

OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER



"My Beloved Is A Garden"

OUR LADY'S LUNCHEON TEA

— Our Lady's Luncheon Tea and Silent Auction — in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows

From beginning to end, it was a lovely day. 144 attended the Tea this past February 4. The dining room was transformed with satins and bows, while down the main hall, tables with 51 auction items called out to bidders.

A ready crew under the direction of our Auction Chair, Joan Koessler pictured in the red hat below, prepared bidder boards shortly before 11 am. Then

while the guests were eating, Fr. Joaquim Gracias, Parochial Vicar at St. Pius X Church, gave an inspiring presentation on the history of the devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows and an explanation of the seven-decade rosary. Alecia Spiering kept the tea pots filled while the Franciscan Girls poured during the lunch and presentation given by Sister Anne Marie. The day concluded at 2 pm.



L - R Patrick Brink, Sue and John Maahs, Stephen Lichtman, Joan Koessler and Theresa Pak



Sr. Agnes Clare (top left) and Sr. Louismarie (bottom left) pictured with The Franciscan Girls

We exceeded our goal which was \$41,000.00. The event proceeds paid for 10 of the heating and cooling units in retreatant rooms.

Proceeds from the Event:

Silent Auction: \$7,690.00

Reservations: \$5,960.00

Donations: \$28,219.75



Alecia Spiering and Kathy Weichleman prepared 450 cups of tea!

OUR LADY'S LUNCHEON TEA



More Tea Photos...
Top: Sr. Anne Marie
Left: Gloria McCann
and kitchen helper
Right: Cream cheese on the
top or bottom slice?
Bottom Right: Something
for everyone



On Our Cover: We are most grateful to Gina Campillo for allowing us to feature her art piece "My Beloved is a Garden" on our cover. Postcards of this piece are available for purchase in our Gift Store.

Gina Campillo was a Discalced Carmelite Nun for 20 years and is currently discerning the eremitical (hermit) life. She has established DESERTHONEYBEE with the strong hope that by it, she might sustain herself as an anchoress someday in the deserts of the Southwest. Prints of this piece and other works of Gina's may be ordered at: <https://deserthoneybee.com>. One may contact her there, read about her journey and view her gallery. Please join us in praying for her. © 2023 DESERTHONEYBEE

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RETREAT HOUSE NEWS



Lenore braves the heights.



Sister Agnes Clare on task removing paint.



Painting completed! from L to R: Scott and Jeff Petersen, Lenore and Delores

—A Transformation— In Progress

Lenore Barrett, a member of Sacred Heart Parish, had a little extra time on her hands, so she dropped by the retreat house during the winter to see if we had need of a volunteer, especially one with an eye for interior design. Yes we did. In only a few weeks, Lenore had repainted in a vibrant orange the wainscoting in the large Retreat House kitchen. Next, prior to painting it, She instructed Sister Agnes Clare in the art of removing many layers of paint from the door of the walk-in refrigerator (see photo on left).

Then given the green light by the Sisters, Lenore turned her attention to the lobby and bookstore. This was not a job for one alone, so she enlisted her friend Delores, a member of Holy Trinity Parish. The Sisters phoned their friends, Scott and Jeff Petersen, who are stone masons and members of St. Cecilia Parish. Soon scaffolding arrived, and the Petersens volunteered their time and painted the ceilings and then all four painted the walls. The results are a serene tide-pool green and neutral tones in the lobby and bookstore. We are ever so grateful that Lenore came by that day with the generous thought to volunteer.

OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT HOUSE INFORMATION:

Visit our website: www.olpretreat.org

E-mail: sisters@olpretreat.org

Phone: 503-649-7127

Like us on Facebook:

Search "Our Lady of Peace Retreat House"

View our videos on YouTube:

Search "OLPRETREAT"

RETREAT HOUSE NEWS

HVAC Project Updates

Do you remember when the heating system died in the four halls of the retreat house during the winter of 2021-2022? Some of our retreatants, who braved a cold weekend or two remember! Thankfully, as many know, we entered into a 6 month HVAC project that not only replaced the heating, but also introduced cooling into our retreatant rooms. Additionally we painted the main hallway and added some new lighting.

The costs are in excess of one million dollars. Generous donors, supporters and retreatants have contributed to date \$230,000 toward the project. We continue to accept donations. May God reward all those who have contributed thus far.



You can donate to this project: **ONLINE** www.olpretreat.org or by using the QR code, **BY PHONE** 503.649.7127 or **IN PERSON** 3600 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97003



Sisters Out and About

Below:

In April Mater Dei Radio Station invited the Sisters to answer phones to take pledges during their Sharathon . It is an appealing invitation as the radio station also provides a delicious lunch for their volunteers.

Right:

An outing at the falls.



