



Q&A: President Jim Fitzsimmons Reflects on His Upcoming Retirement

By: Brian Gail

By now, you have probably heard that Jim Fitzsimmons announced he is retiring as President of Malvern Retreat House. I have known Jim for many years. His dedication to Malvern and the Catholic community is well known. When I heard he was retiring, I quickly called him to make sure he was ok. Jim assured me he is fine and that he will be here until the search committee finds his successor, most likely, sometime after April 2016.

He said, "I just felt it is time for me to slow down, maybe spend the winters in Florida and work part time for an organization whose mission is compatible with my beliefs and practices, something with the church."

The church was always a big part of Jim's life. This former seminarian taught at Calvert Hall High School in Baltimore and was the Dean of Students at Loyola University and Cabrini

College, but it is was while he was at Temple University that the wheels were put into motion for him to come to Malvern Retreat House.

"I was working at Temple University and out of the blue I get a call from Jimmy Murray, Ronald McDonald House and Eagles GM, and

he asked me to meet him at a talk he was giving on campus. At that meeting, he said he was praying on a candidate for the president of Malvern Retreat House, and he felt he should contact me. As a seminarian, I had talked at Malvern on Saturdays afternoons from time to time back in the 70's. Jimmy thought I should get back into

direct work in a Church ministry and not just volunteer with other Catholic groups, etc. Four months later here I am."

"My decision to come to Malvern was made easier because people were generally enthusiastic when I talked to them about the possibility, and I was enthused by the thought

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Jim welcomed Archbishop Charles Chaput to Malvern in 2011 when the head of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia visited the retreat house for the first time.

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Mark the Dates for These Upcoming Retreats

Johnette Benkovic, Sister Clare D'Auria, Kathleen McCarthy and Father Matt Guckin are among the many retreat leaders who are making plans to return to Malvern Retreat House in the coming months in 2015 and 2016. Also on the agenda are a number of retreats to spiritually inspire both the young and the old around September's World Meeting of Families. Just around the corner, our **Labor Day Family Retreat** September 4-6 and **Our Lady of the Rosary Retreat** October 16-18 are designed for the whole family to attend with games, inspirational talks and food. These retreats offer the opportunity to connect with the Lord and each other. In a similar fashion, our annual **Married Couples Retreat** will be held September 11-13 in the McShain-Hortsmann Family Life Center. *(Continued on page 9)*





James A. Fitzsimmons

President

Dear Retreatants:

What excitement is in the air as we await the World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis to the Philadelphia region. It seems everywhere I go, the papal visit is the topic of conversation. That is after I am asked if I can get tickets for one of the events. Excitement drops after I say I can't and then reengages on the fervor that Pope Francis has brought to the papacy. What an opportunity for the Church in this area to invite parishioners and the wider community to recommit ourselves to our faith and be intentional disciples in service to our community. It fits in well with our strategic plan for all our activities here at Malvern.

In a recent homily on Ss. Peter and Paul's Feast Day, Pope Francis challenged us to "teach prayer by praying, announce the faith by believing, offer witness by living." It seems so simple as Pope Francis calls us to be like the early Church, which was a Church at prayer, and "a Church at prayer... is a Church on her feet, strong, moving forward..." We all join with the Holy Father in praying for a successful and safe visit, but more so we

pray that the Church in Philadelphia and beyond will be strengthened by our prayers and with a gentle breeze in our sails from the visit, empower us to be even more diligent in our prayers and witness to our faith.

As you know by now, I have announced my retirement from Malvern in 2016 after the successful completion of a search for the next President. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 11+ years at Malvern and look forward to being a part of this ministry through future retreats and programs. It has been a humbling tenure when each year you see 20,000 retreatants prayerfully approach the Lord through our devotional exercises, private adoration or walking the outdoor paths and areas of meditation. Truly miracles occur at Malvern. Just listen to our retreatants' experiences and you will see the transformative power of this ministry. We have not had a formal miracle, but there is a special presence of our Lord in our midst at Saint Joseph's In The Hills.

We truly have been blessed by your prayers and support. Our continued presence relies on your prayers, recruiting and generous donations. Please make your Annual Appeal gift early this fall and enable us to recover from the extraordinary maintenance expenses and low summer revenue. This fall appeal is

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key to staying in the black for the year.

