

## Blessing Ceremony Planned for Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

**M**alvern Retreat House is putting the finishing touches on our newest shrine honoring Our Blessed Mother Mary. The new Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, located behind the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, will be blessed by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput on Saturday, October 22nd. The ceremony will begin at 9:30am, and the event will include a portrayal of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, traditional folk dances from Mexico, a Mariachi band, and light fare.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe site is the third major shrine on Malvern's grounds honoring Mary. The other two are the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine. Malvern Retreat House President Mark Poletunow says he has enjoyed watching the newest shrine's creation.

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*This artist rendering shows what the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine will look like when it is completed.*

Our Mother this way," Poletunow said. "The shrine provides us another opportunity to welcome many new men, women and families who want to deepen their relationship with Jesus through a special devotion to Mary." *(Continued on page 8)*



*Leah Darrow is a nationally known speaker who has inspired scores of people with her message about her growing faith after she returned to the church.*

## Communion Luncheon Will Feature a Renowned Keynote Speaker

**T**he annual Communion Luncheon is growing this year. The Sunday, November 13 event is being moved to Neumann University to accommodate an expected larger crowd for the luncheon, which will feature well-known keynote speaker Leah Darrow. She was a former contestant on America's Top Model and a New York City model, who had a reversion back to her Catholic faith. Today she is an inspirational witness to God's love. *(Continued on page 8)*

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## Mark J. Poletunow President

### Mark's Musings from Malvern

Dear Friends,

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

■ ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

As the Church celebrates the official canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, it's an opportunity for us to reflect a bit about the outpouring of God's grace that ran through the very being of this petite faithful nun from Albania. Mother Teresa is best known for living out the gospel through her charitable acts of mercy in India; however, her life left an impact on believers and nonbelievers around the world. The Missionary Sisters of Charity continue to carry on that mission among the poorest of the poor.

While I've encountered the work of the sisters here in the USA, the most profound impact of their ministry upon me was in Port au Prince, Haiti. There the sisters run an orphanage for

children who come to them close to death because their parents cannot feed them or pay for the medicines they need when they are sick. The hundreds of children living there are provided food, health care and a loving embrace from the sisters and the volunteers who assist them. It's remarkable to witness a place where lives are changed and saved – literally!

What does that mean for us at Malvern Retreat House? First, we rejoice that the Church recognizes the holiness of Mother Teresa and the example that she left for the rest of us who stumble along on our own journey of faith.

Second, Mother Teresa shows us that saying “yes” to Jesus doesn't require that we be perfect or perform some extraordinary work. He simply wants us to take his love and bring it to others. We can follow the example of Mother Teresa, who consistently loved others – those she encountered in the ordinary schedule of her daily life and especially those who were pushed to the margins of society and considered unlovable.

Third, Mother Teresa reminds us that the world needs Jesus. The opportunities to bring Christ to others in small but significant ways are endless. The retreat experience creates a personal encounter with Christ that must pull us out of ourselves so that we can be disciples in making his presence known wherever we breathe. Remember – Mother Teresa accomplished all that she did during a long stretch of her life when she didn't receive a lot of personal affirmation from God. She kept on asking, “Where are you?” And God kept helping her to trust and act.

The life of Mother Teresa encourages all of us to say “yes” to our journey of faith – even when it's tough. With that “yes” God blesses us with courage, boldness and conviction to evangelize and make his holy name, his ways, and the life of Christ known in a world that is forgetting how to love.

Peace and blessings!

Prosit!

### WHAT I FIND AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE Holy Ground

*Take your shoes off –  
You're on Holy Ground.*

*Take your mask off –  
You're on Holy Ground.*

*Let your heart feel –  
You're on Holy Ground.*

*Bear your soul to me –  
You're on Holy Ground.*

*Be still  
and know that  
I am God –  
You're on Holy Ground.*

*Let yourself be blessed –  
You're on Holy Ground.*

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We are offering daily inspirational reflections both on the homepage of the Malvern Retreat House website at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) and via email. To sign up to receive the daily reflection, please see the Malvern Mailing List option at the bottom of the Malvern homepage. Click “Subscribe Now,” and select the Malvern Minute email list.





## Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, Feast Day: December 12th

On October 22nd of this year we will bless and dedicate Malvern Retreat House's most recently constructed shrine in honor of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will bless the image of Our Lady and join us in a prayerful celebration thanking God for inspiring this good work at Malvern and for stimulating the hearts of many benefactors who generously supported this important project. Now Malvern Retreat House can boast that we have shrines for all three major Marian apparitions: Lourdes, Fatima and now Tepeyac.

In preparation for this special event, and in order to provide some catechesis (religious instruction) concerning this Marian apparition, I offer the following.

