holy Father extended this theme in a recent address to the International TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Conference. Pope Francis exhorted his listeners to engage in a "**revolution**" – a "**revolution of tenderness**." He explained that tenderness is "love that comes close and becomes real," something that begins in the heart but translates into listening and action, comforting those in pain and caring for others and for "our sick and polluted earth."

The Holy Father continued, saying that "**tenderness is the path of choice for the**

**strongest, most courageous men and women. Tenderness is not weakness; it is fortitude.** It is the path of solidarity, the path of humility."

At the same time, Pope Francis urged the audience to hold on to hope, not as an "optimistically naïve" feeling or ignoring the tragedies of humanity that surround us. Rather, he said, hope is the "virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness." He added that, "**a single individual is enough for hope to exist.** And that individual can be you. And then there will be another 'you,' and another 'you,' and it turns into an 'us.'"

Our goal is to bring opportunities for healing and growth to Malvern Retreat House so that more and more people can experience Jesus and know his desire to bring his people, his body, out of woundedness and isolation into the fullness of life. **When we experience the tenderness, love and mercy of God we are transformed into people of hope; disciples who rejoice to make Jesus Christ known with our lives!** May Malvern Retreat House always be a place where you encounter the healing touch of Jesus.

Prosit!

Peace and blessings,

**Mark J. Poletunow**  
President





## Encountering the Divine Physician – Minister of Healing

Already, our Malvern retreats are a half year into our new theme, *Encountering the Divine Physician, Jesus Christ*. The response of the vast majority of the retreatants has been very positive. The celebration of the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* on Friday evening within the *Sacrifice of the Mass* has proved to be truly a *Divine Encounter* with the living Lord, who continues to heal His people through the Sacraments of the Church.

When we assemble in the sacred gathering of our chapels, the Holy Spirit takes charge and applies His healing balm to each person uniquely and personally. The Spirit of Christ permeates the assembly, and like in the story of the *Healing of the Paralytic (Luke 5: 17-26)*, Jesus heals our internal sickness through His power to forgive sins as God, and in turn heals our paralysis so that we too can go home proclaiming the goodness of God. This is what has happened and continues to happen each weekend here at Malvern – **Praise God!**

Once the sacred time of the retreat begins, that is not the time for an analysis of what is happening but an opportunity to experience and encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. However, before one's retreat each person should anticipate this incredible encounter by careful preparation. The friends of the paralytic prepared in an extraordinary way for their encounter with Jesus. They knew of their friend's internal and external need for God, and so they carried him to the feet of Christ. They fulfilled a long-standing belief of the Church that we go to heaven hand in

hand with our brothers and sisters and not alone. Would one not conclude that the best way to come to a Malvern retreat would be to bring a friend so that you both can go to the feet of Jesus?

Our Catholic tradition teaches soundly that we encounter the Risen Lord in both *Word and Sacrament*. The celebration of Mass is the paramount example of our weekly encounter with Christ in the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Sacrament of the Eucharist*. Therefore, before coming on retreat, every man or woman should have read and reflected on Saint Luke's Gospel story of the *Healing of the Paralytic (Luke 5: 17-26)* – more than once! This Gospel passage is the *Scripture Center Piece* of all our retreats for 2017.

When a Christian reads and reflects on a Gospel passage, the disciple does not see or hear an event fixed in a past time, but encounters Jesus alive and present in the here and now. The paralytic is you and me. We are the ones in need of healing in spirit and body. Everyone encounters Jesus as a sinner, broken and wounded. As Scripture says, no one is justified before God through his or her own capacity. Jesus Christ was able to heal the paralytic because the man presented himself as paralyzed by sin. When we enter the presence of the Divine, especially in our chapel, why is there so much talking to our neighbor? Is the chapel not the heart of Malvern. The chapels are the most explicit places of encountering the Lord in individual prayer, the celebration of the *Sacrament of Penance*, and the

proclamation of the *Divine Word* and the *Breaking of the Bread*. Openness of heart for the Divine Encounter demands quiet of the retreatant. The paralytic said nothing; the friends said nothing; only Jesus spoke. One hears the healing voice of Jesus in the silence!