Pray for our Pope and his visit to Philadelphia, reach out and be of service to others in our community and be a people who “teaches prayer by praying, announce the faith by believing and offer witness by living.”

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of finishing my working career at Malvern where I could use my talents to help others in their own journey of faith.”

Jim and I both laughed when I asked if he really knew what he was getting himself into.

“I knew as a nonprofit that one of the biggest issues was going to be the budget. The constant challenge to meet budgets was not new to me. Temple always had a motto ‘Do More with Less.’ After 16 years at Temple, I was looking to ‘Do Less with More.’ That didn’t quite work out because as you get involved in Malvern you see how complex the various revenue streams are, marketing strategies that needed to be developed, volunteers that needed to be identified and motivated and trained. Volunteers made Malvern what it is today and our full time associates recognize that and work to support them wherever we can.”

“In addition, the fundraising challenges are constant in a nonprofit. We worked to develop The Good Shepherd Society for legacy gifts in wills and bequests; we developed memorials throughout our groups to better utilize our holy grounds; we increased our stewardship giving through the Annual Appeal and other than a few bad years... we did ok.”

“Another challenge was programming. Early on we struggled with developing new approaches to spiritual programming. Thankfully today with Msgr. Marino and Jacki Delaney guiding that area, we have made great strides and the strength of our programs is just wonderful and far reaching.”

That Malvern is now in its 103rd year is nothing short of amazing. Like any business, Malvern had to adapt to the changing demands of its audience while staying true to its mission of bringing people closer to Christ.

“Opening the retreat house to the whole family was a strategy that evolved. The Men and Women of Malvern are still our preeminent programs, but in today’s world we are called to support the whole family. This complements our work for the first 90 years of our existence and doesn’t detract from it. We have been blessed with the generosity of Sr. Polly McShain and her parents John and Mary Horstmann McShain over the years. Sr. Polly’s vision for the Family Life Center was the cornerstone of our programming change and what a success it has been.”

“Today we serve over 20,000 retreatants a year. Our programming now includes retreats for men, women, married couples, families, young adults and high school students, veterans with PTSD, formerly homeless men and women and the unemployed. I feel good that I am leaving Malvern in a strong position.”

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Monsignor Joseph Marino

Rector



The New Evangelization: Be an Agent of God's Mercy at Home and in the World

On December 8, 2015 during the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* our Church will begin an *Extraordinary Jubilee – a Holy Year of Mercy*. Last Lent during a penitential liturgy, Pope Francis declared: We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: *Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.* (Luke 6:36).

In his candid and straight-forward way, Pope Francis shared the motivation of his heart:

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center.

The **Pontifical Council for Promotion of the New Evangelization** will be the Vatican office responsible for the planning and execution of this significant undertaking. It is the Holy Father's hope that this year may be *a new stage in the journey of the Church on its mission to bring to every person the Gospel of mercyall of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.*

We, the family of Malvern welcome this Jubilee Year and embrace the spiritual focus of Mercy. 2016 will be the third year of our coordinated themes centering on the New Evangelization. **What a beautiful convergence of message and new found energy: Mercy & Evangelization.** The Church calls Malvern to a deeper experience of God's mercy and a stronger commitment to proclaiming God's invitation to His mercy.

Evangelization is at the very core of the Church's identity. The reason for our Baptism, and the reason for the community of the Baptized called

the Church, is to be the sacramental presence of Christ in the world in order to bring all back to the Father through His mercy! When we share our belief in Christ with another, we are sharing Jesus Christ who is the perfect manifestation of the mercy of God. Jesus was sent by the Father to reveal God's mercy through His Death and Resurrection. There is no greater act of love, no greater manifestation of God's mercy than for the Son to lay down His life so that we may live! Jesus Christ is the face of God – the Face of Mercy!

A Jubilee Year has two inherent dimensions; it is for our benefit and the benefit of the world. Our apostolic work during this *Year of Mercy* is not different from any other time; our work of mercy is for our family and neighbor. This year provides a significant opportunity for deeper spiritual conversion of our own hearts, especially expressed through the confession of our sins. In turn the *Year of Mercy* provides an occasion to reach out to others with more heartfelt compassion, and to invite them to Malvern.