In 1531 while walking through the hillside of Tepayac in Guadalupe, Mexico, a new convert to the Catholic faith, a poor Aztec Indian by the name of Juan Diego, met a beautiful woman outlined in light as brilliant as the sun. Using his native language, the woman spoke these words to him:

*My dear little son, I love you. I desire you to know who I am. I am the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains its existence. He created all things. He is in all places. He is Lord of Heaven and Earth. I desire a church in this place where your people may experience my compassion. All those who sincerely ask my help in their work and in their sorrows will know my Mother's Heart in this place. Here I will see their tears; I will console them and they will be at peace. So run now to Tenochtitlan and tell the Bishop all that you have seen and heard.*

Carrying out the command, Juan went to the bishop in Tenochtitlan to present the woman's message. As you can imagine, neither the bishop, Bishop Fray Juan de Zumarraga, nor his assistants placed too much stock in the words from the peasant Indian. So, the fifty-seven-year-old poor Aztec, heart-broken and very discouraged, and

knowing that no one of his low position in society would even be taken seriously, returned to the place where he had seen the beautiful woman.

On his arrival he discovered that the woman was waiting for him. Immediately he tried to persuade her to choose a more worthy messenger. She made it clear that he was her choice: *My little son, there are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen.* She instructed him to return to the bishop and again present her request. Again, being treated as the peasant he was, he was dismissed. However, the bishop did ask for some proof of the woman's identity.

Again he returned to Tepayac and found the beautiful woman waiting for him. She greeted him with these words: *My little son, am I not your Mother? Do not fear. The Bishop shall have his sign. Come back to this place tomorrow. Only peace, my little son.*

However, because Juan's uncle was very sick Juan could not return the next day. A few days later Juan went in search of a priest for his dying uncle. Fortunately, his path crossed the place of his encounter with the beautiful woman. She was there waiting for him. She immediately consoled Juan with these words: *Am I not here with you who am your Mother; are you not under my shadow and protection.* She then assured him that his uncle would recover at that very moment, and he did! But, before Juan left her side, she told him: *Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there. Bring them to me.*

Despite the very cold weather, Juan found a bunch of Castilian Roses in full bloom. He gathered them together into his *tilma* (poncho) and brought them to the woman. Again, she sent him on his mission:

*My little son, this is the sign I am sending to the Bishop. Tell him that with this sign I request his greatest efforts to complete the church I desire in this place. Show these flowers to no one else but the Bishop. You are my trusted ambassador. This time the Bishop will believe all you tell him.*



Again, Juan went to the bishop and unfolded his *tilma* dropping the roses at the bishop's feet. However, it was not the out-of-season roses that captured the attention of the bishop. On the *tilma* was a vivid picture of the beautiful woman, just as Juan had described her.

Juan returned home to find his uncle in good health, and in addition, his uncle had his own story of an appearance of a woman surrounded by light who told him that his nephew had a picture of her and to share this message with everyone: *Call me and call my image Santa Maria de Guadalupe.* However, it is believed that the word, *Guadalupe* is a mistranslation in Spanish of the Indian word, *Coatlallope* which means, *one who treads on snakes.* The image on the *tilma* is an image of a pregnant woman recognized as Mary and her Divine Son, *Mary, the God-Bearer!* People from all over the world come to view this incredible image of the Blessed Mother; indeed it is the most frequented religious site in all the Americas!

*God of power and mercy, you blessed the Americas at Tepeyac with the presence of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. May her prayers help all men and women to accept each other as brothers and sisters. Through your justice present in our hearts, may Your peace reign in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



# Michael Norton

## Vice President of Institutional Advancement

### Development News

## Good News



**G**ood news is meant to be shared, and I have good news! Since January 1, 2015, Malvern Retreat House has received \$208,948 from the estates of retreatants who joined our **Good Shepherd**

**Club**. Each individual set the parameters of his/her gift. Some designated a specific amount. Malvern has received gifts ranging from \$500 to over \$100,000. Others bequeathed a certain percentage of their estate. In all cases, the donor and family wished to acknowledge the important role Malvern Retreat House played in their lives, while at the same time securing the future for the next generation of Men and Women of Malvern.

Becoming a member of the **Good Shepherd Club** is easy, and best of all, it does not affect your current budget. Membership is achieved by including Malvern Retreat House in your will or estate plan or through another planned gift, such as a percentage of your 401K or life insurance. All we ask is that you let us know that you have included Malvern in your plans. This way I can mail you an enrollment form to facilitate your participation and acknowledge your membership with a Good Shepherd pin.

Malvern needs your help to stimulate interest and increase retreatant enrollment in the club. I ask that you prayerfully consider joining me and the other 159 members of our **Good Shepherd Club**. Each donation received from the club helps to provide fiscal stability for the retreat house for years to come.

