



Our Lady of Peace Retreat

Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows
Spring 2018 Newsletter

CELEBRATING GOD'S BLESSINGS!

Dearest Friends,

On April 14, 2018, our Community and friends joined together at the Mass of Perpetual Profession of Sister Louismarie Premazzi, and the 50th Golden Jubilees of Sister Angela Aldi and Sister Rose Marie Holden. We were privileged to have presiding at the Mass, Bishop Peter Smith with concelebrants Fr. Francis Chun, and Prior Abouna Decker, Fr. Anthony Alles and Fr. John Michael Morgan from the Maronite Monastery. We thank God for His abundant graces and mercy on our Congregation, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, and we ask you to join us in prayer that more women will be open to His loving call to join our Congregation for His honor and glory, and to evangelize the world with His gospel.

Pax et Bonum,

Sr. Anne Marie, OSF

Sister Anne Marie, OSF
Superior General



A Maronite Blessing is offered before Lunch



Sr. Louismarie, Sr. Rose Marie (seated) and Sr. Angela pose for a photo taken by Mark Gallant



Photos courtesy of Ken Huynh and Vladi Perederiy

Retreat House News

Giving Thanks! Our February Tea



On February 5, we hosted our annual Tea. The “guest of honor” this year was a very special statue, of Our Lady of La Salette, that Fr. John Horgan of Vancouver, BC, generously allowed us to borrow for the event. With two of our Sisters taking turns at the wheel, our van traversed the I-5 corridor—a six-hour journey to Beaverton—while our guest of honor travelled in the back enveloped in bubble wrap and held down with ropes preventing any bumpy mishaps. Although not widely known, the Church-approved apparition of Our Lady of La Salette to two shepherd children in the mountainous region of France in the mid 1800’s, seems relevant still today. Therefore, we combined fabulous food with some evangelization tools: holy cards and books from the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Massachusetts, designed to spread the message. The Tea was

well attended, we were at capacity with many of our friends and supporters present. The Silent Auction Chairs, Joan Koessler and Jerry Delaney, had been preparing for many months the 47 auction items and their placement in the main hallway of the retreat house. Then there was a flurry of activity the two days prior to the tea as Rocio Deatherage and Nancy Dardis, with friends and family, transformed the dining room into an elegant tea room. Meanwhile, Sister Angela, Kim Yozamp and John Malek with volunteers in the kitchen prepared and then plated on the day of the Tea over 2,000 food items! We were grateful to liturgical composer and pianist, Ken Canedo, who donated his time to entertain us during the luncheon.

While we enjoyed dessert, Sister Anne Marie shared a video presentation of the proposed Marian Garden and Memorial Wall for the Unborn that was the focus of the fundraising and will continue to be in the months to come. Mary Rigert, of Beaverton, gave the presentation.

The Tea realized net proceeds of \$49,339. Since then we have received an additional \$15,552. We are both humbled and grateful for the amount raised and we ask God to bless our benefactors, the Tea committee and all the volunteers that made the day possible.



Photos courtesy of Agnes Onkka and Rocio Deatherage

Retreat House News



Marian Garden

As mentioned on page two of the newsletter regarding our Tea, the funds collected from that event, plus donations received since, are moving us closer to the dream of erecting a Marian Shrine. This will be a breathtaking courtyard highlighting a Memorial Wall for the Unborn that also includes a life-size hand-carved marble statue of Madonna and Child from Italy. (See photo at left)



This Marian Garden will be directly accessible from our front parking lot, providing a place of peace and quiet, allowing all to stay and ponder our Lord's words to us, "Behold your Mother".

Please contact the retreat house if you would like to support financially this special place in honor of Mary and the unborn.

The Paving Project Continues

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, who contributed to our paving project fund, the outside paving of the parking lot and Stations of the Cross path were completed last summer. This April, the stairs leading up to the convent and Sisters' chapel were replaced with a ramp. Sister Agnes Clare took a few minutes to place her favorite blessed saints' medals on the dirt before the Petersen brothers of Westside Masonry poured the concrete. Below, Angel Garcia, who is on staff, enjoyed the sunshine while bringing loads of concrete to the second ramp at a back entrance leading into the convent.

*Front Entrance Ramp to Convent Chapel
(During and after)*



Back Entrance Ramp



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Convent News

Two of our Sisters left for eternity recently, sooner than we expected, and making our Holy Week most somber this year. Remarkably different in temperament and interests, Sr. Luke and Sr. Barbara shared over 60 years of consecrated life as Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows. They spent their novitiate together, celebrated their 25th anniversaries and golden jubilees at the same time, and their dying, like the bookends of Holy Week, one dying on the eve of Palm Sunday the other on Good Friday, concluded their earthly sojourn. We said our tearful farewells on Easter Tuesday here at the retreat house with a double funeral Mass of the Resurrection. We praise God for their long lives and joyful witness!



