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A Latin word praising God that means:

May it be for your benefit

Joseph F. O'Donnell Malvern Fondly Remembers Fourth President

The year began on a sad note with the passing of Joseph F. O'Donnell, Malvern's most senior retreatant and fourth President of the Laymen's Retreat League. Joe died on January 4, 2015 after suffering a stroke. Joe often told the story of his first retreat in 1937. His dad was a long time Man of Malvern and one evening dad announced that Malvern was starting a program of high school student retreats and turning to Joe said, "and you are going." So Joe went to his first retreat with the Six-Three Group.



Thus began for Joe a lifelong love of Malvern, an association that would last for seventy-eight years and seventy-seven consecutive retreats with the Six-Three Group. Joe graduated from West Catholic High and Villanova University. It was at Villanova that Joe met Mary, the love of his life. They married and raised five children. Mary passed away in 2012. Mary shared Joe's love for the retreat movement and was very much involved in women's retreat programs at St. Raphaela Center in Havertown.

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Monsignor Joseph Marino Celebrates His 40th Anniversary



He's pretty much done it all as a priest — community leader, parochial vicar, archdiocesan ministry director, family counselor, pastor, seminary board director, deanery vicar, spiritual director, and now, retreat house rector and retreat director. For 40 years, our Rector Monsignor Joseph Marino has been living his calling — leading, instructing, but mostly accompanying souls young and old on their walk with their Lord. It was a calling he heard 60 years ago as a first communicant in a shuttered movie theatre serving as a make-shift church in the great northeast.

"I came out of that theatre and said to my Mother: "Mom: I think I'd like to be a priest." Some years later in high school he said the same thing to his Dad. His father told him to "go talk to the pastor." He did. The tight lipped pastor merely nodded. It was enough. He entered the seminary right out of high school. "God gave me a gift: he removed any

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James A. Fitzsimmons President

Dear Retreatants:

We are well into spring by now, and I hope you managed the cold winter months and extended snow and cold in March. It is time now to start those cleanup projects around the house, office etc. I went to St. Joseph's Library the other day and started to tidy up a bit. There were pamphlets and newspapers all over the place. As I was completing my tasks, I stopped over near the two bookcases from Stewardship Mission of Faith where there are bibles, pamphlets etc. for our retreatants. Recently we agreed to expand our offerings to include materials from Lighthouse Catholic Media. There were several CD offerings there, and I picked up a few, left a donation of course, and listened to them while driving my car.

I was impressed with the Dr. Timothy Grey presentation on **Encountering the Poor: Biblical Roots for Catholic Social Teaching**. Dr. Grey held a retreat here, and I wanted to listen to his message on this topic. I was not disappointed. Matthew Kelly, another national Catholic writer and presenter, was included in the offerings. Matthew had been at Malvern on several occasions and again his presentation on **Faith at Work and The Holy Moment** was well presented. When you return to Malvern for your annual renewal and refreshment, take advantage of the Lighthouse Catholic Media offerings in all our buildings. You too will not be disappointed.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all associates and retreatants, I would like to congratulate Msgr. Joseph T. Marino on celebrating his 40th Anniversary as a priest. I have known Msgr. Marino since 1967 and I have come to value his charisms, approach to his ministry and our close friendship. I have many stories to tell about his life in the seminary, but the seminary officials might finally figure out how we got away with some things. Please congratulate Monsignor when you do see him, and ask him about his skiing down the front lawn on March 5th. Denis, his canine companion, was close behind.

Our renovation of St Joseph's Hall continues to move along. After receiving our elevator permit, we begin the installation. Our new transformer that will be installed will increase our capacity by 65%. Thanks to our Property Committee for their diligence. The architects are working on renovating the former gift shop for meeting space and the installation of a new elevator in Assumption Hall.

In this issue you will see a story on how family legacies have been an integral part of our success here at Malvern. We are blessed by the commitment of our families to continue this ministry, and I encourage you to continue to embrace your family in the year of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia this fall. This papal visit should be a catalyst for our retreat ministry and the strengthening of our families. Please view the summer programs that our team has developed on the topics of Family Healing, Fatherhood

and Motherhood. These are great lead up programs as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families.

We held our Annual Awards Dinner on April 29th and had the honor of thanking many of our excellent leaders, recruiters and retreatants who have so faithfully supported our ministry. We especially honored two families, in this year of Pope Francis' visit, who have excelled in helping us in so many ways to strengthen our ministry. The family of Ronald and Lorraine Donato and Rich and Anna Tate have been awarded the William M. Lennox Award for exemplary service to Malvern. Please join me in thanking them and praying for them for all they do for Malvern. In addition, we also recognized our waitresses and kitchen associates who serve us so well throughout the year. Most of these young people are students and benefit from your generosity and gratuities. Thank them when you come in to the dining room.

Due to a generous donor, we were able to fund a new sound system and video system for Upper McShain. While it will benefit our many groups who use this area, it will also allow us to stream programs to our retreatants who may be ill or elderly and prohibited from attending their weekend retreat. The sound system has been upgraded tremendously. Thanks again to our anonymous donor for their contribution.