**If you have any questions or would like more information on the Good Shepherd Club, please give me a call 484-321-2539. I will gladly sit down with you and your family to discuss your legacy gift.**



## Holy Family Shrine

Summer is over, and all of us at Malvern Retreat House are rested and ready for our busy season. For those coming on retreat this fall, I encourage you to walk the grounds and visit the recently completed Holy Family Shrine located near Station #9 on Path B across the drive from St. Joseph Hall. The men of the Holy Family Group designed and funded the project. Kudos to Dan Misko for coordinating the construction of the shrine. It really adds to the sacredness of Malvern's grounds. Shrine pavers and walkway bricks, along with newly planted trees are available for dedication.

## Our Lady of Fatima

From there you can take a quick walk up Stations of the Cross Path A and spend some quiet time with Our Lady of Fatima near Corrigan Hall. This wonderful shrine was actually built by the men of Our Lady of Fatima Group. Joe DiGiandomenico and the boys did an incredible job, and recently the men have been installing 126 memorial bricks that were donated for the shrine project. You also can remember or honor a loved one with a brick in the Our Lady of Fatima walkway by contacting Malvern Retreat House.



*Numerous engraved bricks have been delivered to the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine for installation. We thank these donors for their support.*

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine



Join us on Saturday, October 22nd at 9:30am as Archbishop Charles J. Chaput blesses our newest shrine honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and the pro-life movement. Our beautiful Lady is located on the grassy knoll behind the Family Life Center. Just follow the new asphalt path from the dining hall. This is our third major Marian Shrine. For only \$500, you can help cover the cost of construction by dedicating one of the trees surrounding the shrine. A donation at any level would be appreciated.

**For information on all of our naming opportunities, please call Edie Petillo at 484-321-2544 or email: [epetillo@malvernretreat.com](mailto:epetillo@malvernretreat.com). Your gift is tax deductible and every dollar raised benefits our retreatants.**



# Preparations Underway for Art Show 2017



It takes an army of more than 80 dedicated volunteers and year-round planning to hold what has become Malvern Retreat House's most successful fundraiser - the annual Art Show held each year in February. This coming year the event again will feature more than 100 juried artists, who will display their works from Wednesday, February 1 to Sunday, February 5 in the McShain Horstmann Family Life Center. The annual event has quickly become one of the largest art shows in the region and has introduced countless people to the retreat house's beautiful grounds, facilities and retreat offerings.

Art Show Committee Chair Lynn DelPorte says her love of art and the success of the show have motivated her to keep volunteering her time to ensure the show's success.

"It is rewarding to see the hundreds of people who come to see the show and support the artists," DelPorte said. "In just five years we have sold over 2400 works of art."

Those artworks include a variety of media, ranging from paintings and sculpture to jewelry. The show also includes a special exhibit area each year.

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■ LYNN DELPORTE

"A unique feature of our show is that we set aside one room to showcase a particular type of art," DelPorte said. "One year we featured abstract work. The next year all works were fiber, and last year we had a very successful special focus on glass. This year our subcommittee is putting together a first class exhibit on figurative art. It will be a celebration of the human form in 2 and 3D."

The special display helps introduce patrons to different art forms, and it also brings in new artists to the show each year. Volunteer Gene Coggins says it's wonderful how the show blesses so many people.

"One of the personal joys of committee members and volunteers is knowing that we not only benefit the retreat house financially, but also there is that intangible asset of community awareness and the support of the artist and his or her God given talents," Coggins said.

Some of these gifted artists see their pieces fly off the shelves because of the high quality of work. One of the most popular and affordable jewelry artists Carol Kent, who lives in California, often can't keep up with demand and is sold out by the second day of the show. Other artists are popular because of their local connections. That includes well-known painter Richard Bollinger.

He has had his work displayed in more than 125 galleries and at places such as Valley Forge National Park and says about 75% of his work is inspired by scenery in Chester County.

"It is a beautiful county. I don't have to drive far to work," Bollinger said.

Patrons who want to meet many of these artists are given that opportunity during a complimentary wine and cheese reception that's held each year. In 2017 that event will be held on Thursday, February 2 from 5pm-8pm. In general, the show is open Wednesday - Saturday from 10am-7pm and on Sunday from 10am-4pm.

Many volunteers, including DelPorte, Coggins and husband and wife team Luis and Maria Morales, are counting down the days to the event.

"It is exciting to see the new works created every year for the show," Luis said. "It has rewarded us with new friends and a sense that we are giving back to our community by helping Malvern Retreat House accomplish its admirable mission."