Sister Mary Luke Washburn, OSF

Sister Mary Luke Washburn grew up in Hollywood, California. Her parents were in the silent films. She entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 8, 1953, and received the habit of the Community on August 16, 1954. After first profession of vows, Sister Luke worked at St. Mary's Home for Boys assisting in various duties including the laundry, canning center and as house mother. Her special talent for art and music was a gift she shared and she often informally taught singing to the boys. She attended Marylhurst College for elementary education studies. In 1959 she professed her perpetual vows. At this time she was transferred to St. Clare's Retreat House in Santa Cruz, California, and then two years

later was assigned to St. John's School in King City, California. In the Salinas Valley, Sister taught catechism to the migrant workers, worked as a team teacher in the elementary school middle grades, and then was the Principal of St. John the Baptist School. In 1968, because of poor health she was transferred to St. Clare's Retreat and finally came to reside here in Beaverton at the Convent Infirmary. Although confined to a wheel chair, Sister Luke managed weekly to play chess with friends from the Legion of Mary. She had a great love of reading and collecting books. She also loved animals and at one time raised cockatiels. Sister Luke spent many enjoyable hours watching nature from our windows.

We share her favorite nephew Ian Washburn's musings after he was notified of her passing into eternity on Good Friday morning, "I have tears in my eyes as I am writing this. She was a good sport, cantankerous, imperfect, wisecracking. She felt herself to be more flawed than she really was, I think...I bet she is right now complaining to God or his messengers, about losing her collection of books and missing the birds she used to raise and sell. And I also bet she is being given access to the eternal library, the eternal aviary and the eternal chess tables and is finally at peace." Please remember our dear Sister Luke in your prayers.



Please remember in your prayers our beloved deceased:

John Becker Sr.
Georgine Bernhardt

Ignatius Gefroh
John Moore

Rita Wan

Convent News



Sister Mary Barbara Bohanen, OSF

Sister Mary Barbara Bohanen (nee Mary Frances) was born in Los Angeles, California in 1928. At a young age, due to circumstances in the family, she was placed in St. Vincent Orphanage in Santa Barbara where she was raised by the Sisters of Charity until her entry into religious life. Of interest is a letter written by Sister Regis of the home, in which she writes to Mother Leola, the Superior General of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, back in 1953: "We hope and pray Mary will be a good little Sister. We are happy for her for she has always wanted to give herself entirely to our good God. And she has prayed daily for this." Sister Barbara realized her dream and entered the Community on September 27, 1953. Upon completing her novitiate and professing her first vows, Sister Barbara was assigned to St. Mary's Home for Boys in Beaverton, Oregon where she worked in various places on the campus. Beginning in 1960 she assisted at Our Lady of Peace Retreat helping in the kitchen and sacristy. Then in 1968 she was transferred to St. Clare's Retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where she taught catechism and assisted in the retreat ministry. In her later years, Sister Barbara took up residence in the Convent Infirmary here in Beaverton where she continued to help prepare the rooms for retreatants. Sister liked to keep busy. She was often the first to arrive in Chapel in the morning, sometimes as early as 3:30 a.m.! She also had a special gift with jigsaw puzzles and amazed everyone with her persistence. She will be missed, her smile, her quick step and her devotion to the religious life. We ask you in your charity to pray for her soul.

Change is in the Air



Many of our friends know Lori Masamitsu who has thoughtfully assisted customers in our gift store these past five years. Lori has recently taken a position in Portland at the Rosary Center. We know that her gracious presence will be missed by many here, and we pray that she finds much satisfaction in her new position.



After a long career in teaching, this May, Josephine Torres-Jurado (Jossie) joined the staff at the retreat house as a part-time bookkeeper. She will be assisting our Accounting Manager, Alma Yentas. Jossie has been a retreatant here for a number of years, and most recently, coordinated reservations and seating at our February Tea. Jossie and her husband Lucien are members of St. Cecilia Parish in Beaverton. Welcome, Jossie!

Franciscan Fioretti



Several years ago we included in our newsletter, the Novena of Abandonment to Jesus, written by an Italian priest, Father Dolindo Ruotolo, Servant of God, and a secular Franciscan.

We heard favorable comments from our readers, and so would like to share a short, but effective set of prayers that he recommended to his spiritual children in Naples, Italy. Called the Rosary of Abandonment, (*Gesu pensaci tu*) it received the Imprimatur a number of years ago.