“ Stop out to Malvern on a sunny day and introduce your spouse and children to our beautiful grounds.”

A heartfelt thank you to our Art Show Committee for their successful and creative management of our 4th Annual Art Show. We hosted over 1,200 guests and contributed greatly to our general fund. The show continues to draw diverse artists in jewelry, pottery, water colors and prints as well as oil works.

Finally, look into our many diverse new programs. There are Women's Teas, End of Life Discussions, wonderful days of reflection of St. Therese of Lisieux and many others.

May you have a wonderful summer and enjoy memorable respites with your family and friends. Stop out to Malvern on a sunny day and introduce your spouse and children to our beautiful grounds. Let them see what reenergizes you when you come to Malvern.

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James A. Fitzsimmons



Joseph: Father like the Eternal Father

Each year on May 1st we celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Joseph the Worker. Pope Pius XII instituted this feast in 1955 in response to the celebration of workers by the Communist Party. However, the significance of Saint Joseph for the Church transcends that historical context. A long standing tradition of the Church affirms that through the power of the Holy Spirit a person or community of faith named after a saint inherits the charism, the virtues of the saint. So there is true value in using our annual feast to root ourselves, sons and daughters of Malvern in **the charism of Saint Joseph**.

We all recognize that fatherhood entails more than biology. Regardless of our sex we all are called to exhibit the **Fatherhood of God** to all we encounter. In the Incarnation of Jesus Christ the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity became man ... the power of the Most High, the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary and the child born is called holy, the Son of God. So the Fatherly source and origin of Jesus is God Himself. However, for the human arrangement of things the non-biological foster father of Jesus is Joseph, the working carpenter. Consequently, it is appropriate to say that

Jesus Christ has two fathers: a Divine Father and an earthly father-guardian, Joseph. And, in a sense we are all very similar to Jesus for we too have a supernatural father and natural father.

In this day and age with a society and culture committed to setting its own rules, it is valuable for believers to look closely at the virtues of Joseph that enabled him to provide a holistic experience of fatherhood for his son, Jesus. With these virtues Joseph, the carpenter was able to mirror the **Fatherhood of God** in an exemplary way. By using his God-given spiritual gifts, Joseph grew into the appropriate choice and representative of the Eternal Father as the earthly guardian and fatherly example for Jesus.

If Jesus was to learn to trust and love a heavenly father, Joseph's fatherhood was critical to Jesus. Jesus in his human nature had to experience and to learn true fatherly love and example in a physical and psychological way if he were to place his entire trust in a heavenly father. How did Joseph do this; what are these qualities of Joseph that assisted Jesus in making this significant spiritual transition from an earthly father to a divine Father?

The scriptures call Joseph a **righteous or just man**. Literally this means that Joseph obeyed the divine law and consequently was in right relationship with God and his neighbor. In common parlance, Joseph treated others the way he wanted to be treated. **Joseph employed his God-given gifts of mercy, humility, patience, and courage.**

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While Joseph was righteous and therefore understood that Jewish Law expected in **justice** that Mary should be stoned for being pregnant out of wedlock, he demonstrated **mercy** by being unwilling to expose her to shame and by deciding to divorce her quietly. Joseph did what all disciples are called to do: **embraced the divine balance of justice and mercy**. It is a divine gift to allow mercy to trump frustration, revenge, and even what justice seems to demand! **Joseph employed the grace of God, and did it!**

In addition, the **humility** of Joseph must capture our intellect and our heart. Throughout the episodes of Joseph's life recorded in the Gospel, Joseph displayed an incredibly humble spirit that transcended mere human capacity. By way of a dream he **humbly and patiently** accepted the directions of God and invited Mary into his home. While not being the biological father of Jesus, he accepted the **humble role** of fostering Jesus. While scripture has

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Michael Norton

Director of Development

As I begin my 5th year here at Malvern, I ask you join me as I look back on some of the positive changes made possible through your love, commitment and support of your beloved retreat house.

Let's start our tour at Entrance A — what many call the top entrance. If you look to your right you will see the newly refurbished Gatehouse. Our maintenance staff, led by Bill Pastino, did a wonderful job in restoring this original building. Just past the first speed bump, off to your right is the new **Our Lady of Fatima shrine**, generously built and paid for by the members of Our Lady of Fatima group. I encourage you to spend some time with this great Lady in that lovely setting.

A little further down the driveway on your left is the beautiful **Holy Family Shrine**. Kudos to the members of the Holy Family Retreat weekend for funding this project. This is a perfect place to sit in silent reflection.