Finally, the retreatant prepares for the Divine Encounter by actively listening and attentively watching the actions of Jesus during the sacred rites of the *Sacraments of the Anointing and Eucharist*. The priest first instructs the assembly that Christ is present because we have gathered in His name, and we greet Him as physician and healer confident that He alone through His mercy can bring us to the fullness of life. The *Liturgy of the Anointing* begins with the laying on of hands. The priest imposes his hands on the head of each sick person. This powerful and scripturally based gesture is done in silence. Gently and lovingly, Jesus touches each of His sisters and brothers. The sacrament concludes with the anointing of the forehead and the hands of each person with the *Oil of the Sick*, which the Bishop blessed on Holy Thursday morning.

Now the entire assembly attentively watches the priest through the power of the Holy Spirit consecrate the bread and wine and transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ. Through our sharing in this one bread and one cup we are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ – we are healed and made whole in the presence of God. Praise God who continues to send His Son so that we may be healed, sharing even now in the fullness of life.

Praise God!





# Michael Norton

## Vice President of Institutional Advancement

### Development News



**JIM AND KAREN MCCARTHY** added to Malvern Retreat House's beautiful artwork with a generous donation of an Our Lady of Charity painting.

Our Lady of Charity also known as Our Lady of El Cobre or Nuestra Señora de la Virgen de la Caridad is a popular Marian title of the Blessed Virgin Mary especially with Latino Catholics, a group that is growing here at Malvern Retreat House.

The story of Nuestra Señora de la Virgen de la Caridad speaks of the love our Blessed Mother has for us. Caught in a violent storm in a small boat near the coast of Cuba,

Rodrigo and Juan de Hoyos, and Juan Moreno, known as the "Three Juans," prayed to Mary for protection. As the seas calmed, they saw a statue of the Virgin Mary holding the child Jesus on her left arm and a gold cross in her right hand with an inscription, "Yo Soy la Virgen de la Caridad" or "I am the Virgin of Charity." They survived the storm and left us with a beautiful story of the power of faith and prayer, and our Blessed Mother's love. Our Lady of El Cobre is recognized as the patroness of Cuba.

The painting hangs in Memorial Dining Hall. Next time you are at Malvern, stop by to enjoy this beautiful painting.

*Malvern Retreat House President Mark Poletunow accepts an Our Lady of Charity painting from Jim & Karen McCarthy*

### William J. Dunleavy, Inc. Donates a Work Truck



Bill Dunleavy, a 34 year retreatant with the Chester County Group, answered our call for a work truck by donating a 2008 Chevy Silverado, four wheel drive pick-up truck for use by our maintenance department. We thank him for his donation and are putting it to good use!



### Golf Classic 2017

**M**ALVERN'S 9TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC had its largest turnout to date with 106 golfers enjoying the day at Cedarbrook Country Club. The event raised money for Malvern Retreat House and for the Malvern Cares program that helps fund our Men & Women in Transition retreats for formerly homeless individuals. The golfers were generous during the outing, as they threw their hat in the ring for various games,

including the putting and the chipping competitions.

After golfing, participants enjoyed dinner, silent and live auctions and a speech by retreatant Jack Devine, who previously served as acting and associate director of the CIA. Devine also is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and author of a New York Times best selling book *Good Hunting! An American Spymaster's Story*.





## Art Show 2017 Success

**MALVERN'S ANNUAL ART SHOW** in February was another smashing success. Hundreds of art pieces with a total value of nearly \$100,000 sold during the show. The event also brought large crowds to the Malvern Retreat House grounds and facilities.

This year the show attracted artists from a wider geographic region with numerous participants from Philadelphia. A number of them took part in a special exhibit, which focused on figurative art with a particular emphasis on the human body or body-like forms. The show also included art from multiple mediums, including oil paintings, glass, jewelry and sculpture.

The volunteer Art Show Committee that works on the show each year is already planning for the next show in February 2018. It will be held February 7-11, and the special focus will be EarthWorks. Proceeds from the event will once again benefit Malvern Retreat House, so we encourage everyone to mark their calendars for Art Show 2018.

## Build A Family Legacy

Reminder of the Traditional Groups Family Legacy Program: A Board policy passed in December of 2015 encourages parents and grandparents to bring their children of high school age and younger on retreat at no cost. It asks parents of college age children to consider a free will offering of \$100. Families that have the means are asked to consider the requested \$245.