As if Jesus were speaking, Father Ruotolo writes, "Shut your eyes and say with all your soul: 'Jesus, You take over.' Don't be afraid, I indeed will take care of you, and you shall bless My Name, in humility. A thousand prayers do not equal only one act of abandonment; don't ever forget it. There is no better novena than this: Oh Jesus I abandon myself to You, Jesus, You take over."

The Rosary of Abandonment may be prayed on your Rosary. Here are the prayers; God come to my assistance. Lord make haste to help me.

Glory be... Our Father... Hail Mary...

1st Decade:

Oh Jesus, I abandon myself to you. Jesus, You take over!
(10 times on the beads of the Hail Mary)

Glory be...

2nd Decade:

Mother Mary, guide me.
(10 times on the beads of the Hail Mary).

Glory be...

3rd Decade:

Oh Jesus, I abandon myself to you. Jesus you take over!
(10 times on the beads of the Hail Mary).

Glory be...

4th Decade:

Mother Mary, guide me.
(10 times on the beads of the Hail Mary).

Glory be...

5th Decade:

Oh Jesus, I abandon myself to you. Jesus, you take over! (10 times on the beads of the Hail Mary).

Glory be...

Conclude with:

Hail Holy Queen...



45th Annual

*Our Lady of Peace
Institute in
Catholic Teaching
July 16 - 20, 2018*



Dr. Anthony Lilles

Among our four Institute presenters this year, is Dr. Anthony Lilles. (Please see below for course information and to learn more about Dr. Lilles.) We invite you to attend his entire course (five classes) and/or visit www.olpreat for the brochure and flyer with information about the courses also offered this year by Fr. John Horgan and Sr. Michael Francine Duncan, SSMO.

Dr. Lilles will be teaching a morning course in "Contemplative Prayer in the Catholic Tradition" on July 18-20. This course examines the importance of mental and contemplative prayer for the renewal of the Church in every age, involving as a model a return to the silent obedience of Mary before the Word of the Father. Dr. Lilles will also be giving the evening lecture on July 18 entitled "Spiritual Revolution and St. John Paul the Great".

A Catholic theologian, the married father of three young adult children, Dr. Anthony Lilles serves as academic dean of Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo and Advisor for Queen of Angels House of Priestly Formation for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. An expert in the spiritual doctrine of the Carmelite Doctors of the Church and Blessed Elisabeth of the Trinity, he also serves as chief academic officer of the Avila Institute of Spiritual Formation. He has recently published *Fire from Above: Christian Contemplation and Mystical Wisdom*, Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute Press (2016) and co-authored with Dan Burke, *30 Days with St. Teresa of Avila*, Steubenville: Emmaus Press (2015) and *Living the Mystery of Merciful Love: 30 Days with St. Therese of Lisieux*, Steubenville, Emmaus Press (2016). He blogs at www.beginningtopray.com and www.rcspiritualdirection.com.

Retreat Schedule

June 2018 – December 2018

To register for OLP-Sponsored retreats (highlighted in blue), visit us online at www.olpretreat.org or phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org

JUNE

June 1 - 3, 2018
HEALING OF OUR MOTHER WOUND RETREAT
With Fr. Philip Scott
Contact: Sr. Mariam Sharbel Vianney at 503-269-3736 or grace.an.mercy@gmail.com

June 7 - 10, 2018
TROUBADOURS OF PEACE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
& ANNUAL MINISTERS MEETING
Contact: Dcn. Terry Barber at 360-956-1995

Saturday, June 16, 2018
EVENING RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES
Theme: "You are One"
Retreat Master: Fr. Eric Andersen
6 pm - 9 pm
Contact: John Shepard at 503-547-0308

June 19 - 27, 2018
SISTERS AND LAY WOMEN'S 8-DAY SILENT RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. Jim Costigan, CPM
Theme: "Walking and Working in the Way of Mary"
\$525 Suggested Donation

June 29 - July 1, 2018
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

JULY

July 16 - 20, 2018 (Monday - Friday)
INSTITUTE IN CATHOLIC TEACHING
A Catholic Education Retreat with day and evening lectures.
Theme: "Poor in Spirit; Rich in Faith"

July 28- 29, 2018
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (Women)
Holy Trinity Parish
Contact: Carol Liebertz at 503-680-0749

AUGUST

Sunday, August 5, 2018
ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE
Noon to 5:30 pm
Food, Games, Door Prizes & Sweepstakes Prizes



August 10 -12, 2018
AVE MARIA RETREAT
Contact: Tania Le at 503-579-3052

August 17-19, 2018
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Contact: Richard & Anita White at:
white8685@msn.com