The following words of Pope Francis help us in understanding that all Evangelization is rooted first in our encounters with Christ:

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets; He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you:

"Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (John 8:11) -- Homily on March 17, 2013.

“ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us... ”

It is in our encounters with Jesus especially in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** that we meet the Merciful God. Through these encounters we grow in humility and compassion which makes us more effective agents of God's mercy to family and neighbor. This is what the New Evangelization is all about: rooted in God's mercy, we can be more merciful to others; touched by the love of God, we can touch others with His love; kissed by Jesus, we can kiss our neighbor with God's kiss of peace. Emphasizing this point the Holy Father said:

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a gardenLet us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. — Easter Urbi et Orbi message on March 31, 2013

Fellow brothers and sisters of Malvern, we are all sinners, frail and vulnerable. But at Malvern we have been taught by the Gospel that our Father is all love and mercy. Let us not be afraid of our Father but trust Him and entrust ourselves and others to His mercy:

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. (Ephesians 2: 4-5)

Mercy & Evangelization



Michael Norton

Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Development News



27th Annual Don Gallagher Memorial Golf Outing

Calling all golfers, duffers and those who just want to have fun for a great cause. Join us on Monday, October 26th for the 27th Annual Don Gallagher Memorial Golf Outing. What started out as just a group of Men from Malvern enjoying a day on the links, has turned into a major event that provides support for your beloved retreat house.

This tournament is all about fun. This year we are awarding a prize for the best dressed golfer.

Regardless of your game, the Don Gallagher Memorial is a perfect match for your golf skills.

Join us on October 26, 2015 at the Sandy Run Country Club.

For more information visit www.malvernretreat.com

The Good Shepherd Club, 5 Frequently Asked Questions



- 1 What is it?** The Good Shepherd Club is our way of honoring those who helped secure the future of Malvern by including a gift to Malvern Retreat House as part of their estate plan.
- 2 What is the benefit?** Becoming a member our Good Shepherd Club is a win-win. You win in two ways, 1) You will have peace of mind and good feelings knowing that your legacy will continue at Malvern and 2) A gift from your estate does not impact your current daily cash flow.

Malvern wins by receiving your gift, thus ensuring the future of your beloved retreat house for generations to come. This is your Legacy of Faith.
- 3 How do I become member?** Becoming a Good Shepherd Club member is easy. You can join by:
 - Including Malvern in your will or estate plan
 - Naming Malvern as a beneficiary of your retirement plan of life insurance, or
 - Making a life-income gift
- 4 What if my financial situation changes?** Membership in the Good Shepherd Club is voluntary and without obligation. These gifts are revocable, and you can adjust your plans if circumstances change or you change your mind at anytime.
- 5 Where can I get more information?** For more information contact: Michael Norton at 484-321-2539 or email mnorton@malvernretreat.com
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2015 Annual Appeal

10/25: I was recently asked, "Does my small gift to the annual appeal and my membership dues really make a difference to Malvern?" My answer was an emphatic YES! Every gift, no matter the size, to our annual appeal and membership drive helps to keep Malvern's Mission alive. Imagine if all 13,000 Men and Women of Malvern gave \$10 to our membership drive and just \$25 to the annual appeal. That would be \$455,000 that Malvern could use for small capital improvements, programs, unexpected repairs, and the maintaining and upkeep of our beautiful grounds. In the first six months of 2015 we incurred over \$150,000 in unexpected repairs and maintenance. We need your support! 10/25, a little sacrifice would go a long way. This year when the Fall Annual Appeal letter and the Membership Reminder arrive at your home, I ask that you prayerfully consider 10/25.



Lend us your time & talent.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with small projects and special events. Whatever your talent, we can use it. I guarantee if you volunteer for just one day, you will go home feeling a satisfaction that only comes from giving back.

For more information
call Jim Hall at 484-321-2541 or
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Taking a Step in Faith: Retreats Help Those In Need



In May, dozens of men and women who are trying to make better lives for themselves attended Malvern's Men and Women in Transition retreats. The retreat house utilized funds provided by the Malvern Cares program to bring the formerly homeless individuals to the Family Life Center. The men and women were bused to our grounds with the help of St. John's Hospice, the Bethesda Project and Mercy Hospice.