# Pay It Forward Initiative



Malvern Retreat House has launched a new program called **Keep the Faith Alive, Pay It Forward**, which will allow retreatants to help others. The effort is based on the popular "pay it forward" concept that often is mentioned when people take simple steps like paying for the coffee of the person behind them in line. The idea is that instead of paying back someone who does a good deed for you, you pay it forward by helping someone else. Malvern's initiative will allow individuals who are thankful for their retreat experience to help pay a portion of another person's retreat.

"This is a not a development campaign nor is it related to the Men & Women of Malvern green envelope system," said Michael Norton, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. "Instead it is a way to do a random act of kindness for another person if the spirit moves you to do so during a retreat."

To participate, retreatants can utilize the gold colored envelopes with postcard inserts that will be available during retreats. A retreatant can name a person he or she wants the money to benefit or can allow the retreat house to pick a person in need. Regardless of the dollar amount placed in the envelope, even a dollar, you are paying it forward. Retreatants can insert cash, make a check payable to Malvern Retreat House or call Michael Norton at 484-321-2539 to use a credit card.

After filling out the form, the gold envelope may be inserted in one of three locations where there is a black locked donation box. These boxes are located in the dining room, Our Lady's Hall and St. Joseph's Hall.

By participating as a Good Samaritan on the journey, you are living out the Sacred Scripture of "*storing up treasures in heaven.*" (*Matthew 6: 20*)

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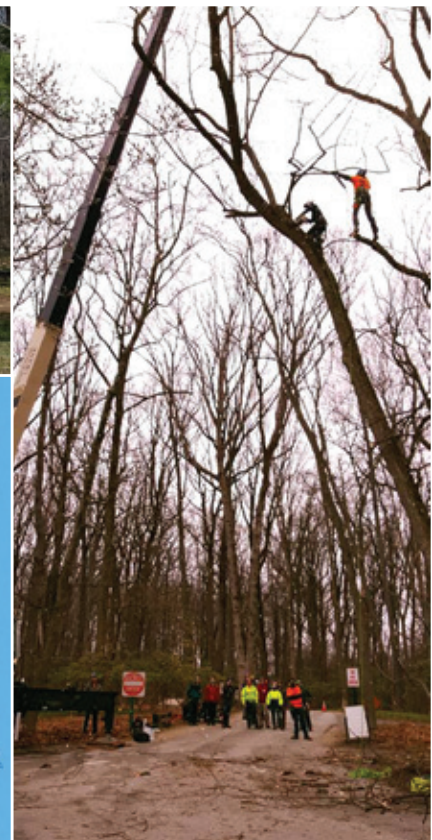
**If you have additional questions,  
please don't hesitate to call Michael Norton at  
484-321-2539 or email [mnorton@malvernretreat.com](mailto:mnorton@malvernretreat.com)**

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## Tree Climbing School

Fifty-three trainees from around the country attended Crane Safety Climber School at Malvern Retreat House in April. The training was designed to help tree service personnel. The Crane Man, Inc. organized the training and donated all the tree services that were completed, which is estimated to be tens of thousands of dollars worth of work. We are very thankful for their donation!



## Upcoming Retreats: Spiritual Inspiration on a Summer Day | (Continued from the cover)



*Inspirational Catholic speaker Johnnette Benkovic is returning to Malvern Retreat House in July for her Benedicta Leadership Institute and Women of Grace retreat.*

A few weeks later Malvern will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. On the weekend of June 30-July 2, Malvern will host a Charismatic Healing Retreat with gifted Retreat Director Fr. James Blount from the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity – Georgia Mission. Fr. Blount will focus on the theme *Healing & Deliverance* and music will be provided by Mark Griswold.

In July, Women of Grace Founder Johnnette Benkovic will return for both the Benedicta Leadership Institute for women that will be held July 6-7, and the Women of Grace retreat that will be held July 7-9. The theme for her weekend retreat will be *Our Lady of Fatima and the Triumph – How the Battle Will Be Won*. This topic was also the focus of a speech Benkovic gave at the United Nations (See the story on page 8).

Later in July, there will be an evening of reflection for grandparents on the 24th directed by Deacon David Schaffer. Then in August, Retreat Director Gary Zimak will return for his retreat Stop Worrying & Start Living. Zimak is the author of several books, including *A Worrier's Guide To The Bible* and *From Fear To Faith*. He has an international radio following and is recognized as the leading Catholic speaker on the topic of overcoming anxiety. Zimak also is a regular guest on EWTN television and radio and hosts a morning program, Monday-Friday, on Holy Spirit Radio.