August 24 - 26, 2018
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (Men)
Holy Trinity Parish
Contact: Trey Vincent at Vincent_Trey@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER

September 7 - 9, 2018
LEGION OF MARY RETREAT
Contact: Penny Mock at 503-490-8777

September 12 - 17, 2018
GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT
Contact: Fr. Peter O'Brien at 541-258-5333

September 21 - 23, 2018
WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT
Retreat Master: Most Rev. John G. Vlazny
Theme: "Together on Purpose; God's People on Mission"
\$172 Suggested Donation

September 28 - 30, 2018
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

OCTOBER

October 5 - 7, 2018
OCDS RETREAT (Secular Carmelites)
Contacts: Jeff and Sylvia Bryant at 971-216-1374

October 9, 2018
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN REREAT
Retreat Master: TBA
Theme: TBA
Contact: Sue Anker at 503-252-2574

October 12 - 14, 2018
TIGARD KNITTING GUILD
Contact: Lou Travis at 503-806-0460

October 18 - 21, 2018
OPUS ANGELORUM RETREAT
Contact: Sr. Maria Helena at 313-527-1739

October 25 - 28, 2018
OPUS ANGELORUM RETREAT
Contact: Sr. Maria Helena at 313-527-1739

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 1, 2018
ALL SAINTS DAY RETREAT
Retreat Master: Most Rev. Peter Smith
9:00 am - 2:30 pm; doors open at 8:30 am
\$40 Suggested Donation, includes lunch

November 2 - 4, 2018
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

November 9 - 11, 2018
GALILEA RETREAT FOR WOMEN
St. Patrick Parish, Portland
Contact: Fr. Lucas Laborde, SSJ at 503-222-4086

November 16 - 18, 2018
AMBASSADORS RETREAT FOR MEN
St. Patrick Parish, Portland
Contact: Fr. Lucas Laborde, SSJ at 503-222-4086

Wednesday, November 28, 2018
ADVENT DAY RETREAT ~ Retreat Master : Fr. Francis Chun
9:00 am - 2:30 pm; doors open at 8:30 am
\$40 Suggested Donation, includes lunch

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 1, 2018
ST. ALEXANDER PARISH
MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY RETREAT
Contacts: Efrain Erazo/Ermelinda Soto at 503-359-0304

Saturday, December 8, 2018
BENEFACTORS & VOLUNTEERS
MASS OF THANKSGIVING & LUNCHEON

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
(Retreat House Closed Dec. 24 and 25)



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Retreats

TO REGISTER:

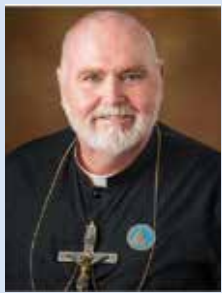
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SISTERS AND LAY WOMEN'S EIGHT-DAY SILENT RETREAT

June 19 - 27, 2018

Walking and Working in the Way of Mary

Retreat Master: Fr. Jim Costigan, CPM



The Retreat Includes:

- Two Conferences and Holy Mass each day
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Evening and Night Prayer
- Time for quiet and reflection
- Opportunity for Confession and Spiritual Direction (as available)

Suggested Donation is \$525, includes room and meals (Commuter Rates Available)

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

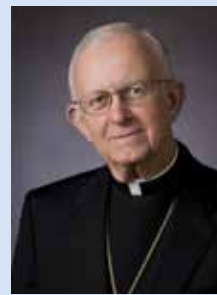
September 21 - 23, 2018

Together on Purpose:

God's People on Mission

Retreat Master:

Archbishop Emeritus John G. Vlazny



The Retreat Includes:

- Conferences and Holy Mass each day
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Evening and Night Prayer
- Time for quiet and reflection
- Opportunity for Confession

Suggested Donation is \$172, includes singleroom shared bath and meals (Commuter Rates Available)

Our Lady of Peace Retreat

3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton

Annual Family BBQ ~ August 5, 2018

12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Come For An Old-Fashioned Backyard BBQ: Chicken, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Sausages, Veggie Burgers, Corn-on-the-Cob, Baked Beans, Watermelon and all The Fixin's. (Take out available!)

Meals \$5-\$10

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES:

1ST PRIZE - \$1000.00 CASH

2ND PRIZE - \$500.00 CASH

3RD PRIZE - \$250.00 CASH

Entertainment, The Franciscan Girls Club Booth, Dessert Booth, Cotton Candy And More...

Remember to return your sweepstakes ticket stubs that are enclosed in this Newsletter!

