



# JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

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**“We create ourselves by our choices”**

**~Kierkegaard**

*A place of peace.  
Igniting hearts.*

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Dear Friend of JRH,

At the closing of a recent retreat group, I reminded the retreatants that God peels away layer-by-layer of our guilt and our burdens to tease forth, or bring to surface, the person God made us to be. In other words, we are always on the way, but not there yet. Lots of work to be done. Lots of prayer to be said aiding the ‘peeling’, the stripping away of layers of selfishness and short sightedness that blur the health of our spiritual lives, the well-being of our souls.

The directors of this retreat reminded the retreatants that they had choices, and the only way to recognize God in their lives is to make those choices positive. Most of them were imprisoned by years of a windowless and cell-like existence of slavery to addiction. But they could make choices! And that was the subject of their retreat: make your choices and become the person God created you to be.

In this group of people, I found persons deeply in love with God and seeking God’s direction to move in peace, one step-at-a-time along the journey toward spiritual fulfillment and peace.

You can do the same.

Christian philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard said it so well as indicated in the above quote: you can make yourself happy; unburden yourself from what keeps you from being totally a new person. Choose the JRH to settle into a place of peace with a spiritual director who will help you find the person who hides within. Call us to register for a private retreat this summer when all nature takes on new life beckoning you to do the same. You will be so excited in your renewal. After all, you’re the one we are waiting for...

## **Our Mission:**

*Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius, Jesuit Retreat House provides a sacred setting for retreats and programs of growth and development for people in the contemporary Church and society.*

*Sister Mary Ann Flannery*

*Executive Director*

**Sr. Mary Ann  
Flannery, S.C.**



## Volunteer Spotlight



### Meet Benita Mocilnikar.

Benita has been volunteering at the Jesuit Retreat House every Tuesday since June 2012.

Benita does whatever job needs to be done. Everything from dusting, helping in the kitchen, typing, folding, updating of our database. She is a true team player who does whatever is asked of her.

Benita is retired from a successful career in the lumber industry as a Product Manager and Senior Sales Representative to lumber companies in Cleveland and surrounding cities and towns. After being home for several years she wanted something to do to fill up her spare time. Upon receiving the Jesuit Retreat House newsletter one day she noticed the listing about volunteering at JRH. She immediately thought that this was something she was looking for. She called to express her interest and is now very excited to be a part of the great group of people working at JRH.

Benita feels that the nice thing about her job is the surprise she gets every Tuesday when she comes in and asks Barbara, "what do I do today"? She truly enjoys the pleasure of doing meaningful work at JRH. In addition, she enjoys getting together with her friends from high school, which they

do a couple of times a month. Along with her son and daughter-in-law Benita has a grandson who is currently in the seminary studying to become a priest.

***"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"***

***Acts 20:35***

***If you would like to volunteer with Jesuit Retreat House, please call Barbara at 440-884-9300 ext. 10***

## Year Round Programs

### Pre-Cana Days

**12:45—8:00 p.m.**

June 2  
July 28  
August 11  
September 22  
October 20  
November 3

Pre-Cana couples take time away from the flurry of wedding planning to reflect upon the Sacrament as it is lived each day. Married couples share witness stories, and time is set aside for one on one conversation. The day ends with Mass and dinner.

Pre-Cana days at JRH meet diocesan requirements for marriage preparation.

**Cost is \$80.00**

### Morning Prayer for Women

**May 20, June 17, July 22 & August 26  
Dates for September –December TBA**



Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by JRH director Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! The morning prayer takes place 9:30-10:45 a.m., cost is \$5, and includes coffee and pastry.



### AA Recovery Retreats

A Recovery Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House is a time to nurture your serenity, experience a re-awakening, and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. Retreats begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. and conclude Sunday by 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$150, limited scholarships are available.

**May 31-June 2  
Nov 29-Dec 1  
December 20-22**

Tom Deere AA Men's Retreat  
Sr. Ignatia AA Women's Retreat  
Calix AA Men's Retreat

## *Renewing the Spirit ~ Summer Offerings at JRH*

**June 10-15**

### **RETREAT FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS**

*Enjoying God Through Jesus Christ*

**Presented by Sr. Joan Marie Recker, SND**

Join Sr. Joan Marie Recker, SND for a preached retreat with an emphasis on *Enjoying God Through Jesus Christ*. The content of the retreat is based on insights from the Gospels.

Sr. Joan Marie Recker, SND currently serves at Lia Renewal Center of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Whitehouse, Ohio. She was trained in retreat ministry at Wenersville Jesuit Center in Pennsylvania. She has a Master's Degree in Theology from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Sister has been a teacher, a director of formation, and a member of her congregational leadership in Rome and Toledo, Ohio. Mass will be celebrated each day. Cost is \$335.