Looking ahead in 2017, Malvern Retreat House is also planning on offering three new retreats that are different from offerings in the past - the Dorothy Day Retreat, September 26-28, will focus on spirituality, simplicity and a love for the land; the Judith Retreat, November 10-12, is for women in need of healing and a retreat December 1-3 is for families dealing with opioid addictions.

**More retreats are listed on the back cover and at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com).**

## Annual Awards | (Continued from the cover)

Prior to dinner, Awards Chairman Dave White called the names of 32 Men of Malvern who have joined our jubilarian club by participating in retreats for 50 years. Below is a list of these men and of all the award recipients:

### FIFTY YEAR RETREATANTS

John W. Baker	Immaculate Conception
Joseph A. Bevilacqua	Caenaculum
Allen J. Bommentre Jr.	Saint Padre Pio
William J. Bryson	Most Blessed Sacrament
Lawrence J. Casey	St. John Neumann
Francis X. Coyne	Thanksgiving IHM
Thomas D'Alessandro	St. John Neumann
Vincent DeMeis	Caenaculum
Jonathan G. Easlick	Edward J. Friel Sr Memorial
Robert F. Fennell	St. Padre Pio
Roland J. Flacco	Our Lady of Fatima
Ronald J. George Sr.	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
Frank A. Giovannone	Our Lady of Lourdes
Emil W. Gonzales	Celebration of Christ's Passion
John F. Junod	Furey Memorial
John F. Kappauf Sr.	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
Charles E. Kropp	Our Lady Queen of Peace
Enoch F. Kroutch Jr.	Nativity BVM
Frederick H. Lehto	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
Michael J. Maher Sr.	St. Joseph
Norman L. Martinelli	St. John Neumann
Joseph D. McCann	Immaculate Conception
Thomas P. McCann	Immaculate Conception
John E. McGinley	Prosit
Bernard J. McLafferty	Pius XII
Kenneth Mertz	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Joseph Messa	Holy Spirit
James J. Miller	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
Joseph Murray	Mid-May
Oreste Paul Olimpo	Christus Rex
Richard M. Patterson	Our Lady of Fatima
James J. Raynock	Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Joseph J. Capista Sr.	John J. Kozakowski
Pat Ciarrocchi Fineman	Joseph M. Nardi III

### KATHLEEN M. PERRI AWARD

Deborah DeJesus, Supervisor of the Dining Room & Hospitality Coordinators

### CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Harold J. Boston	Holy Spirit Group
Charles Carbo Jr.	Chester County
Marguerite M. Dilolle	Our Lady of Peace
Rosario A. Fajardo	Legion of Mary

### JOHN J. SULLIVAN AWARD FOR RECRUITERS

Joseph R. Laich Sr.	Chester County
Samuel A. Paranzino	Caenaculum
J. Daniel Rooney Jr.	Pope Pius XII
Clark Tomlinson	Palm Sunday

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Joseph R. Cairone	Padre Pio
Robert D. Kane	Catholic Businessmen
Marge Ortlieb	Our Lady of Confidence

### JOSEPH F. O'DONNELL C.A. CAPTAINS HALL OF FAME AWARD

Arnold C. Klein	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Group
Joseph N. Henderson Sr.	Thanksgiving IHM

### JOHN J. FERRECK AWARD

Leo Parsons

### WILLIAM M. LENNOX AWARD

Joseph M. Nardi III





# The United Nations Honors Our Lady of Fatima

## How Malvern Retreat House Played a Role

the two became friends. Alix's new friendship and her re-invigorated faith led her to create a book on Our Lady of Fatima.

In 2015, Alix was invited to Connecticut to give a presentation on the book. Afterwards, an audience member asked Alix to gift wrap seven copies of the book to bring to the Ambassador's office of the Permanent Mission of Portugal at the UN. A month later the Ambassador requested a meeting.

They came up with a draft plan for a UN conference commemorating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. About this same time, a woman by the name of **Dr. Claudine Holt** attended the **Women of Grace** retreat at Malvern Retreat House. During that retreat, Dr. Holt said she felt God put on her heart the desire to have a holy hour and Mass in honor of the Fatima centenary on the weekend of the anniversary at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

She requested the UN Fatima statue for the day after the planned event at the UN.

"I feel like Our Lady wanted to be in New York for her 100 year celebration," Dr. Holt said.