Our Lady of Confidence Retreat

For the 52nd year, Malvern will be welcoming adults with disabilities at the annual Our Lady of Confidence retreat. Captain Ed Seiders says the retreat, which will run from October 13-15, is a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

"I love working with people with special abilities," Seiders said. "Many of them have a great amount of love and happiness no matter what life throws at them. Their joy brings you closer to God."

The retreat is open to any adults with mental, physical, emotional, social or economic disabilities. Various spiritual and social activities are offered during the retreat in an accessible environment. To help with the program, Malvern Retreat House is looking for volunteers. Whether you can come for a few hours or for all three days, we welcome your participation. Volunteers can get involved in whatever way they are comfortable, ranging from leading a song to pushing a wheelchair to providing medical assistance if able.

Seiders says the retreatants enjoy interacting with volunteers and guests. The Seiders extended family is very involved in the retreat, and Ed says the retreatants particularly enjoy seeing his two year old son, who Seiders hopes will learn a beneficial lesson while at the retreat.

"It's important for us all to know that people are people no matter what abilities they have," Seiders said. "Our differences are not important. It's the things we have in common with others that are valuable."



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**
Email Ed Seiders at
OLCRetreat@gmail.com or
call Tom Mahon at 215-421-4826
if you can help.



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As I said, I have known Jim for many years and he would be the first one to tell you that his is a shared success.

"I am very thankful for two people especially who have helped me at every turn, Joe O'Donnell, a 77 year retreatant and past president, and Dave White, a 58 year retreatant and former Director of Development and Assistant to the President. Their insights and directions have been there at every turn. The Board presidents have been extremely supportive as has the Board. There was never a

time when we didn't have the full support of the Board of Directors. I was blessed in this regard."

Always the teacher, Jim had some advice to share with his successor...

"Get out and learn the territory and know the people who have built the ministry. Let the larger community know of our resources and get them to invest in our ministry. My successor has great people to work with here, and they will support their efforts."

"Working with my former seminarian classmate Msgr. Marino has been a pleasure. We took different paths, but look where we are now. When we were young seminarians I couldn't have imagined we would end our careers together at Malvern. He has been a good friend, mentor and co-worker. I have been lucky to have him and his dog Denis here these last couple of years."

Jim has faithfully served Malvern Retreat house since 2004. Please join with me in wishing Jim God's blessings as he closes this door and opens another.

Annual Awards

The highlight of the annual Night of Awards banquet is the presentation of the William M. Lennox Award and the John Ferreck Award. In his presentation of the 2015 Lennox Award, Chairman Joseph Nardi said, "This year in recognition of the World Meeting of Families celebration here in Philadelphia and the Pope's visit, the Awards Committee chose to honor not one but two of Malvern's special families, the Ronald and Lorraine Donato family and the Richard and Anna Tate family."

Ron Donato passed away two weeks before the April 29 Awards celebration. He was a 40 year retreatant with the St. Pius X Group and served as C.A. Captain of the group. In recognition of his leadership, Ron was inducted into the Joseph F. O'Donnell Captain Hall of Fame in 2010. He and his wife Lorraine raised seven children. His sons Tom, Ron and Paul are all Men of Malvern as are their sons. Ron recruited hundreds of men to Malvern over the years despite the St. Pius X retreat being on Memorial Day weekend.

Richard Tate is one of Malvern's greatest recruiters. Richard brought 61 men to retreat last year. Like his friend Ron Donato, Richard belongs to the St. Pius X Group and like Ron, has served as Captain of the group and likewise was inducted into the Captains Hall of Fame. He and wife Ann raised a large family and a great many of Richard's retreatants are his sons, grandsons, nephews, sons-in-law and other family members.

Past Chairman Francis J. Marx was this year's John J. Ferreck Award honoree. In making the award Chairman Nardi said, "It is difficult to overstate the contribution Frank has made in advancing the mission of Malvern. During his tenure as board chairman, the League has grown and prospered. His leadership, professionalism, and dedication to Malvern is greatly appreciated by all and especially those of us that have had the opportunity to serve on the board with him."



The Donato family accepts the William M. Lennox award in memory of 40 year retreatant Ron Donato.

Distinguished Achievement Awards were presented to eighteen new 50-year men and to retiring Board members Francis S. Barrett Jr. and Francis J. Marx Sr.