*Register online at [jrh-cleveland.org](http://jrh-cleveland.org)*

**May 29, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.-8p.m.**

### **Progress & Promise**

Come Join us!

A Presentation about the History and Ongoing Work of Sisters' Ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland. Presenters:

Sr. Elaine Berkopec, OSU, MA

Natalie Kertes Weaver, Ph.D.

Sr. Lisa Marie Belz, OSU, Ph.D.

Michele Stopera Freyhauf, M.A.

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**August 15, 9:30 am-3:00 pm**

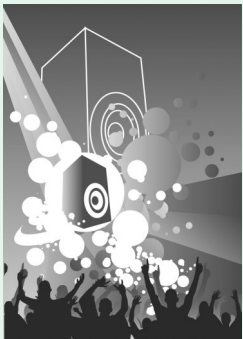
### **Marian Day**

#### ***The Power of Marian Spirituality in Our Lives***

Join us for a Marian Day on the Feast of the Assumption. The presenter will be Sr. Margaret Mach, S.C., a local spiritual director who will give us a presentation on "The Power of Marian Spirituality in Our Lives". The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and pastries, lunch is included and the day will conclude with Mass, ending at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$25

**July 31 –Feast of St. Ignatius**

**PRAYER MOB, 6:30 p.m. –8:30 p.m.**



Bring your blanket and friends to the JRH Meadow for an evening of prayer and uplifting music by Catholic musician Matt Fafrak!

Take advantage of this fun and spiritual opportunity to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius on the beautiful and tranquil grounds of the Jesuit Retreat House.

Bring your children or grandchildren for a joyful evening together!

*Freewill offering will be collected. Beverages will be available for purchase or you may bring your own. (No alcohol, please!)*

**August 2-3**

### **RETREAT FOR LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS**

The Office of Pastoral Ministry will host its annual retreat for Pastoral Ministers and Candidates at Jesuit Retreat House. This year's retreat will be facilitated by Laura Kuhn. Laura is a compassionate ministry leader and skilled retreat facilitator.

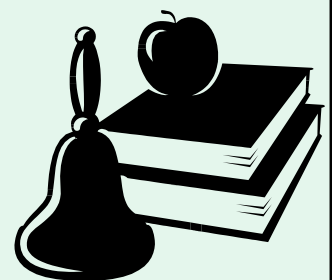
To register, or to gather more information, please contact Kathy Haag at the Pastoral Ministry Office at 440-943-7670. (JRH cannot accept reservations, please contact Kathy)

**August 12, 13, or 14**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

### **DAY RETREATS FOR TEACHERS**

Teaching is not just a job but a vocation, a calling to follow the example of Jesus, our Teacher, in nourishing the minds and hearts of students, that they may flourish. With this in mind, all teachers are invited to the Jesuit Retreat House on any of the dates listed above for a retreat facilitated by John Ropar, Ph.D., who is the former Director of Counseling Services at John Carroll University.



Whether your classroom is in a public or parochial setting, you will find space in this day to

renew your soul for mighty call you are living! Bring your staff, or come on your own, and get in the right spirit for the new school year through reflection and conversation.

The day retreat includes time for presentations, lunch, individual prayer, and staff discussions. **Cost is \$25/ person. Check our website for details.**



## *Individually Directed Retreats*

### *Summer 2013*

Since 1893, the grounds of Jesuit Retreat House have provided spiritual peace for people looking to deepen their relationship with God. Now, perhaps more than ever, the sacred space of JRH is a vital gift to Northeast Ohio.

Contemporary men and women make silent retreats for various reasons. Some are searching for a new way of knowing God that is personal and real. Others use this time to rest in the creative heart of God –to imagine new possibilities, or sit with gratitude for God’s magnificent work. Whatever your reason for making a retreat, sacred silence is a gift to the soul. Here, you will experience silence on 57 acres of woods and meadows, complete with outdoor shrines and stations of the cross to aid reflection. The 55-bedroom house provides a home away from home with three chapels, a library, and home-cooked meals.

As companions of on your journey, spiritual directors offer prayerful support and are among the most sought after in their field. More than a vacation, IDRs at JRH are life changing events offering an opportunity to step out of day-to-day living and into the heart of the eternal.

## *Spiritual Directors*

**Sr. Mary Ann Burke, S.N. D.** was certified Pastoral Minister by the Cleveland Diocese in 2005 and served at St. Joseph Parish in Amherst for 11 years. She also served on the Sisters of Notre Dame Chardon Leadership team from 2005-2011. Sister was certified in 2006 as a Spiritual Director/Retreat Director through the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University. She has assisted with the Samaritan Women, who provide retreats for women in transition. Sister has also been involved with Ignatian Volunteer Core. Sr. Mary Ann completed a 40 Day Institute on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Currently Sr. Mary Ann ministers with an outreach program for the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Homebound of Geauga County in addition to her Spiritual direction and retreat ministry.