**65 YEARS AGO A PRIEST** and a writer carried a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima around the halls of the United Nations. The statue that had been blessed by the Bishop of Fatima was set up in a meditation room where the two men prayed the Rosary for peace. Afterwards, the statue would be named the United Nations World Apostolate of Fatima Pilgrim Statue, and it would travel the world. But, it wouldn't grace the United Nations halls again for many, many years. Its journey back this May began quietly a decade ago **during a retreat at Malvern Retreat House.**

During that time a woman by the name of **Joan Alix** decided to go on a **Women of Grace** retreat at **Malvern**. She was trying to decide if she wanted to move to Florida, and the retreat helped set a new course for her.

**"Life started to change after the retreat,"** Alix said. "I felt my faith was more important than all the other priorities I had in life."

The retreat helped Alix decide to move to Florida, where she ended up being in the same parish as Women of Grace founder Johnnette Benkovic. At this parish, the UN statue of Our Lady of Fatima paid a visit in 2009. Alix met the custodian of statue Judith Studer, and

“ **Life started to change after the retreat. I felt my faith was more important than all the other priorities I had in life.** ”

■ **JOAN ALIX**

When that dream became a reality, Johnnette Benkovic was asked to speak at the UN event. She has been honored to play a part in this historic event.

"This is a continuation of the prophetic word at Fatima," Benkovic said. "It's pulling together a cross section of religions, a cross section of peoples of diverse religions and culture, a microcosm of the world, and I believe Our Lady has been orchestrating this."



# Changes to the Board of Directors

AT THE MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING, the League thanked several board members who have retired from the Board and welcomed new officers and members. Those leaving the Board are Chairman Joseph Nardi, Treasurer John Kozakowski, At-Large Executive Member Joseph Capista Sr., and Members Pat Ciarrocchi Fineman and Kevin Brady. We thank them for their years of service!

Assuming leadership of the Board is longtime retreatant Steve MacNamee Jr., who previously served as assistant treasurer. Joining him on the Executive Committee are Vice-Chair Jacki Delaney, Co-Treasurer Pat Laphen, Co-Treasurer James Lake, Secretary Sarah Christmyer and Member At Large James Molinari.

Five new members were also welcomed to the board. Details about them are below:



## Carmen DiPasquale

Carmen DiPasquale is a 18-year retreatant, who has served as C.A. Captain for the Our Lady of Peace group for three years and for the 4th of July Family Retreat group for seven years. She also has served on the Planning Committee for Our Lady of Peace for 8 years. DiPasquale is a member of the Spirituality Committee and has

served as a facilitator for the Discovering Christ Series and as a volunteer for Project HOME. DiPasquale is a parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi, where she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and RCIA team member. She works professionally as a clinical dietitian and is fluent in Spanish and English.



## Victor Frederick

Victor Frederick is a 26-year retreatant and member of Our Lady Queen of Peace group. He also is a member of the Steering Committee and has served as a recruiting chair, associate captain, and deputy captain. Professionally, Frederick has worked as an attorney and as a judge in Magisterial District Court. He is a member

of the Pro Bono Team for the PA Bar Association and is a member of the Berks County Bar Association. Frederick also is the founder of the Charity Santa House, volunteers for Camp Cadet Troop-L in Reading and for middle and high school mock trial competitions. Frederick serves as a speaker and volunteer for prom safety programs and drug awareness. He also is a youth sports coach and director for the Police Athletic League and Pottstown Little League, is a member of the Daniel Boone Optimist Club and is a team captain for Walk Now for Autism Speaks. Frederick is a member of St. Aloysius Church in Pottstown where he serves as a lector, cantor, member of the Finance Committee, and chairperson of the Men's Conference.



## Robert Humbert

Robert Humbert is a 45-year retreatant of the Six-Three group and previously served as C.A. Captain. Currently, Humbert is a member of the executive committee of the Six-Three group. Professionally, Humbert is the Vice President and Technical Director of AECOM's Freight Rail Sector and a registered professional engineer certified in

a number of states. Humbert has been married for 37 years and has 3 sons.



## Virginia Pellegrino

Virginia Pellegrino is a member of the Women's Teas Planning & Organizing Committee. Professionally, she has worked in health care and hospital administration for 30 years, including 10 years in the health care ministry of the Archdiocese of New York and 8 years with the Mercy Health System in Philadelphia. She also worked

with the Archdiocese of New York to bring health and spiritual care to AIDS patients. Pellegrino is a parishioner at St. Patrick's Church in Malvern.