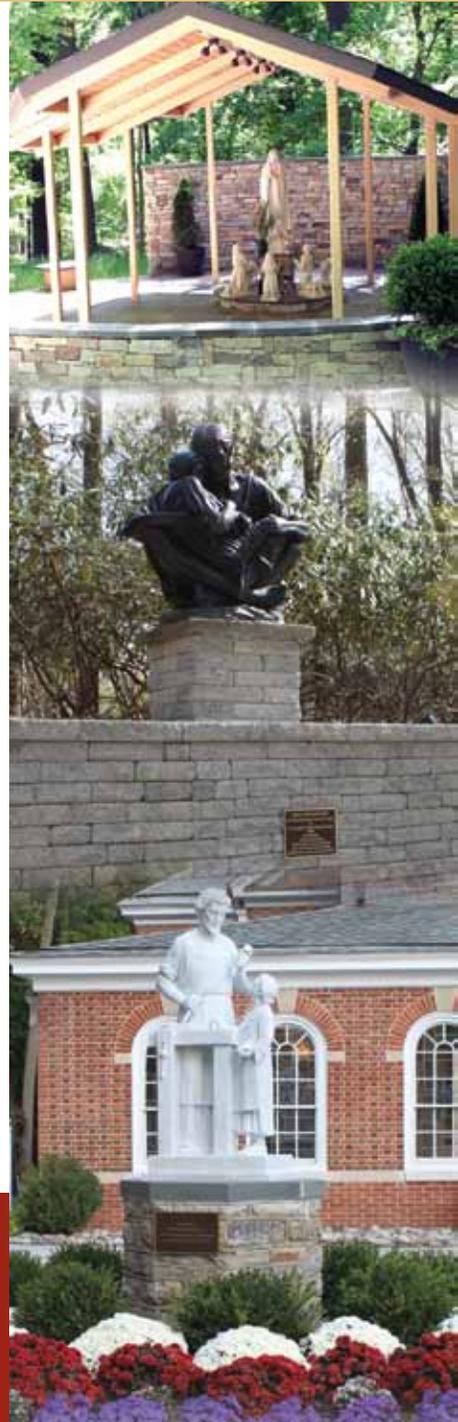
No doubt you have seen the new statue of our Patron, **Saint Joseph the Worker**, welcoming you as you drive past Saint Joseph's Hall. The marble used to carve this came from the same quarry in Italy as the marble for our Pieta Shrine.

Standing on the patio outside of the dining hall you will see the newly paved pathway courtesy of members of a retreat group who asked to remain anonymous. The pathway now connects our Lady's parking lot with the patio outside of the dining hall.

What I can't show you on our little tour is the new hot water heater in St. Joseph's Hall or the new boiler in Our Lady's Hall. You also won't get a glance at the newly repaired air conditioner on the roof of the dining hall. Yet I am sure you will appreciate how important these enhancements are to all of our retreatants.

I thank all of you who contribute to our Annual Appeal and Membership Drive. The monies gifted to these campaigns are used for the maintenance and upkeep of our splendid grounds and buildings. Every dollar raised is used for the benefit of the 20,000 plus retreatants who walk through our gates on an annual basis.

On your next visit to Malvern, give yourself a pat on the back for your part in helping to keep Malvern vibrant, both physically and spiritually.



2015 Annual Appeal

Please keep an eye out for our 2015 Annual Appeal letter. Your generosity to the annual appeal allows us to continue the vital mission of Malvern Retreat House. Our goal is to raise \$350,000. I ask that you take the time to read the letter and prayerfully consider your gift. Every gift does make a difference; a difference to those who come to Malvern for moments of Divine encounter.

Meet Edie Petillo: Assistant to the Director of Development



Many of you have called the development department and spoken with Edie Petillo. Let me put a face to the name. Edie is the Assistant to the Director of Development. If you have spoken with Edie, you know how warm and friendly she is. Edie is always ready to assist you with any of your development questions or concerns. *Edie can be reached at 484-321-2544.*

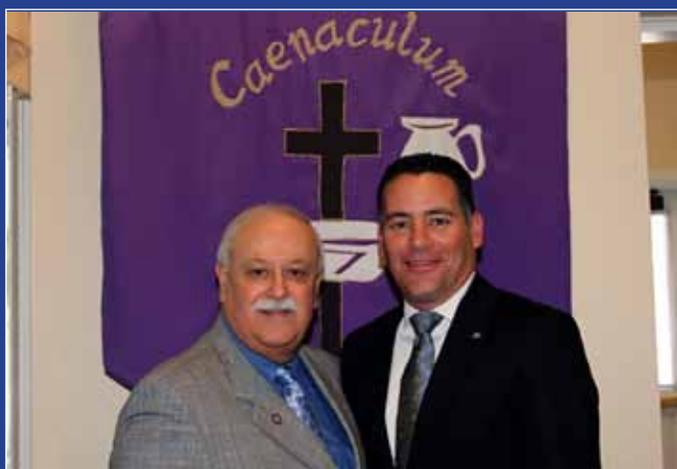
Caenaculum Retreat

A snowstorm on the first day of spring did not stop the Caenaculum Men of Malvern group from gathering for another successful annual retreat. The group welcomed 38 new retreatants on the weekend of March 20-23 to join the more than 200 men who participate annually in this retreat. C.A. Captain Joseph A. Bevilacqua says the group was founded in 1941 by a group of twelve men.