Chairman Award honorees were Joseph J. Capista of the Six-Three Group for his service as director of the new test group program; Francis X. Coyne, Captain of the Thanksgiving IHM Group for his service as Captain and Retreat Committee member; Kathleen McCarthy, for her work as a Malvern retreat director, and Anthony Odorisio, Immaculate Conception Group for his service as a key member of the Malvern Golf Classic Committee.

Brother William Hudson received the Kathleen Perry Award for his hospitality to retreatants and guests of Malvern.

John J. Sullivan Awards are given to retreatants who have made outstanding contributions to the success of their retreat groups. Honorees were Christopher J. Costello of the Edward J. Friel Memorial Group, Frederick M. Durso Sr. of the Our Lady of Fatima Group, Robert J. Merkert of the Epiphany Group, James R. Molinari Esq. of the Caenaculum Group, Joseph J. Spangler of the Mid-May Group and Patrick Whalen of the Holy Family Group.

President Jim Fitzsimmons presented Outstanding Service Awards to our Dining Services' Student Associates for their hospitality in serving retreatants, to James Gemmell for his years of service on the Property Committee, Louis C. Piombino for his leadership of the Property Committee, to Mark Schugsta for his volunteer work and to Steve Shreiner for his stewardship gift of tree removals and grounds beautification.

Inducted into the Joseph F. O'Donnell Captains Hall of Fame this year was William J. Bryson for his leadership performance as Captain of the Most Blessed Sacrament Group and Louis M. Greco for his outstanding performance as Captain of the St. John Neumann Group.

All in all it was a wonderful occasion for the 289 honorees and guests and a fitting way for the Laymen's Retreat League to show appreciation for the contributions of these special Men and Women of Malvern.



Richard & Anna Tate accept the William M. Lennox Award.

Jubilarian Luncheon

In June we welcomed our Men of Malvern retreatants who have been attending retreats at Malvern Retreat House for 50 or more years. The retreatants shared stories about the days when the nuns worked at the retreat house and times when there were not enough beds so they slept on desks or the floor. We thank our longtime retreatants for their dedication to Malvern Retreat House and hope they continue to come back for many more years.



2015 Communion Breakfast: Saint Joseph the Worker Medal



Please join us as we award the St. Joseph the Worker Medal to Martie Gillin, Bob Sims, Lou Baldwin and Jim Nolen at our annual Communion Mass and Luncheon on Sunday, November 15, 2015 in the Upper McShain Conference Center.

St. Joseph was a man of the world in his day, who knew trials and responsibilities of varying degrees similar to those of men and women of today. His life was filled with inspiration, encouragement, and the hope of loving guardianship.

The St. Joseph the Worker Medal is given as recognition to individuals committed to the highest professional standards, who have reached significant achievements and have the strongest moral compass that reflects his or her Catholic faith.

This year's Medal winners, Lou Baldwin, a renowned writer, well known in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Martie Gillin a nationally acclaimed speaker, non-profit leader and founder of SpeakUP; James F. Nolen III, builder and philanthropist, and Bob Sims, a financial advisor and a 65 year retreatant, friend and benefactor of Malvern Retreat House, are four members of our Catholic community who are most deserving of this honor.

For more information and tickets
please call Edie Petillo at 484-321-2544 or
email epetillo@malvernretreat.com

Summer Retreats Offer Spiritual Guidance to Retreatants from Across The Country

People travelled from all over the United States to come to Malvern for two of the retreat house's summer weekend retreats. First on deck in June was the *Charismatic Evangelization* retreat with Dr. Ralph Martin and Sister Ann Shields.

At the beginning of that retreat, Dr. Martin asked the attendees where they lived and

answers ranged from Texas and Wyoming to New York and Tennessee. In all 16 states were represented.

When asked why he thought people would come to a Malvern retreat from such a great distance, Dr. Martin said, "a hunger for Jesus Christ and his truth." He tried to meet that demand and the general desire for

spiritual growth by largely focusing the five conferences on the theme: *What is the Holy Spirit Saying to You Today?*

Weeks later in mid-July, Fr. Michael Gaitley came to Malvern for a sold out retreat with the theme *Mercy & Mary*. Like the former retreat, attendees travelled from across the country, including as far as California, to attend.