Requiescant in Pace

Please remember our beloved
deceased in your prayers:

Teresa Dibb
Kanya Smith
Beverly Underwood
Deborah Ellis
Virginia Fredericks
(Sr. Therese Improgo's Sister)

RETREAT HOUSE NEWS

Men's Retreat April 28-30, 2023

From the pen of our Retreat Master, Fr. Skip Thompson

Our Men's retreat was a deep dive into themes that have been on my heart for some time. "Pursuing a Masculine Spirituality" challenges men to understand their key masculine trait is to become a "living sacrifice" for their wives and children. Men have one mission: "Get their family to heaven." To this end, our first priority must be Christ. Because only through Christ can we overcome our primary obstacles: ignorance and fear. We offered 2 Masses, overnight Eucharistic adoration, Confession and 5 conferences for reconnaissance, understanding of Christ's mission, St. Joseph's example of courage and identified spiritual assets and allies in our fight for souls. I pray we can continue to bring this to men.



*Sr. Agnes Clare, Fr. Skip, Sr. Therese,
Rick Y. and Chris R.*

Retreat Reflection:

Reflecting on this retreat, the Holy Spirit moved me to three separate Sacred Scripture verses involving Mary. Several days before Sr. Therese's invitation to this retreat, Mother Mary's words "Do whatever he tells you" started resonating from my heart. During the retreat, I became like Mary of Bethany by staying focused in the moment and choosing the better part immersed in God's presence under Fr. Skip's spiritual direction. Finally, I could once again be like Mary Magdalene and announce, "I have seen the Lord." Thank you Sisters for the hospitality and blessing.

— Chris Rieshmiller

I was fortunate to attend the Men's retreat held at "Our Lady of Peace Retreat" house. Fr Skip Thompson, MSA, is a man's man, and true leader, probably the best person to carry forward the message of what healthy masculinity is. He emphasizes how to understand, and extend forward the duties of all Catholic men, to our families, our Church, and to society at large. He is a wonderful and captivating speaker who clearly, and convincingly explained it all using Jesus' words and examples, and also presented a deeper, detailed study of the life of St Joseph: Our Father in Faith. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the location. The retreat house is an oasis of peace. The sisters are amazingly kind, Sr Agnes Clare, Sr Therese, and Sr Regina made our stay the best it could have been, and Sr Angela's cooking it is worthy of a 5 Stars restaurant. I am extremely glad I attended and look forward to meeting again next year or sooner.

- Rick Yentas

RETREAT HOUSE NEWS

Worldwide Seminarian Support, Inc. 30th Anniversary

Worldwide Seminarian Support celebrated over the weekend of May 5 - 7 during their annual board meeting held at the retreat house. Since 1993, WSS has raised over \$1,800,00, which has been used to fund, among other projects, the education of 70 seminarians, now ordained priests. Many of these priests belong to the Apostolic Life Community of Priests (the ALCP Fathers). Two of the WWS board members are on our Annual Tea Committee: our chair, Josephine Becker and her sister, Kim Becker Yozamp, who prepares many of the sweets and savories enjoyed at the teas.

The mission and dedication of this group is inspiring. It goes to show what an idea, coupled with deep faith and hard work can accomplish over time. More can be learned about their mission at www.seminariansupport.org



*Msgr. Pius Ilechukwu offered Mass
for the Board and Benefactors*



Save the Date

Our Lady of Peace 50th Institute in Catholic Teaching

July 10-14, 2023

"Be Still and Know that I AM GOD"



Tim Staples
Catholic Answers
Apologist



Fr. Theodore Lange
Pastor
Shepherd of the Valley
Central Point, OR



Mother Mary Assumpta, OP
Sr. Joseph Andrew, OP
Dominican Sisters of Mary,
Mother of the Eucharist



Auxiliary
Bishop Peter Smith
of the
Archdiocese of Portland, OR



For more Information Call Our Lady of Peace Retreat 503-649-7127
Email srbenedicta@fmsolp.org or call 831-423-8093 ex 5

Come on retreat, for a time of **SPECIAL GRACES!**

Jesus said: "*Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.*" Mark 6:31

Join the Franciscan Missionary Sisters
of Our Lady of Sorrows
for these June retreats:

Friday, June 9, 2023

Early Summer Day Retreat

8:30am-3pm

Our Theme:

***"The Spirituality of St. Faustina and the
Mystery of the Holy Angels"***

Retreat fee: \$40 includes lunch

led by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA



Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA



June 9-17, 2023

**Sisters and Lay Women's
8-Day Retreat**

Our Theme:

***"The Healing Power of Divine Mercy and
St. Michael the Archangel"***

Retreat fee: \$600

**or contact us about a partial stay
led by Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA**



**For more information call: 503-649-7127
or visit: www.olpretreat.org**

RETREAT SCHEDULE — June–December 2023

To Register for OLP Sponsored Retreats (in blue) visit us online at:
www.olpretreat.org –OR– Phone: 503-649-7127; Email: sisters@olpretreat.org

JUNE

Saturday, June 3, 2023
PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY HEALTH
DAY RETREAT