“One weekend a retreat director told the group that they reminded him of the Last Supper when the Lord appeared to the Apostles,” Bevilacqua said. “The director noted that the name of the room on the second floor where they met was called Caenaculum and that is how the group got its name.”

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Since then the group grew, as so many others did, through personal invitations. Bevilacqua was introduced to the retreat house



Joe Bevilacqua and Anthony Peracchia (pictured above) work together to ensure the success of each Caenaculum retreat.



Some Caenaculum retreatants pose for a picture in the spring snow (top).

by his father, who was a doctor.

“There was one room back then that had a medical cabinet, and I often was stuck in that room as my father helped any retreatant who had a problem. I slept on a cot in that room for 10 years, and my father was paid a total of five zeroes for his work,” Bevilacqua laughed.

The unusual introduction to Malvern paid off. Bevilacqua has been now attending retreats for 48 years. He and his co-captain Anthony Peracchia and their 21 recruiters — that they call associate captains — actively engage their retreatants.

The associate captains are encouraged to call men at least three times before retreat. They also ensure they touch base during other times of the year. Bob Cucinato, Sr. keeps all the group members’ emails so retreatants can receive regular communications about Caenaculum. Bevilacqua also plans an annual communion breakfast at his expense for the group’s families at St. Rita’s Church in Philadelphia about six months after their retreat. The engagement of both returning and new retreatants in March at Malvern has paid off for the group.

“If we get you there to Malvern with us the first year,” Bevilacqua said, “you are usually coming back.”

Men of Malvern

40TH Anniversary

Ministerial Priesthood

Monsignor Joseph Marino Celebrates His 40th Anniversary

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ambiguity,” he said. “Frankly, I had no other career interests.” On May 17, 1975 he was ordained; on May 18, he said his first Mass. His most gratifying moment? “Every time a parishioner told me he came back to the church because of something the Holy Spirit said or did through me.”

On the privilege of priesthood? “In the final analysis it’s the only game in town. We’re given the extraordinary opportunity to engage our brothers and sisters at the very deepest level of existence.”

On the future: “I think Dutch theologian Karl Rahner got it right when he said ‘the Christian of the future will either be a mystic or he or she will not be a Christian.’ And by mystic he simply meant someone who has actually experienced God’s presence.”

And finally, on his own walk with the Lord over the past 40 years of priestly ministry? “I never thought I had the skills to do the things that were asked of me but I learned to allow myself to be led ... and to trust. And looking back on it all I have to conclude God graciously called me to the one vocation that was most aligned with my spiritual welfare. And for that I will be eternally grateful.”

Hundreds of Families Build a Legacy of Going on Retreat

For decades, Malvern Retreat House has benefited from families who pass down the tradition of attending retreats. Today in the age of databases and modern technology, there is proof that the tradition is still going strong. More than 400 families currently in our records have three or more family members who come together on retreat each year at Malvern, and that is only counting the people with the same last names. Many families also have in-laws, cousins and extended family members who attend retreats together.

Topping the list are the Petrongolo and McCarthy families. An average of about 50 members of these families attends retreat together annually. The Petrongolo family men gather yearly for the Sons of Italy group retreat — a legacy that has been passed down through four generations.

Consider Building a Malvern Legacy for Your Family

“We can take a walk, share our journey, our challenges and our celebrations.”
— Duane McCarthy

“It feels like a family reunion,” John Petrongolo said. “Each December the men look forward to coming together on retreat and the wives plan shopping trips while the men are at Malvern.”

The McCarthy family has a similar experience when its members attend the annual Most Blessed Sacrament retreat. Board member Duane McCarthy says the ritual started with his father, who reached out to his brothers and then their children.



Men from the Petrongolo family join in the dedication ceremony for the Anna & Amedeo Petrongolo, Sr. Family Library in Our Lady's Hall.



Some members of the McCarthy family gather for a photo in 2012.

“Malvern gives us a chance to reconnect at a level that is more than a passing hello and other niceties,” Duane McCarthy said. “We can take a walk, share our journey, our challenges and our celebrations. These are things we may not normally get to do at a family outing that may only last a couple of hours.”

Both families have given back to Malvern in return for these rewarding experiences. The Petrongolo family dedicated the library in Our Lady's Hall to Anna & Amedeo Petrongolo, Sr. The McCarthy family left their legacy with the Family Life Center patio. This patio includes numbered bricks to represent each family's connection.

“The number shows where someone is related in the lineage system of their McCarthy Heritage,” Duane said. “So 7.5 represents my Father who was the fifth child of Charles who was the 7th child of Patrick Francis McCarthy. This way with so many of our younger families coming to Malvern it is a special way they can all be remembered.”

The patio and other dedicated shrines and rooms are just a few of the reminders of the many families who have made Malvern a second home. Another cherished memory for the Petrongolo came from a non-family member. The Petrongolo family developed a strong connection with one of the retreat directors who led Sons of Italy for years. John says Rev. Henry Richard O'Meara married everyone and baptized all their kids. Some family members even visited him when he traveled abroad.