**Louisa G. Celebrezze** has been a clinical social worker in private practice for 25 years. She has worked 30 years in Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises giving retreats alongside Fr. Tom Radloff, S.J. and the late Henry Birkenhauer, S.J. Among her many involvements, Louisa served on the Board of Directors for the Jesuit Retreat House from 1998 to 2004.

**Patrick Cleary-Burns** is a graduate of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University and holds a BA in Theology and MA in Pastoral Ministry, both from Boston College. Pat is an independent spiritual director and retreat leader. Pat and wife Jeannie live in South Euclid and are members of Saint Malachi Parish. You can learn more about Pat’s ministry by visiting [www.patclearyburns.net](http://www.patclearyburns.net).



## *Spring and Summer at Jesuit Retreat House* *~Rejuvenate the Soul~*

June 16-23 <i>8-day retreat (\$475)</i>	Jack Dister, S.J., Pat Cleary-Burns and Liz Cotter
June 21-23 <i>Weekend retreat (\$185)</i>	Jack Dister, S.J., Louisa Celebrezze, Liz Cotter and Pat Cleary-Burns
June 28-July 3 <i>6-day retreat (\$360)</i>	Jack Dister, S.J., Mary Ann Burke, S.N.D., and Mary Ann Spangler, H.M.
June 28-30 <i>Weekend retreat (\$185)</i>	Jack Dister, S.J., Mary Ann Burke, S.N.D., and Mary Ann Spangler, H.M.
July 7-14 <i>8-day retreat (\$475)</i>	Rev. John Vrana
July 12-14 <i>Weekend retreat (\$185)</i>	Rev. John Vrana
July 15-19 <i>5-day retreat (\$325)</i>	Mary Ann Spangler, H.M.
<i>30-day retreat (\$1550)</i>	Call JRH at 440-884-9300 ext 10 for details

**IDR Cost includes room, board and director's stipend. Daily Mass and Reconciliation available.**  
**Please call Barbara for information at 440-884-9300 ext 10. Scholarship monies are available.**

## *Summer 2012*

**Liz Cotter** began her retreat work at Saint Ignatius High School in 2000, after completing an 8 week retreat and the 32 week Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. She began facilitating small groups while being mentored by Fr. Jim Lewis, S.J. During the 5 years she did small group facilitation, she felt a call to be certified in spiritual direction. Liz was accepted into the 2 year Ignatian Spirituality Program at John Carroll University. After completing the program she began accompanying individuals on their spiritual journeys. Through the ministry of Spiritual Direction she hopes to help others discover the divine within...To be the second listener reflecting back God's loving presence in their lives. Liz currently serves on the Board of Directors at Jesuit Retreat House.

**Rev. Jack Dister, S.J.** is a retreat director at Jesuit Retreat House. He draws upon extensive pastoral ministry experience, having served at St. Therese's Retreat Center (Columbus, OH), Loyola of the Lakes Jesuit Retreat House (near Akron), Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland), and University of Detroit Mercy. He served nine years as Provincial Assistant for Retreat Houses and for Social Ministry for the Detroit Province of the Jesuits. Earlier he

spent many years in teaching and administration at John Carroll University. He is currently a hospital chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic and ministers part time at JRH.

**Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, H.M.** a sister of the Humility of Mary, comes with many years of educational and retreat/spiritual direction experience. She obtained her Masters Degree at Kent State University and spiritual direction certification from the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University. Sr. Mary Ann is presently a full-time spiritual companion to young adults on college campuses focusing on prayer, relationships, discernment and transitions in life. She also facilitates Ignatian retreats and spiritual direction throughout northeast Ohio.

**Fr. John Vrana** is a native of Cleveland and was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 1967. He studied at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada and at the Katholieke University te Leuven in Belgium where he earned the degree, Doctor of Sacred Theology. He was assigned to teach at Saint Mary Seminary in Cleveland. During his eighteen years on the seminary faculty he also served as Spiritual Director. He is currently on staff at St. Jude Parish.

# House News



## JRH Garden

This is the second year for the Jesuit Retreat House Garden. This spring, George Mravetz and Scott Oberg expanded the garden into 12 raised beds. We have received donations of plastic barrels from the Coca-Cola company and David Oberg. With these barrels we are able to collect and store 1,300 gallons of rain water for use in watering the garden. In addition we are utilizing several barrels to recycle kitchen refuse into compost for the garden. We are very excited about the opportunity of providing the kitchen with many fresh and nutritious vegetables for our retreatants.