*Volunteer Gene Coggins helps in many ways with the show, including his work here helping set up the artwork in February 2016.*



*Richard Bollinger's pieces in Art Show 2016 included this painting that showcases local Chester County scenery.*

# Upcoming Retreats & Events

All the latest details about our upcoming retreats are available on our website at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com)

Fall is a busy time at Malvern Retreat House with several special retreats and events, along with a number of Men & Women of Malvern traditional retreats. As always, these traditional retreats are open to anyone who wants to experience the weekend retreats that made Malvern Retreat House what it is today. (Many of the traditional retreats are listed on the back page of this newsletter).

In addition, to these retreats, Malvern frequently brings in speakers and retreat directors for themed retreats throughout the year. In the coming months, we have some new offerings and several popular retreats returning.

## Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood

★ September 30 - October 1



At the end of September, we kick off a new 24-hour women's retreat called **Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood**.

The retreat will feature popular Catholic author Pat Gohn, who wrote the book *Blessed, Beautiful & Bodacious*. This retreat will run from 5pm Friday,

Sept. 30 until 5pm Saturday, Oct. 1 and will focus on the beautiful gifts of women, such as receptivity, generosity, sensitivity and maternity.

## Our Lady of the Rosary Family Retreat

★ October 14-16

Also in October, we will hold one of Malvern's family retreats. **Our Lady of the Rosary Family Retreat** from Oct. 14-16 is for families large and small, including couples, families with children or teens, and even grandparents.

## Women's Tea

★ November 6

The following month women will have the opportunity to return to Malvern for our quarterly **Women's Tea** program Sunday, November 6. Speaker Martie Gillin will join us for that event. Gillin is the founder of an organization called SpeakUp! that

has led a powerful movement to create a culture of communication in our homes and our schools. SpeakUp! was inspired by Bob Gillin Jr., Martie's oldest son who died of AIDS in 1992 at the age of 30. The tea will be held from 2pm-4pm and will include refreshments, conversation and camaraderie.

## Ad Lumina Christi Healing Retreat

★ November 14 - 18

Later in November, renowned retreat director Kathleen McCarthy is returning for her **Ad Lumina Christi Healing retreat**. The Nov. 14-18 mid-week retreat offers participants a life-changing experience physically, spiritually and emotionally.

## Advent Day of Reflection

★ December 7

We'll round out the year with two annual days of reflection. First is our annual **Advent Day of Reflection** on December 7.

## Spirit Power

★ December 8

Our last day of reflection in 2016 will be the uplifting **Spirit Power** retreat on Thursday, December 8. We hope you can join us for this event or one of our many other retreats.

## ★ Join Us on October 10 ★ 28th 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 10th at the Sandy Run Country Club for the 28th Annual Don Gallagher Memorial Golf Outing. What started out as just a group of Men of Malvern enjoying a day on the links, has turned into a major event that provides support for your beloved retreat house. Regardless of your game, the Don Gallagher Memorial is a perfect match for your golf skills.

For more information  
visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com)

## Our Lady of Confidence Retreat NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Our 53rd annual retreat for adults with disabilities will be held October 11-13. The retreat is open to any adults with mental, physical, emotional, or social 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 assisting retreatants in getting around to providing first aid if needed.

To register or volunteer for this retreat,  
please email Ed Seiders  
at [OLCRetreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLCRetreat@gmail.com).



# An Unforgettable Performer Scheduled to Appear at Malvern Retreat House

The retreat house has lined up two special concerts with renowned guitar player, composer, singer and songwriter José Antonio Meléndez Rodríguez. Tony is a Nicaraguan American, who was born without arms and plays the guitar with his feet. He will be performing during the Knights of Immaculata Men of Malvern Retreat, and then **he will give a performance for all interested retreatants and guests on Sunday, November 20 at 2pm.**

In 1987, Meléndez sang “Never Be the Same” while playing the guitar in a special performance for Pope John Paul II. The Pope was visibly moved by Tony’s performance. Currently, Tony and his band have a busy concert schedule. He also gives motivational talks, has written a book, and campaigns for the pro-life cause.

Tony was born without arms after his mother took thalidomide for morning sickness. He was brought to the United States to be fitted with artificial arms that he wore for years until he found them to be too uncomfortable. In high school, Tony considered becoming a priest, but he was disappointed to learn he could not since priests are required to have an index finger and a thumb. He poured himself into his music instead, until he was finally chosen to perform for the Pope.

Since then, Tony has traveled across the United States and to 40 other countries and has made



**Sunday,  
Nov. 20  
at 2pm**

**José Antonio  
Meléndez  
Rodríguez**

countless appearances on television, including The Today Show, Good Morning America, the 700 Club and the 1989 World Series where he sang the national anthem for Game 5. He also has given four additional performances for the Pope and wrote his best-selling autobiography titled *A Gift of Hope*. Most recently he performed at the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

More details about this November 20th event will be forthcoming as we get closer to the concert dates. In addition to these shows at Malvern, **Melendez also will be performing on Friday Nov. 18th at 7pm at the Strand Capital Theater in York, PA.** This event will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #104704. Then **he will be performing on Monday Nov. 21st at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear, DE.** We hope you can join us for one of these inspirational shows.