“We made a trip to Brazil when he was spending the winter there years after he was a missionary, and he knew everyone including the President of Brazil. He showed us a good time,” John said.

Such memories have made John and Duane's connection to Malvern strong, and when asked both are able to trace their family's history to one important moment — that time when one family member decided to come on retreat and invite the family along.

New Programs Update:



Ladies enjoy tea together at the Sunday Women's Teas: *Feminine Heart: Whole & Holy*.

Many efforts are underway to offer new programs that meet the changing needs of our retreatants. Rector Msgr. Joseph Marino has organized several days and evenings of reflection to address specific life topics and spiritual themes.



Successful programs have included the *End of Life Decision Making* Day of Reflection, led by Steven Bozza from the Office for Life and Family, and the new program for *Widows and Widowers*.

Another program that has been very successful is the *Sunday Women's Teas*, titled *Feminine Heart: Whole & Holy* and organized by Board Vice Chair Jacki Delaney and her Spiritual Programs Development Committee. More than 180 women attended the second tea held in February and a number have registered months in advance for the upcoming teas, which are held each quarter.

In February, new Board Member Sarah Christmyer spoke on the topic: *Be Anxious for Nothing: How Prayer Can Transform Your Pain into Peace*. The speech was followed by a question and answer session. Christmyer is the co-developer of the Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program, published by Ascension Press. She is just one of several renowned speakers the committee has lined up for this Sunday tea program.



ART
SHOW
2015

This year Malvern Retreat House had its most successful art show to date. The February event not only brought hundreds of people to our campus, but it also garnered gross revenues of more than \$100,000.

More than 100 juried artists showed and sold their work at what has become one of the region's largest art shows. The show this year included a number of renowned artists.

"Every piece of art is high quality since we have a high standard," Art Committee member Eugene Coggins said. "It is hard to get into the show since the jury process is very rigorous, but we ensure there is something there for everybody — everyone's taste, everyone's wallet."



The wide range of artwork included a special feature display of fiber art. In addition, art forms ranging from jewelry and sculpture to painting and woodwork were on display. Artist Jeff Schaller, who was named one of the Top 5 Most Influential Artists by *Business 2 Business* magazine, says he enjoys making art using an ancient technique.

"I create art using encaustic painting techniques, which was an ancient tradition for the Greeks and Romans that utilizes wax and natural pigments," Schaller said.

More modern techniques are practiced by other artists who participated. Emmy Award winning animator Michael Stancato likes to create what he calls "Wabstrack Doodlism."

"I have a whimsical cartoon style," Stancato said. "I like to merge spirituality, science, and futurism in my work."

Visitors had the opportunity to meet all the artists at a complimentary wine reception held on Friday, February 6. Overall the show, which is free and open to the public, occupied the halls of the McShain-Hortsmann Family Life Center for five days.

Family First Initiative

Malvern Prepares for the Pope's Visit to Philadelphia

Malvern Retreat House is offering a new family-oriented program to help retreatants get ready for the World Meeting of Families. At the same time, the retreat house is making plans to host visitors who will be in the region for Pope Francis' arrival to Philadelphia.

First on the agenda is the new **Family First** initiative — a three-track program aimed at the issues confronting the contemporary Catholic family. Each of the three tracks in the Family First program will offer four sessions, two in the spring and two in the fall. The first track is directed to fathers. It is called St. Joseph, Model for Fatherhood.

Best-selling author and evangelist Devin Schadt kicked the program off on Thursday evening, April 9 in Upper McShain. The next fatherhood day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12.

The second track of the program is called Family Healing. It is addressed to fathers and mothers who are grappling with formidable emotional and spiritual problems in their families.

Monsignor Ralph Chieffo, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen in Media, and Dr. Peter Kleponis, a Licensed Clinical Therapist specializing in marriage and family therapy, directed the first of four sessions on Sunday afternoon, April 26. The second session in the four-part series is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 31st.

The third and final track of the **Family First** program is directed to mothers. It's called Mary, Model of Motherhood.

Martha Gillin, who founded the youth program called *Speak Up!*, is the keynote speaker for the inaugural event on Wednesday, May 13th.

All these days and evenings of reflection will help spiritually prepare attendees for the World Meeting of Families that is being hosted by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from September 22nd through 27th.

Pope Francis will arrive on September 26th and will participate in several Papal events before concluding the meeting with a Mass on the 27th on the parkway. Malvern Retreat House has offered the archdiocese 150 rooms for visitors from around the world.

More information about these upcoming events is available on our website at malvernretreat.com.



Men of Malvern Encouraged to Try a Different Weekend Retreat

For decades, retreatants at Malvern have made it an annual tradition to attend retreat the same weekend with the same group. This strong tie to one group has made some retreatants hesitant to try a different group.

"They look forward to their own retreat," Retreat Committee Member Dave White said. "But if a year comes they cannot attend, many just miss out."