June 7, 2023
ST FRANCIS SHERWOOD DAY RETREAT
Contact Mimi Urmini at 503-625-6105

Friday, June 9, 2023
EARLY SUMMER DAY RETREAT
Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA
\$40, includes lunch

June 9 - 17, 2023
SISTERS AND LAY WOMEN'S RETREAT
(Eight Days)
Retreat Master: Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA
Theme: Spirituality of St. Faustina
\$600 Suggested donation; Commuter rate available

June 23 - 25, 2023
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605
portlandregistration@engagedencounter.com

JULY

July 10 - 14, 2023 (Monday - Friday)
INSTITUTE IN CATHOLIC TEACHING
(See website for more information)

AUGUST

Sunday, August 6, 2023
ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE
11 am to 3 pm
Food, Games, Door Prizes & Sweepstakes Prizes



August 21 - 22
ST JOHN VIANNEY PARISH RETREAT
Contact: Connie Dupuis at 503-474-7714

August 25 - 27, 2023
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Contacts: Ron and Hilarie Tesch at 503-704-0836

SEPTEMBER

September 8 - 10, 2023
LEGION OF MARY RETREAT
Contact: Penny Mock at 503-490-8777

September 13, 2023
TWILIGHT TALKS with Dina Marie Hale
Doors open at 6:30 PM: Program 7PM - 9PM
www.dinamarie.org - for more info.

SEPTEMBER (Con't)

September 15 - 17, 2023
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605
portlandregistration@engagedencounter.com

September 21 - 24, 2023
ST. PIUS X ACTS RETREAT FOR MEN
Contact: Kristof Tahy at 503-841-4964

September 29 - October 1, 2023
WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. Gregory Dick, O.Praem.
Theme: "The Saints and Signs of the Times"
\$242 Suggested Donation

OCTOBER

October 6 - 8, 2023
TIGARD KNITTING GUILD RETREAT
Contact: Lou Travis at 503-806-0460

October 13 - 15, 2023
HOLY ROSARY SECULAR CARMELITE RETREAT
Contact: Kinh Nguyen at 503-816-5205

October 19 - 22, 2023
OPUS ANGELORUM RETREAT
Contact: Sr. Maria Helena at 313-527-1739

October 26 - 29, 2023
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Contact: Sr. Maria Helena at 313-527-1739

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
ALL SAINTS DAY RETREAT
Retreat Master TBA
\$40, includes lunch

November 3 - 5, 2023
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605
portlandregistration@engagedencounter.com

November 10 - 12, 2023
PRIVATE GROUP RETREAT

November 17 - 19, 2023
PRIVATE GROUP RETREAT

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 6, 2023
ADVENT DAY RETREAT
Retreat Master TBA
\$40, includes lunch

December 13, 2023
TWILIGHT TALKS with Dina Marie Hale
Doors open at 6:30 PM: Program 7PM - 9PM
www.dinamarie.org - for more info.

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If you have a group that would be interested in scheduling a weekend or day retreat,
please phone 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES:

1st prize - \$1000.00 Cash
2nd prize - \$500.00 Cash
3rd prize - \$250.00 Cash

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

SWEEPSTAKES TICKET INFORMATION:

We are enclosing your Sweepstakes Tickets in this newsletter. Please fill out the stubs and send them back to us in the envelope provided, or drop them by the Retreat House office. Our drawing will be at 3 pm on the day of the BBQ.

Please note: We hope to save you the task of filling out 15 ticket stubs, as in previous years!, so we are asking for a little larger donation and sending you 7 tickets.

OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT

60TH ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ
AUGUST 6, 2023 – 11:00am-3:00pm

YOU CHOOSE:

TAKE OUT, DRIVE-THRU or EAT ON PREMISES

MENU:

1/2 GRILLED CHICKEN - \$12

Comes with baked beans, cole slaw, corn & chips.

BBQ PULLED PORK ON A BUN - \$12

Comes with baked beans, cole slaw, corn & chips.

CHEESEBURGER - \$12

Comes with baked beans, cole slaw, corn & chips.

VALUE MEAL - \$6

BBQ Pulled Pork on a Bun with chips
or a Grilled Hamburger with chips.

SOFT DRINKS OR WATER - \$1



WOMAN'S SILENT RETREAT

September 29 - October 1, 2023

"The Saints and Signs of the Times"



RETREAT MASTER:

Rev. Gregory Dick, O.Praem.

THE RETREAT INCLUDES:

Conferences and Holy Mass each day,
Quiet Time for Reflection, Eucharistic
Adoration, Opportunity for Confession

Suggested Donation: \$242

(Commuter Rates Available)

The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and concludes on Sunday, after a late-morning brunch.

Includes single room with private bath and tastefully prepared, buffet style meals.

**TO REGISTER: Please email sisters@olpretreat.org
or call The Retreat House at 503-649-7127**

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A Peaceful Place to Rekindle Your Spirit

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