## Rector Room Dedication

In the back of Lower McShain Hall, there is a room where all the rectors and spiritual directors of Malvern Retreat House are honored with a display of their pictures. **On September 7th, this room was dedicated in memory of Rev. James W. Gibbons, D.D. LL.D., the second of Malvern’s great directors.** He succeeded Bishop Corrigan in 1936 and served in his role until 1953.

Prior to his arrival at Malvern, Gibbons entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, where he was chosen to complete his studies in Rome. In Italy, he received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology from Urban University. His travels in Europe at the time enabled him to

become fluent in several languages. When he returned to the United States, Dr. Gibbons was assigned to St. Philip Neri, where foreign seamen often came. Later he became Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Birdsboro, PA and then Diocesan Director of the Catholic Missionary Society. Through this role, he did tremendous work for the underprivileged and ended up being named superintendent of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project during the depression.

When Dr. Gibbons came to Malvern Retreat House, he put his hard work ethic to good use and helped build new retreatant facilities and shape the atmosphere of the retreats. In 1953,



he was appointed Rector of Nativity Parish in Philadelphia. **He died in 1958 and is buried next to Bishop Corrigan near St. Joseph Hall.** His headstone reads: “Lord, it is good for us to be here.”

## Blessing Ceremony Planned for Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine (Continued from the cover)

Our Lady of Guadalupe is considered the patroness of the Americas and the pro-life movement, and she has special significance to many Hispanics since the miraculous story played a large role in the history of Mexico and led to

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the conversion of millions of Aztec Indians to Catholicism. (Monsignor shares the OLG story on page 3 of this newsletter).

“When I first ministered among the Latino community I was taken by the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe expressed by so many people,”

Poletunow said. “Shortly thereafter, I entrusted my own life and work to Mary under that title.”

The shrine will help Malvern Retreat House reach out to others who have a similar devotion, particularly the growing number of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the region. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia alone, it is estimated that more than 17,000 people attend Mass in a language other than English each Sunday. In decades past, languages such as Polish, Lithuanian and

German were common in Philadelphia churches. As those populations have moved, newcomers speaking Vietnamese, Korean and Spanish are enjoying Mass in their native tongue.

Malvern Retreat House is hoping the new Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine will encourage the thousands

of Spanish-speaking Catholics in the region to deepen their faith on our grounds. In addition, it is a special place for anyone who has a special devotion to Mary and her Son Jesus.

“This is an exciting time for Malvern Retreat House,” Poletunow said.

*Everyone is welcome to attend the blessing ceremony for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. The event will begin at 9:30am on Saturday, October 22 and will include light fare after the ceremony.*

**Saturday,  
October 22  
at 9:30am**

**To RSVP for the event,  
please call 484-321-2510 or email Monica at  
mmcdowell@malvernretreat.com.**

## Communion Luncheon Will Feature a Renowned Keynote Speaker (Continued from the cover)

“Christ has changed my life and I am passionate about Him and sharing His message of hope and conversion,” Darrow said.

Darrow will join former Malvern Retreat House President Jim Fitzsimmons and Dr. Rocco and Barbara Martino in receiving the St. Joseph the Worker Award at the Communion Luncheon. This award is given to individuals who are committed to the highest professional standards, have significant accomplishments, and have a strong moral compass that reflects his or her Catholic faith.

Our recipients all have gone above and beyond in their efforts to support the Catholic community. Among other things, Dr. Rocco & Barbara Martino created a foundation to support Catholic education, giving thousands



*The Communion Mass & Luncheon gives everyone the opportunity to pray for the future success of the retreat house.*

**“Christ has changed my life and I am passionate about Him and sharing His message of hope and conversion.”**  
■ LEAH DARROW

of children the opportunity to receive a religious-based education. Jim Fitzsimmons served as the President of Malvern Retreat House for nearly 12 years and played a large role in numerous other Catholic institutions, and Leah Darrow has inspired thousands of people with her speeches and social media posts about authentic love and the power of the Catholic faith. She is a particularly strong role model for girls, teens and young women.

All of the recipients are also strong supporters of the retreat experience. As philanthropists, the Martinos funded a number of young adult faith formation programs. Fitzsimmons always has promoted the retreat experience, not only as a former employee but also as someone who has personally seen how retreats can bring people closer to Christ. Finally, Darrow also has treasured the retreat experience.

“I have been on many retreats in the past and know firsthand how needed they are in one’s life,” Darrow said. “Retreats can help us process, press the reset button, and give

us time in silence to listen to our own heart as well as the Sacred Heart.”