White is encouraging retreatants to join another group for a weekend if this happens. All the traditional retreats follow the same schedule, but some groups do have different customs.

"Retreatants can enjoy seeing how another group runs its retreats, and then the next year they can go back to their original group if they wish," White said.

Board member John Kozakowski tried this approach. He is a member and former C.A. Captain of the Immaculate Conception Men of Malvern group. For 35 years, he has enjoyed coming to Malvern for the group's annual retreat in December, but last year he had a schedule conflict.

"If it is important to you to attend a retreat, Malvern is a fifty week a year facility," Kozakowski said. "You should be flexible enough to find another date."

Kozakowski did this by checking online and signing up for a retreat over Thanksgiving with the Thanksgiving IHM group led by Captain Frank Coyne. Kozakowski said it was a special experience. He says he was "a nobody" who was allowed to sit with the group and just soak up the experience.

Kozakowski noted that he thinks it is a particularly good idea for men who are captains or recruiters of groups to attend a retreat as a "normal" retreatant. He says it gives a person an interesting perspective and helps him understand the dynamics of Malvern Retreat House as a whole.

So, if you can't make it this year with your regular group, please feel free to investigate other retreat options online at malvernretreat.com or call us at 610-644-0400 for more information.

Pennsylvania Catholic Conference: *Bob O'Hara, A Man of Malvern Offers A Resource for Retreatants*



www.pacatholic.org

Bob O'Hara is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference of Bishops (PCC). He is also a husband and father of two sons, and a second generation Man of Malvern. In fact, Bob has made certain there is a third generation of O'Hara's making weekend retreats with the Palm Sunday Group. For the last six years he has brought one or both of his sons.

"I just love being on retreat with my boys. The experience is tremendous," O'Hara said. "Sometimes I just look at them during Mass or one of the devotions and I am at a loss for words. I just wish I had started bringing them sooner."

Outside of Malvern, Bob has spent the last 25 plus years as a professional lobbyist: first for Pennsylvania Power and Light and now for the Pennsylvania Bishops.

He encourages other retreatants to utilize the services of PCC.

"PCC is a resource for retreatants, so they may learn about the views of their Catholic Bishops on the most important issues of the day," O'Hara said. "And, if they wish, they have a tool to contact and speak to their elected representatives."

O'Hara says more information about the conference can be found at www.pacatholic.org.

Malvern Campus Improvements



An electrician works to upgrade the systems in St. Joseph's Hall.

Efforts to spruce up and modernize the Malvern Retreat House campus have been going strong in the last few months.

A new sound system has been installed in Upper McShain. The system includes a projector, camera, and three flat screen televisions in the alcoves. Eventually Malvern hopes to use the new system to stream Masses online.

Progress on the St. Joseph building improvements is also being made. The concrete slab for the elevator has been poured and a new transformer arrived at the end of March.

In the meantime, workers awaited the arrival of permits in April to complete the elevator portion of the project. After this step, room renovations and the installation of air conditioning is set to be completed. The entire renovation of this historic building is scheduled to be finished at the end of 2016.

TRIBUTE

Hall of Fame C.A. Captain William J. Tobia Sr.



William J. Tobia, a 44 year retreatant with the St. Pius X Group passed away on December 12, 2014. Bill was the C.A. Captain of the Group from 2001 to 2006.

In recognition of his outstanding performance as C. A. Captain, he was inducted into the Joseph F. O'Donnell C.A. Captain Hall of Fame in 1996. Bill was one of a long line of outstanding captains of the St. Pius X Group - men like John Ardizzi, Ralph Siano, Richard Tate and Ron Donato. May he rest in peace.

William Tobia (left) joined St. Pius X members Pete Mariani and John Ardizzi in this archived photo with Father O'Donnell.

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.

YEARS	FULL NAME	GROUP NAME
50	Mr. Joseph A Finisdore	St. Blaise-Curran Memorial
50	Mr. Hugh F Mullarkey	Thanksgiving I.H.M.
50	Mr. Anthony Voci	St. Blaise-Curran Memorial
25	Mr. Joseph N Hebert, III	Holy Family
25	Mr. Luke E Collazzo	Holy Spirit
25	Mr. Patrick J Fergione	Holy Spirit
25	Mr. Homer W Pardoe	Holy Spirit
25	Mr. Vincent Termini	Holy Spirit
25	Mr. Thomas J Guld	Immaculate Conception
25	Mr. James A McErlean, Jr.	Immaculate Conception
25	Mr. Joseph S Stewart	Immaculate Conception
25	Mr. Pat Whyte	Immaculate Conception
25	Mr. Carmen P DiGiandomenico	Our Lady of Fatima
25	Mr. James T. Eck	Our Lady of Fatima
25	Mr. Robert T Enos	Our Lady of Fatima
25	Mr. Michael J Flanagan	Our Lady of Fatima
25	Mr. Raymond L Hanks, Sr.	Our Lady of Fatima
25	Mr. John A Healey III	Our Lady of Fatima
25	Mr. Joseph R DiDonato	Peco/Good Shepherd
25	Mr. James M Gill	Peco/Good Shepherd
25	Mr. Peter P Gorczyca	Pius XII
25	Mr. Dominick Lucente, Jr.	Pius XII
25	Mr. Thomas S Sobieszczyk	Pius XII
25	Mr. Walter C Lance, Jr.	Prosit
25	Mr. Anthony P Gambescia	Sons of Italy
25	Dr. Paul R Lanza	Sons of Italy
25	Mr. Philip C Ciaverelli	SS Peter & Paul
25	Mr. John A D'Lauro	SS Peter & Paul
25	Mr. Robert D'Lauro	SS Peter & Paul
25	Mr. Gerard M Lowery	SS Peter & Paul
25	Mr. Maurice (PJ) P Close	St. Blaise-Curran Memorial
25	Mr. Joseph A Coppola	St. John N. Neumann
25	Mr. Thomas M D'Alessandro, Sr.	St. John N. Neumann
25	Mr. James F Grugan	St. John N. Neumann
25	Mr. Thomas E Hassett	St. John N. Neumann
25	Mr. Christopher Braccili	Thanksgiving I.H.M.
25	Mr. Michael V Krumenacker	Thanksgiving I.H.M.
25	Mr. Peter W Sloan	Thanksgiving I.H.M.