Fr. Gaitley as a member of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, focused his retreat on Marian Consecration and Divine Mercy. The author of best-selling books including *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* and *33 Days to Morning Glory* previously came to Malvern last fall for a Men of Malvern retreat. This time the retreat was open to men and women, and scores of women took advantage of the opportunity to join in the inspirational weekend retreat.



New Reading Machines

Dr. G. Russell Reiss, Jr. of the Pope Pius XXII group donated two TOPAZ Desktop Video Magnifiers. Now retreatants who require large print are able to read regular sized printed copy. The monitors are located in the Saint Joseph's Hall Library and the library in Our Lady's Hall, where it is a very common sight to see retreatants reading and reflecting on our Lord's love.





Our Lady of Guadalupe *A New Exhibit for Our Lady*

More than 20 framed pieces honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe are now on permanent display in the dining room of the McShain-Hortsmann Family Life Center. The pieces were given to the retreat house by an anonymous donor this spring. We extend our appreciation to this donor and to Mr. Frank Smoczynski of the Queen of the Americas Guild for the photographs in the exhibit. The artwork helps share the story of Mary's appearance to a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego in the 1500's.



Flag Donation

State Representative Duane Milne (R-Chester) stopped by in April to donate two flags to Malvern Retreat House. One of the flags, shown below, is outside the main dining hall. Every retreat here starts with a flag raising ceremony, so the donation will be enjoyed by all our retreatants. We thank Rep. Milne for his support!



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Around this same time period, inspirational speaker Sister Clare D'Auria will return to Malvern to lead our **Franciscan Spirituality Day of Reflection** on Thursday, September 17. This retreat will come on the heels of another **Women's Evening of Reflection**, which will be held Thursday, September 10.

Heading into the fall, Malvern has a host of Men and Women of Malvern retreats and other offerings, including a retreat for adults with disabilities (see page 5). Kathleen McCarthy

likewise will be returning to Malvern for a **Healing Retreat** called **For These Urgent Times** that will be held November 16-20.

Malvern also will be looking ahead into 2016 when Father Matt Guckin, the Archdiocese's new Director of Catholic Mission and Identity, will return to Malvern to lead both our **Ash Wednesday** and **Advent retreats**, along with some Men of Malvern retreats. Also, in 2016 renowned speaker, author and retreat leader Johnnette Benkovic is planning to return to

Malvern in July 2016 to lead another women's retreat. The president and founder of **Women of Grace** returned to her Catholic faith in 1981 and since then has been a powerful leader of her Catholic apostolate for women. This is a retreat our women retreatants do not want to miss.

Check for updates about these and all of our other retreats at malvernretreat.com. Our calendar shows dates until the end of 2015, and our 2016 schedule is coming soon.

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
60	Mr. Joseph P. Lobb	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
60	Mr. Donald W. Hreha	Six-Three
50	Mr. Salvatore R. Nazionale	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion
50	Mr. Adrian M. Aikman III	Our Lady of Lourdes
50	Mr. William J. Angelo	Six-Three
50	Mr. Robert P. DiRocco	St. Pius X
25	Mr. Leonard W. Barry	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
25	Mr. Victor P. Beiriger, Jr.	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
25	Mr. Ronald G. Cahill	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
25	Mr. Donald A. Crews	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
25	Mr. Michael J. Belisairo, Jr.	Caenaculum
25	Mr. John Brusco	Caenaculum
25	Mr. Thomas Cugini	Caenaculum
25	Mr. Christian J. DiPretoro	Caenaculum
25	Mr. Frank Vespe	Caenaculum
25	Mr. Stephen J. Bongard, Sr.	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion
25	Mr. Richard J. Schmidt	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion
25	Mr. Nicholas DiProspero, Sr.	Chester County
25	Mrs. Ann Cedrone	Divine Mercy
25	Mr. Michael J. Brennan	Holy Family
25	Mr. John J. Bidey	League of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. Thomas D. Erwin	League of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. Walter Higgins	Matt Talbot #57
25	Mr. Matt Kohlmeyer	Matt Talbot #57
25	Mr. Greg Alaimo	Mid-May
25	Mr. Robert L. Fedroff	Mid-May
25	Mr. Joe R. Marturano, Jr.	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. Richard F. Pusey	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. Dominick C. Spedicato	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. John Griffin	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. Raymond J. Anater, Jr.	Palm Sunday
25	Mr. Kevin P. Gallagher	Palm Sunday
25	Mr. George W. Stadler	Palm Sunday
25	Mr. Joseph P. McAvoy	Six-Three
25	Mr. Joseph T. Prestipino	Six-Three
25	Mr. Philip R. Rapone	St. Pius X
25	Mr. William Screnci	St. Pius X
25	Mr. A. George Shahadi III	The Saint Padre Pio Group