The Communion Luncheon at the Mirenda Center of Neumann University will begin with Mass at 10:30am on Sunday, Nov. 13. It will be followed by lunch, awards and the keynote speech. The cost of the Communion Luncheon this year is \$75. Tables of eight are available for \$550. Please RSVP on or before Monday, October 24.

**To purchase tickets, please contact  
Edie Petillo at 484-321-2544 or  
epetillo@malvernretreat.com.**



# New Improved at Malvern

## More Progress Is Made on Our Buildings & Grounds Improvements

Many volunteers and contractors have been busy at Malvern Retreat House handling tasks from brick placements to much-needed facility updates. The labor of love is really beginning to pay off for retreatants and the retreat house.

On the grounds, the Holy Family Shrine is complete, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine is being finished, bricks are being laid at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, and plans are underway to replace the crushed stone near the Pieta with a brick walkway. Also outside, there is work being completed to update the retreat house's septic system.

Inside the buildings, more updates are planned for St. Joseph Hall. We are moving in the phase where the former gift shop will be turned into a conference room. The audio-visual systems also have been updated in St. Joseph Hall to allow Masses and presentations to be projected on screens and amplified through new speakers. Similar updates are now planned for Our Lady's Hall.

We hope you can visit us soon to see what progress has been made.



## New Traffic Pattern

If you plan to visit Malvern Retreat House soon, we wanted to let you know that most of our driveways are now one way. Based

on professional safety recommendations, the Upper Entrance near the gatehouse (or Entrance A) is now enter only and the lower driveway (Entrance B) is now exit only. The only roadways that remain two-way are the cut through drive at the Corrigan Hall parking lot and a small stretch in front of the Family Life Center. This two-way passage allows you to loop around the Malvern Retreat House grounds without returning to Warren Avenue.

We are working on updating our map to indicate this change. Signs and arrows have been put in place to try to ease any confusion. Thank you for your patience during this period of transition!



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**If you have any questions,  
please feel to call us at 610-644-0400.**

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## New Malvern App

Malvern Retreat House will have its own app in the near future. The new app will allow mobile device users to more easily access basic retreat house information, such as retreat details, directions and contact information. It also will be a way we can provide spiritual reflections and encourage more retreatant interaction.

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**More details will be  
coming soon.**

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## 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.

### YEARS FULL NAME

### GROUP NAME

#### 60 Years

60	Mr. Raymond R. Innaurato	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
60	Mr. Alex A. Petrillo	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
60	Mr. Robert J. Hinkle	L. J. Ferdinand-Hazleton
60	Mr. William J. Brannigan	Our Lady of Lourdes
60	Mr. Thomas F. Perkinson, Jr.	Our Lady of Sacred Heart

#### 50 Years

50	Mr. Robert F. Fennell	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
50	Mr. Ronald J. George, Sr.	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
50	Mr. John F. Kappauf, Sr.	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
50	Mr. Frederick H. Lehto	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
50	Mr. Vincent DeMeis	Caenaculum
50	Mr. Emil W. Gonzales	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion
50	Mr. William J. Miller	Furey Memorial - St. Gabriel
50	Mr. Joseph Murray	Mid-May
50	Mr. Frank A. Giovannone	Our Lady of Lourdes
50	Mr. Charles E. Kropp	Our Lady Queen of Peace

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25	Mr. William J. Walters	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
25	Mr. Jeffrey Mullen	Ave Maria
25	Mr. Frank Molinaro, Sr.	L. J. Ferdinand-Hazleton
25	Mr. Jerome M. Palko	L. J. Ferdinand-Hazleton
25	Mr. James Downey	League of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. John A. Olla	Matt Talbot #57
25	Mr. Dimi Euculano	Mid-May
25	Mr. Rick Felty	Mid-May
25	Mr. Albert Settembrino, Jr.	Mid-May
25	Mr. Ronald Algeo	Most Blessed Sacrament
25	Mr. Richard Forcinito, Jr.	Most Blessed Sacrament
25	Mr. James P. McCarthy	Most Blessed Sacrament
25	Mr. Lawrence Reader	Our Lady of Fatima
25	James L. Colombo, MD	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. Gary M. Hesler	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. Paul M. Marturano	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. Charles A. Old, Jr.	Our Lady of Lourdes
25	Mr. Joseph M. Morrissey	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. Frank C. Reger	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. Joseph M. Willey, Jr.	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
25	Mr. Matthew J. Kennedy	Our Lady Queen of Peace
25	Mr. Joshua D. Rudolph	Prosit
25	Mr. Richard T. Gerber	Six-Three
25	Mr. Patrick J. McCabe III	Six-Three
25	Mr. James F. Kilcoyne	St. Pius X

## Memorable MOMENTS

### at the Grotto



*Retreatant Nick Taglianetti proposes to Bridge Perce at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto.*

The Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto has been the site of some of life's most treasured moments in the past several months. Nick Taglianetti, a retreatant with the Edward J. Friel Memorial group, proposed to his girlfriend Bridget Perce at the grotto after making arrangements for the occasion.