Father like the Eternal Father

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no record of any words that Joseph said, by deduction we know that this quiet man **courageously** introduced to the world his son, Jesus. And, regardless of the rumors and slandering of his neighbors, Joseph persevered in caring for his wife and her child. **Joseph employed the grace of God, and did it!**

As each challenge and crisis arose, Joseph **patiently waited on the Lord** to give him guidance and direction. Prayers are not answered according to our arrangement of time; God responds to our needs when most appropriate for our welfare and the welfare of others in our care. Joseph understood **divine providence: God provides exactly what we need exactly when we need it** – not before or after!

And finally, Joseph was a man of **courage**. Yet, the courage he displayed was **biblical courage** which is beyond human arrangement and strength. Biblical courage is a consequence of faith. One is able to triumph over fear because of one's belief in a providential God, a belief in God who is ever vigilant and engaged with us. Joseph believed that God would provide what was needed exactly when the holy family needed it. Joseph courageously did what had to be done to protect his holy family. Whether it took searching for housing at the time of the child's birth, or traveling to a foreign county to escape Herod's rage, or repeatedly looking for work to support his family through all these transitions, Joseph employed the grace of God, and did it!

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So whether we are a man or woman of Malvern, God desires to grace us with the *charisms* of Joseph the Worker. Each of us is given countless opportunities to foster others in growing up in the faith with the loving care of God the Father and Joseph, the carpenter. As Saint Pope John Paul II said, there are too many orphans with parents. There are too many people whose parents abandoned them for the pursuit of worldly things. Those orphans of all ages need the guidance of a foster parent willing to provide true guidance and loving assistance in their desire to find God. That is where we come in! Let us be merciful, humble, patient and courageous like our patron. **Let us employ the grace of God, and do it! Bring an orphan to God the Father at Malvern!**

New Employees:

Malvern Retreat House welcomed the following new employees in the past few months

Robert Dininni: Hospitality Coordinator

Joseph Lovinfosse: Hospitality Coordinator

Lora Zembruski: Receptionist

John Todd: Maintenance

Darren Jerome: Breakfast Cook

Jeffery Kazin: Breakfast Cook (returning employee)

Malvern Welcomes New Board Members

Sarah Christmyer and James Lake

On April 1, Sarah Christmyer and James Lake were elected to the Malvern Retreat House Board of Directors.

Sarah is executive editor and previously served as director of the popular Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program, which she developed with Jeff Cavins for Ascension Press. She also is an adjunct faculty member teaching Sacred Scripture at St. Charles Seminary. Sarah has written numerous Bible studies and is a popular speaker at conferences, parishes and retreats.

In February, Sarah addressed over 180 women at Malvern's second Women's Tea on the topic of how to use prayer to ease life's anxieties. The response from the women, in some cases three generations of women, was overwhelmingly positive.

Jim is VP and National Sales Manager for Guardian Retirement Services, overseeing 401k and annuity sales. Jim is married with three children and serves on the Board of St. Anastasia Parish Council. He is active in the CYO, his alma mater Bonner-Prendie, the Newtown Republican Committee, and a number of other charities in the Philadelphia area. He is also a 5-year Man of Malvern and a deeply committed Catholic.

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rial and business skills, along with his financial acumen will be a true asset to the Board," said Duane McCarthy, Chair of the Nomination Committee. "Sarah has spent over 20 years in church ministry and will bring new insight and perspective to the Board. Newer to the Malvern Retreat experience, Sarah will lend a greater outreach to women."

We welcome Sarah and Jim to the Board of America's oldest, largest and finest retreat house, and we thank them for sharing their gifts with all of us.