## Firewood for Sale

Many of you have asked about our downed trees from Hurricane Sandy. While the loss of these trees is very unfortunate you can help us recover some of the cost of the storm damage by purchasing some Hardwood Seasoned Firewood. The cost is \$250 per cord (will divide) For information call the Jesuit Retreat House 440-884-9300

## JRH Books for Sale

**The First Spiritual Exercises: Four Guided Retreats** by Michael Hansesn, S.J., is an adaptation of St. Ignatius' work. It is a practical manual, very helpful to both directors and retreatants. In this post-Resurrection season, a good read about the cosmic Christ might be helpful from Ilia Delio's, **The Emerging Christ**. Delio is a scientist, theologian and Franciscan Sister working at Woodstock, The Jesuit Center in Washington, D.C. A wonderfully informative and interesting treatment of New Testament Studies since Vatican II is Jesuit Daniel Harrington's, **Witness to the Word**.

(Stop by JRH to check out these books and many more we have for sale)

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# Items from the JRH Notebook

**September 16-November 4, 9:30-11:30 am**

## **Praying with St. Ignatius**

Praying with St. Ignatius is a Scripture-based retreat adapted from The Spiritual Exercises that deepens your spirituality and fosters a heartfelt knowledge of Jesus. For eight Monday's you will be guided through different methods of prayer, meditation, journaling, and small group sharing. Is God calling you to a closer relationship? Come and see!

Cost is \$75/person. More details to follow on the JRH Website: [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org)

**September 21, 8:30 am-2:00 pm**

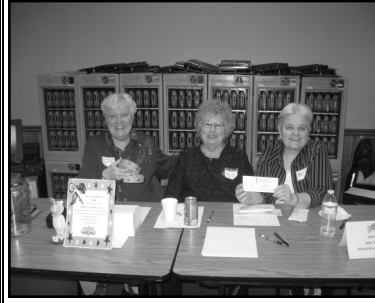
## **Spiritual Networking for Lawyers**

*Balancing Faith, Work & The Spiritual Exercises*

The Lawyers Guild for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Jesuit Retreat House present this retreat and 2.5 Continuing Legal Education Credits in Ohio. The day will include; spiritual growth, optional mass, lunch, Pilgrim Trail Prayer Service and networking. More details to follow.

Contact Robert Hager at 216-695-6926 or Frank DeSantis at 216-566-5514 with questions.

## **JRH Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**



Thank you to all who came out and supported our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on January 27. We had an excellent turnout and a very supportive crowd. It was for a great cause, as the proceeds went to our Recovery Retreat

Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to all the volunteers who worked the event, the folks who donated baskets and prizes and a very special thanks to the fine people at The Ed Keating Center for sponsoring the event.

***“God freely created us so that we might know, love, and serve him in this life and be happy with him forever. God's purpose in creating us is to draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth, so that we may attain our goal of everlasting happiness with him in heaven.”***  
~ St. Ignatius of Loyola

**September 11, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm**

## **An Evening for Men in Prayer**

Why do I need to pray? Does God really hear me? How can I improve my prayer life? Discuss these questions and seek the answers at the Jesuit Retreat House. This retreat will be facilitated by Fr. Martin Connell, S.J.

Cost is \$15/person. Refreshments provided.

### **Save the Date:**

Terry Pluto talk & book signing.  
July 29, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Call JRH for details.

### *In Loving Memory*



*Each month we remember our benefactors with Mass. In a special way we remember our friends who have gone home to the Lord. We remember and pray for, Charles Rini, Paul Kinnison, Gerald Barry, Chris Normile and Marie Armbruster. Please let us know when you lose a loved one, and we will add them to our Mass intentions.*

Register for all programs at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org) or by sending in the form below.  
Space is limited so pre-registration is preferred. Questions? Call (440) 884-9300.

### **Retreat Registration Form**

Please send full payment along with this registration form to

**Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd / Parma, OH 44134** or register online at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).

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### **HAPPENING NOW! OPEN TO ALL!**

**May 17 & 18 The Christian at Work in the World: Our Calling**  
presented by Edward P. Hahnenberg, Ph.D.

**Friday, May 17th - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**      **Saturday, May 18th - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
*Vatican II on the Life of the Laity in the World*      *Living Out Our Many Callings*

**A complete brochure with full details is available at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).**

Program Options include Friday Evening Only: \$25.00; Saturday including lunch: \$50.00; Friday Evening and Saturday including lunch: \$65.00; Friday Evening and Saturday including meals and overnight accommodations: \$98.00.

To Register: send a check with program option to Jesuit Retreat House, OR register online: [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: October 25 & 26, 2013.** Ignatian Currents presenter will be Sr. Janice Bachman, O.P., Spiritual Director and Jungian Analyst.

**Find the latest Lay Leadership News at [www.jrh-cleveland.org](http://www.jrh-cleveland.org), or contact Lay Leadership Program Director, Martha Campbell at [campbellmarthal@gmail.com](mailto:campbellmarthal@gmail.com)**