Inside Malvern

Employee Highlight

Georgia Hockett

Housekeeping Manager

How long have you been at Malvern?:

Two Years

Job Responsibilities: Maintaining the cleanliness of the buildings, managing housekeepers

Prior to Malvern: Georgia was a Boatswain Mate, Third Class Petty Officer in the Navy for 4 years. After her military service, she worked in the housekeeping industry for 20 years before coming to Malvern. She primarily worked in health care facilities and nursing homes.

What do you like best about working at Malvern?: "I love the environment here. It is a beautiful place to work. I enjoy riding my buggy on the grounds."

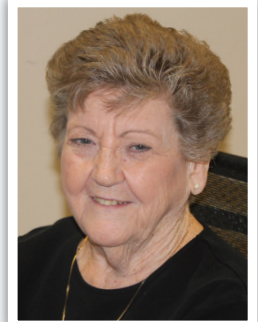
What do you like to do when you are not at work?: "I like to cook, and I'm a Philly and Eagles fan. I like watching sports."

Learning About the Buildings: "I remember when a priest who came here told me all about John McShain, who played such an important part in Malvern's history. It was very interesting." Aside from Malvern's McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center and the upper and lower McShain conference rooms, John McShain also is credited with constructing the Pentagon, Jefferson Memorial, and the State Department building, among others.



Retirement

Marie Liebsch is retiring after working for Malvern Retreat House for ten years. She spent most of those years serving faithfully our Remembrance Association. We thank her for her time and talent and wish her the best in her retirement!



Promotion

Michael Norton, former Director of Development, has now been promoted to Vice President of Institutional Advancement

We remember the lives of the beloved members of the Malvern Retreat House community who passed away between August 2014 and July 2015. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Memoriam

Archbishop Fitzmaurice

Mr. Philip J. Evans
Mr. Edward W. Hinton
Mr. Anthony O. Phelps
Hon. Joseph T. Walsh
Mr. Fran McManus

Atlantic City K of C Auto Club

Mr. Andrew J. Kiszka
Mr. John Lieb

Caenaculum

Mr. Vincent L. Cugini
Mr. Joseph J. Miozzi
Mr. Frank P. Scarpato, Jr.
Mr. Joseph M. Terinoni

Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion

Mr. Michael J. Shields

Chester County

Mr. John A. Flora III
Mr. Vincent J. Gazzillo

Edward J. Friel, Sr. Memorial

Mr. Richard A. Rosowski
Mr. Leo Mednick

Epiphany

Mr. Harry K. Stinger, Jr.
Mr. Michael Tulli

Furey Memorial - St. Gabriel

Mr. Leonard V. Doughty, Jr.

Holy Family

Mr. Kenneth J. Papuzenski
Mr. Stanley H. Piotrowski

Holy Spirit

Mr. Rodman A. Boston, Sr.
Mr. William L. McCann

Immaculate Conception

Mr. Robert J. Rehrmann
Mr. Peter Helgeson

L. J. Ferdinand-Hazleton

Dr. Robert L. Gunderson

Legion of Mary

Ms. Harriet R. Brown
Ms. Joan C. Fairbairn

Matt Talbot #57

Mr. Richard J. Wilson
Mr. Harry McKay

Mid-May

Mr. Panfilo Difonzo
Mr. Stephen J. Faust

Most Blessed Sacrament

Mr. Nicholas Forgione
Mr. Gerald Coffey, Jr.

Nativity B.V.M.