"The retreat house has been a very important part of my life in the last four years," Taglianetti said. "During adoration, I prayed for someone like her my first and second years of retreat. On the third year, I thanked Jesus for bringing us together."

Taglianetti says the grotto site was perfect for them because of the importance of the Catholic faith in their lives. On their first date they went to Mass together before dinner. Taglianetti also says Mother Mary and Mother Teresa are particularly significant to Perce, who regularly participates in Novenas. Because of that devotion, the two have set their wedding date for September 4, 2017 in honor of the one year anniversary of the canonization of Mother Teresa.

Under different circumstances, another couple also traveled to the grotto in recent months. That couple had attended the Retrouvaille retreat for stressed or troubled marriages and found the retreat re-strengthened their relationship. They returned to the grotto where the husband re-proposed to his wife, who was bubbling with joy after the occasion.



# † In Memoriam

Mr. Howard H. Arnold, Jr.	12/30/15	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Mr. William J. Flynn	6/14/16	Nativity BVM
Mr. Raymond H. Aub	11/30/15	Nativity BVM	Mr. Edward C. Gannon	5/24/16	Six-Three
Mr. Joseph R. Baranko, Sr.	1/12/16	L. J. Ferdinand-Hazleton	Mr. Gerald D. Gardner	5/20/16	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion
Mr. Gregory Baselice	10/10/15	Holy Family	Mr. James W. Giardinelli	11/6/15	The Saint Padre Pio Group
Mr. Francis X. Becker	5/8/16	Immaculate Conception	Mrs. Frances Green	12/31/15	Our Lady of Peace
Mr. John E. Behen, Jr.	3/16/16	SS Peter & Paul	Mr. Frank J. Guld	5/19/16	Immaculate Conception
Mr. Robert J. Bellerby	4/28/16	Edward J. Friel, Sr. Memorial	Mr. John M. Hanson	2/23/16	Our Lady of Fatima
Mr. William A. Bohan, Sr.	6/11/16	Mid-May	Mr. Andrew T. Hutson	9/20/15	Holy Spirit
Mr. Edward R. Brennan	1/30/16	Six-Three	Mr. Thomas J. LaCorte	2/8/16	Holy Spirit
Mr. Herman J. Bruenger	11/15/15	Mid-May	Mr. William J. Laporta	3/11/16	St. Joseph Group
Mr. Nicholas F. Ciabattoni	5/30/16	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion	Dr. John J. Lynch	1/20/16	St. John N. Neumann
Mr. Joseph Collins	8/6/15	Ave Maria	Mr. Frank V. Marone	5/29/16	Christus Rex
Mr. Steven Conrad, Sr.	3/19/16	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mr. John W. Marshall	2/5/16	Most Blessed Sacrament
Mr. Paul L. Coppa	10/25/15	Our Lady of Lourdes	Mr. Raymond J. McCabe	5/24/16	St. John N. Neumann
Mr. William Coskey	12/1/15	Caenaculum	Mr. Jack McCandless	3/28/16	Most Blessed Sacrament
Mr. John J. D'alessandro, Sr.	2/2/16	Epiphany	Mr. Walter J. McDonald, Jr.	10/13/15	Holy Spirit
Mr. Carlo Dambrosio	5/21/16	St. Blaise-Curran Memorial	Mr. John P. McLaughlin	5/22/16	Our Lady Queen of Peace
Mr. Joseph D. D'Angelo, Sr.	9/8/15	SS Peter & Paul	Mr. William Merz	6/1/16	Edward J. Friel, Sr. Memorial
Mr. Dominic Daulerio	8/20/15	Ave Maria	Mr. Tucker T. Mulrooney	12/31/15	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
Mr. Joseph DeChristy	4/9/16	Our Lady of Fatima	Mr. John H. O'Donnoghue	9/28/15	Mid-May
Mr. Edwin A. Densten	7/13/16	St. John N. Neumann	Mr. John (Jack) W. Ososki	6/19/16	St. Blaise-Curran Memorial
Mr. Carmen P. Digiandomenico	1/18/16	Our Lady of Fatima	Mr. Felix A. Presto	7/7/16	Chester County
Mr. Edward J. Duff, Sr.	2/28/16	Holy Family	Mr. Joseph Richards	9/8/15	Mid-May
Mr. John J. Dugan	12/20/15	Six-Three	Mr. William D. Robinson, Jr.	1/23/16	Celebration of Christ's Holy Passion
Mr. Robert A. Dwyer	6/10/16	Mid-May	Mr. Robert M. Sadusky, Jr.	4/22/16	Archbishop Fitzmaurice
Mr. Donald A. Dybalski	3/8/16	Mid-May	Mr. Rudolph J. Salvucci, Sr.	12/31/15	Pope John Paul II
Mr. Rick Elwell	5/30/16	Matt Talbot #34	Mr. Peter M. Sarraiocco	11/10/15	Most Blessed Sacrament
Mr. Edward Emery	6/17/16	St. Joseph	Mr. Paul R. Sci	2/21/16	Immaculate Conception
Mr. Frank A. Fanelli, Sr.	5/1/16	St. Pius X	Mr. Donald C. Seybold	10/14/15	St. John N. Neumann
Mr. Francis C. Flynn	1/12/16	Nativity BVM	Mr. William Shiffler	8/13/15	Edward J. Friel, Sr. Memorial
			Mr. Robert W. Smith, Sr.	10/10/15	Most Blessed Sacrament
			Dr. Norman K. Spencer	1/4/16	Most Blessed Sacrament
			Mr. John J. Sweeney	1/4/16	Pope John XXIII
			Mr. Donald Testa, Sr.	4/18/16	Our Lady Queen of Peace
			Mr. Albert B. Thompson, Jr.	1/20/16	Our Lady Queen of Peace
			Mr. Robert C. Todd	10/26/15	St. Joseph
			Mr. Michael Tucker	10/17/15	Palm Sunday
			Mr. Kenneth W. Tunnell	10/9/15	Palm Sunday
			Mr. Armand J. Verruno	11/4/15	Immaculate Conception
			Mr. Robert M. Wall	8/21/15	Epiphany
			Mr. George E. Westwood	12/13/15	Our Lady of Sacred Heart
			Mr. Anthony Cucinotta		Our Lady of Lourdes
			Mr. Robert Miller		Ave Maria
			Mr. Thaddeus J. Delekta		
			Mr. John F. Pogash		