## Vince Murphy

Vince Murphy is a 23-year retreatant with the Immaculate Conception group. He served as C.A. Captain from 2009 to 2013 and currently is the recruiting director. He was the recipient of Malvern's 2008 Chairman's Award and is a member of the Retreat Committee. Murphy is the former school director and

board president of the West Chester Area School District. He also is a parishioner at St. Patrick's Church in Malvern.

*Congrats!*

# A ANNIVERSARIES Legacy IN TIME

The Laymen's Retreat League congratulates the following Men of Malvern on having achieved these anniversary milestones. Our prayer is that they return year after year to Malvern Retreat House.

## FULL NAME

## GROUP NAME

### 65 Years

Mr. James Fleming, Sr. ....Thanksgiving IHM Group

### 60 Years

Mr. Don Hopkins .....St. John N. Neumann

### 50 Years

Mr. Joseph A. Bevilacqua .....Caenaculum

Mr. Raymond P. Harrison.....Holy Spirit

Mr. Joseph A. Messa.....Holy Spirit

Mr. William J. Bryson .....Most Blessed Sacrament

Mr. Roland J. Flacco .....Our Lady of Fatima

Mr. Richard M. Patterson .....Our Lady of Fatima

Mr. James J. Raynock .....Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mr. Bernard J. McLafferty .....Pius XII

Mr. Lawrence J. Casey .....St. John N. Neumann

Mr. Norman L. Martinelli.....St. John N. Neumann

### 25 Years

William G. Cinnamond, Esq.....Caenaculum

Mr. James F. Keough, Jr. ....Caenaculum

Mr. James J. Bonner, Jr. ....Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion

Mr. Robert J. DiSantis.....Epiphany

Mr. Thomas Shusted, Jr. ....Epiphany

Mr. Pasquale Spatola .....Epiphany

Mr. Mario J. Bacchia .....Holy Family

Mr. Robert J. Crowe, Jr.....Holy Family

Mr. Mark M. Haber .....Holy Family

Mr. Fred B. House .....Holy Family

Mr. Bob W. Wertz .....Holy Family

Mr. Michael J. Caplis.....Holy Spirit

Mr. Frank M. Hadden.....Holy Spirit

Mr. Ed McCauley.....Holy Spirit

Mr. Joseph M. Trama .....Holy Spirit

Mr. G. Christopher Widmer .....Matt Talbot #34

Mr. Joseph F. Hunt.....Matt Talbot #57

Mr. Richard P. Veisz .....Matt Talbot #57

Mr. Paul H. Brown .....Most Blessed Sacrament

Mr. Shawn M. McCarthy.....Most Blessed Sacrament

Mr. Michael R. Cerino .....Our Lady of Fatima

Mr. Frederick M. Durso, Sr. ....Our Lady of Fatima

Mr. Roman J. Baran .....Palm Sunday

Mr. Eric J. Hoffmann.....Palm Sunday

Mr. Brian F. McCaffrey .....Palm Sunday

Mr. Thomas G. Avery .....Pius XII

Lt. Col. James Avitabile .....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. David L. Barrett.....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. Michael Breslin .....SS Peter & Paul

Dr. Robert J. Brett .....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. James E. Chuchman .....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. John A. Greblunas, Sr. ....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. Louis J. Wakefield .....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. David M. Zuzack .....SS Peter & Paul

Mr. Robert J. Campbell, Sr. ....St. John N. Neumann

Mr. Robert E. Leso .....St. John N. Neumann

Mr. Kevin T. Moran .....St. John N. Neumann

Mr. Stephen B. Murray .....St. John N. Neumann

## Inside Malvern



## Radio Maria Broadcasting Every Week

Every Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm a new program is being hosted at Malvern Retreat House on Radio Maria US. Malvern President Mark Poletunow and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Michael Norton host the one-hour broadcast entitled *Companions on the Journey*. The program includes catechesis, humor, prayer, special testimonies and interaction from the listening audience.

Radio Maria was born as a parish radio station in 1983 in the diocese of Milan, Italy. Radio Maria's mission was to keep parishioners informed and to benefit them through prayer and through the broadcasts of daily Mass and the Rosary. Today, thanks to this successful start, Radio Maria has become a tool of the New Evangelization throughout the world.