In Memoriam: Joseph F. O'Donnell

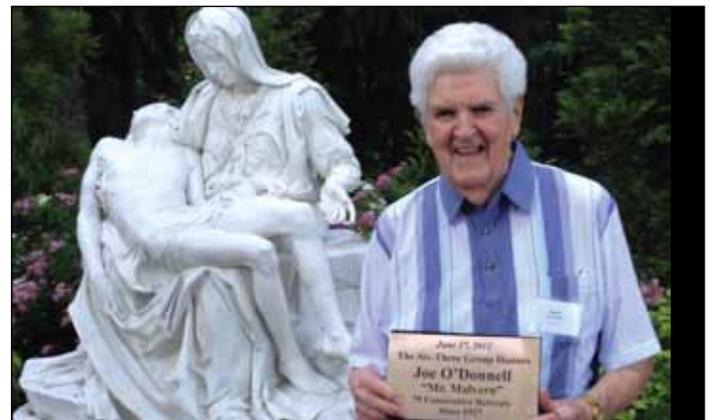
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Joe joined the Retreat Committee as a young man and quickly found that many of the early Malvern C.A. Captains were very strong personalities who did not respond well to a youngster bearing recommendations from the Retreat Committee. It did not take long for them to accept Joe as they realized he only wanted to help them bring more men to Malvern. Throughout his years at Malvern, Joe championed the role of C.A. Captains reminding all that "the captains are the lifeblood of Malvern." To help the captains, he and Dan Corry wrote the first Captains' Workbook. The updated version of the workbook is still given to every new captain.

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It was in his early years at Malvern that he became associated with President William M. Lennox. Mr. Lennox became his mentor. After having served on the League's Board of Directors, Joe succeeded Mr. Lennox as Malvern's fourth president in 1973 and he served as president until 1978. It is worth noting that after stepping down as president, Joe immediately resumed his work on the Retreat Committee, and he stayed on that committee until his death. He never lost his passion for recruiting men to come to Malvern.

While applauding the new online Retreat Processing System, Joe continually cautioned recruiters that the computer was fine but recruiting is still a "one on one" personal invitation process. It is



Joe received a plaque in 2012 to recognize his 75th anniversary as a retreatant.

a lesson the Retreat Committee will never forget. The League bestowed a number of honors on Joe O'Donnell in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the mission of Malvern. He received the prestigious William M. Lennox Award in 1978, and the Ferreck Award in 1991. The League named the Captains Hall of Fame in his honor, and he was elected to the Joseph F. O'Donnell C.A. Captains Hall of Fame in 1997. In 2012 the Board of Directors passed a resolution renaming the Presidents Room in Upper McShain Hall as the Joseph F. O'Donnell, Jr. Leadership Room. In 2013 Joe received the League's newly established St. Joseph the Worker Award for his lifetime of leadership contributions to the Malvern retreat apostolate. Joe O'Donnell was the consummate Man of Malvern. He will not be forgotten at Malvern. Joe was 93. May he rest in peace.

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MALVERN'S UPCOMING RETREATS



May 8-10
Matt Talbot #48
Recovery Retreat for
Men: A spiritual retreat
for recovering alcoholics



May 15-17
Mid-May
Men of Malvern
Director:
Fr. Jeff Putthoff



June 4
Spirituality of Athletics
Director: Jim Rogers



June 14
Motherhood Day of
Reflection
Speaker: Marie Joseph



May 12
Fatherhood
Evening of Reflection
Speaker:
Bill Donaghy



May 15-17
Serenity Retreat
Recovery Retreat for
women affected by
addiction. Director:
Sr. Linda Fischer



June 5-7
Our Lady of the Sacred
Heart, Men of Malvern
Director:
Rev. Joseph Corley



June 15-19
Priests' Preached Retreat
A retreat for priests
Director: Fr. Daniel Joyce



May 13
Joy of the Gospel
Day of Reflection
Director:
Rev. Joseph Corley



May 22-24
St. Pius X Men of
Malvern, Directors:
Msgr. Joseph Marino,
Fr. Raphael Bonanno



June 7
Father/Daughter
Evening of Reflection
Director: Fr. Matt Guckin



June 19-21
Six-Three, Men of
Malvern Directors:
Msgr. Joseph Marino,
Fr. Leonard N. Peterson



May 13
Motherhood
Evening of Reflection
Speaker:
Martie Gillin



May 29-30
Young Adult Retreat
Men and women in
their 20s and 30s
Director: Bill Donaghy



June 11
Women's Evening of
Recollection
Director: Sr. Clare
D'Auria



June 26-28
Our Lady of Lourdes
Men of Malvern
Director: Fr. Michael
Shea



May 15-17
Matt Talbot #66
Recovery Retreat for
Men A spiritual retreat
for recovering alcoholics



May 31
Healing of Families
Day of Reflection
Speakers: Msgr. Ralph
Chieffo and Dr. Peter
Kleponis



June 12-14
Evangelization
Director: Dr. Ralph
Martin



June 26-28
Catholic Singles
Retreat
Directors: Msgr. Joseph
Marino & Sister Emily
Rebalsky