*We remember the lives of the beloved members of the Malvern Retreat House community who passed away between August 2015 and July 2016. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.*

***May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord.***



## Annual Blessing Tree Remembrance Ceremony

**Y**ou can remember your loved ones this holiday season by celebrating their lives at Malvern Retreat House's annual Blessing Tree Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, December 4th. During the ceremony, you will be able to place a custom, blessed ornament on our Christmas tree. Afterwards, there will be Christmas music and light refreshments for family and friends. All ornaments purchased will be personalized and will be available for you to pick up after Christmas at Malvern Retreat House, or you may take your ornament home after the ceremony to place on your own tree.

**To secure a custom ornament for \$10 (heart, snowflake, or stocking) and provide an inscription in honor of your loved one, please contact Edie Petillo at 484-321-2544 or [EPetillo@MalvernRetreat.com](mailto:EPetillo@MalvernRetreat.com).**

**Sunday,  
December 4**

# MALVERN'S UPCOMING RETREATS



**Sept. 30-Oct. 1**  
Celebrating the Gift of  
Catholic Womanhood  
*Pat Gohn*



**Oct. 10**  
Don Gallagher Memorial  
Golf Outing



**Oct. 21-23**  
Christus Rex  
*Fr. Dennis J.W. O'Donnell, Ph.D.*



**Nov. 4-6**  
Dr. Furey Memorial  
*Fr. Len Peterson*



**Oct. 4-6**  
Pope John XXIII  
*Deacon Al Clay &  
Msgr. Joseph Marino*



**Oct. 11-13**  
Our Lady of Confidence



**Oct. 22**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Shrine Dedication



**Nov. 6**  
Women's Tea  
*Martie Gillin*



**Oct. 7**  
First Friday Breakfast



**Oct. 14-16**  
Matt Talbot #19 & #48



**Oct. 28-30**  
Legion of Mary  
*Rev. Andrew Apostoli, CFR &  
Fr Frederick W. Gruber*



**Nov. 11-13**  
Matt Talbot #107 & #66



**Oct. 7-9**  
Matt Talbot #8



**Oct. 14-16**  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
Family Retreat  
*Maria Carmel Richardson*



**Nov. 4**  
First Friday Breakfast



**Nov. 13**  
Communion Luncheon



**Oct. 7-9**  
Prosit  
*Fr. Dennis J.W. O'Donnell, Ph.D.*



**Oct. 21-23**  
Atlantic City KOC  
*Fr. Joseph Corley*



**Nov. 4-6**  
Ave Maria  
*Msgr. Joseph Marino*



**Nov. 14-18**  
Ad Lumina Christi  
Healing Retreat  
*Kathleen McCarthy*