The mission of Radio Maria is based on faith in Divine Providence and, except for a small number of salaried employees, depends on volunteer workers to further its mission. The station operates without advertising sponsorship and relies on listener contributions.

The World Family is the parent organization for Radio Maria US, with affiliates in 65 countries, broadcasting in more than 40 languages. In the United States, fourteen FM stations broadcast in Florida, Ohio, parts of Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana and Wisconsin. Radio Maria also has utilized new technologies allowing it to stream over the internet, and it also has a special app for mobile devices.

Norton says the Malvern radio program is providing opportunities to share the wellspring of blessings here on our retreat grounds. Poletunow echoes his enthusiasm for the new program.

"This radio show is a providential invitation by Our Lady," Poletunow said. "It is an honor to be part of the mission of evangelization through this weekly program at our beloved retreat house."

In the Philadelphia area, you can hear Radio Maria live streaming through their website at [www.radiomaria.us](http://www.radiomaria.us), or download the World Family of Radio Maria on your smartphone and click on America.

“ God bless the radio, and may Radio Maria be listened to by all of you in your cars, in your kitchens or while you're working. Everybody has to listen to this radio that is fulfilling the great mission of evangelization. We need Radio Maria to reach everybody throughout the world.”

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# Compelling Speaker Returning to Malvern

JENNIFER HUBBARD, who lost her six-year old daughter Catherine in the Sandy Hook School shooting, is returning to Malvern Retreat House in the fall for a special retreat. She will be speaking at the 24-hour women's retreat that will be held in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center September 29-30.

Hubbard originally shared her story at a day and evening of reflection in March. During her presentation, she talked about how God's healing helped her handle the tragic death of her daughter. Her message focused on how we can see God's love around us --in the tree buds, in the blue sky, in the simple things in life.

"People get so busy we forget that in the beauty of the sunrise and sunset we can see God's grace in our lives," Hubbard says.

Hubbard has shared her uplifting speech on numerous other occasions, including a presentation at the National Catholic Educational Association conference. She also is a monthly contributor to the publication Magnificat. We look forward to her returning to Malvern to share her uplifting message.



*Jennifer Hubbard speaks in Our Lady's Chapel during the Day of Reflection. Photo by: Anne Neborak-Digital First Media*

## Special Guests at Malvern Retreat House



We were honored to host the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious earlier this year. 120 formators, vocation directors and Fr. Dennis Gill attended the conference to talk about the journey of conversion and mercy in religious formation.

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## Malvern Wish List

- Golf Cart
- Funding for new vestments
- Laptop computer
- DVD recorder/player

# MALVERN'S UPCOMING RETREATS



**June 11**  
Malvern Family Festival



**June 30-July 2**  
Charismatic Healing Retreat  
*Fr. James Blount*



**July 21-23**  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
*Fr. Dennis O'Donnell*



**August 11-13**  
Chester County  
*Fr. Dennis O'Donnell*



**June 12-16**  
Priests' Preached Retreat  
*Fr. William Gaffney, CSSR*



**July 6-8**  
Benedicta Leadership  
Conference  
*Johnnette Benkovic*



**July 24**  
Grandparents Evening  
of Reflection  
*Deacon David Schaffer*



**August 11-13**  
Retrouvaille for  
Married Couples  
*For stressed or  
troubled marriages.*



**June 15**  
Women's Evening  
of Reflection  
*Anita Morro, RN/BSN*



**July 7-9**  
Women of Grace  
*Johnnette Benkovic &  
Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM*



**July 28-30**  
Casting Nets  
*Chris Stewart, Tony Brandt,  
and Hector Molina*



**August 13-15**  
Sisters' Preached Retreat  
*Fr. Jim McBurney, OSA*



**June 16-18**  
Separated and  
Divorced Catholics  
*Lisa Duffy*



**July 9-11**  
Sisters' Preached Retreat  
*Rev. Simeon Gallagher,  
O.F.M. Cap*



**August 4**  
First Friday Breakfast



**August 18-20**  
Edward J. Friel Memorial  
*Fr. Leonard Peterson &  
Deacon Al Clay*



**June 16- 18**  
Six-Three  
*Fr. Matt Guckin*



**July 21-23**  
L. J. Ferdinand/Hazleton  
*Fr. Michael Shea, C.M.*



**August 6**  
Women's Tea  
*Speaker: Kathleen McCarthy*



**August 25-27**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
*Fr. Scott Reilly, LC*