Mr. Donald Fry, Jr.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Mr. Joseph A. DiLolle, Sr.
Mr. Joseph Iezzi

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Mr. Thomas S. DeJoseph

Our Lady of Sacred Heart

Mr. Joseph D. Burns
Mr. Emory D. Champney, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Clark
Mr. James J. Hughes
Mr. Joseph B. Kontuly

Our Lady of Queen of Peace

Mr. James R. O'Connor
Mr. Richard A. Yancoskie

Palm Sunday

Mr. Paul J. Burns
Mr. Edward A. Gallagher, Jr.
Mr. John J. McDonnell

PECO/Good Shepherd

Mr. Nicholas T. Stroffolino

Pius XII

Mr. Quinto Andreoli
Mr. Dominick Lucente, Jr.
Mr. Joseph H. Morio

Power of Prayer

Mrs. Mary Ann Usavage

Prosit

Mr. John P. Fogarty, Sr.

Six-Three

Mr. Joseph F. Ditrollo
Mr. Joseph F. O'Donnell
Mr. Andrew J. Viscuso

Sons of Italy

Mr. Denis Gambescia
Mr. Albert Petrongolo, Sr.

SS Peter & Paul

Mr. Robert E. Baker
Mr. Mark S. Cocco, Sr.

St. Blaise-Curran Memorial

Mr. Thaddeus J. Matthews
Mr. David Ihde

St. Joseph Group

Mr. Nicholas Forgione
Mr. Robert J. McCartney

St. Francis de Sales

Mr. William E. Towlson

St. John N. Neumann

Mr. Daniel J. Dougherty
Mr. Bernard J. Edmondson
Mr. C. Francis Kerins
Mr. John G. Maruscak
Mr. Samuel A. Paoletta, Sr.
Mr. Joseph E. Montgomery

St. Pius X

Mr. Ronald V. Donato, Sr.
Mr. William J. Tobia, Sr.
Mr. Michael G. Valosky
Mr. Anthony Vito

Thanksgiving I.H.M.

Mr. Daniel C. Clancy, Jr.
Mr. William G. Jacko, Sr.

The Saint Padre Pio Group

Mr. James T. Nangle
Mr. Thomas J. Nangle

The Annual Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to attend our Annual Mass of Remembrance honoring the deceased members of Malvern Retreat House and their loved ones:

Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:30 pm

Let us remember to keep our deceased members in our daily prayers as we all strive to bring others to Christ.

If you plan to attend, kindly RSVP to Edie Petillo at 484-321-2544 or epetillo@malvernretreat.com.

An open-air Mass will be held on the McCarthy Patio in the courtyard of the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center.

MALVERN'S UPCOMING RETREATS



August 27
Grandparents, Passing
Along the Faith
Day of Reflection,
Msgr. Hans Brouwers



Sept. 11-13
Matt Talbot #107
Recovery Retreat for Men



Oct. 6-8
Pope John XXIII,
Men of Malvern
Msgr. Joseph Marino



Oct. 16-18
Matt Talbot #19
Recovery Retreat
for Men



August 28-30
The Nativity BVM Group,
Men of Malvern
*Fr. Dennis J.W.
O'Donnell, Ph.D.*



Sept. 11-13
Married Couples Retreat
Fr. Leonard N. Peterson



Oct. 9-11
Prosit Group,
Men of Malvern
Fr. Leonard N. Peterson



Oct. 16-18
Our Lady of the Rosary
Family Retreat



Sept. 4-6
Family Labor Day Retreat
Fr. Stephen DeLacy



Sept. 17
Franciscan Spirituality
Day of Reflection
Sr. Claire D'Auria



Oct. 9-11
Matt Talbot #8
Recovery Retreat
for Men



Oct. 23-25
Matt Talbot #48
Recovery Retreat
for Men



Sept. 10
Women's Evening
of Reflection
Speaker: Ann Koshute



Sept. 18-20
Our Lady of Peace,
Women of Malvern
*Msgr. Michael T. Mannion,
S.T.L., M.A.*



Oct. 13-15
Our Lady of Confidence,
Retreat for Adults
with Disabilities
Msgr. Joseph Logrip



Oct. 23-25
Christus Rex,
Men of Malvern
Msgr. Joseph Marino



Sept. 11-13
St. Joseph Group,
Men of Malvern
Msgr. Joseph Marino



Sept. 25-27
Matt Talbot #34
Recovery Retreat for Men



Oct. 16-18
Atlantic City KOC,
Men of Malvern
Msgr. Thomas J. Morgan



Oct. 26
Don Gallagher
Memorial Golf Outing