Sisters of Mercy Retreat House
5800 Pleasure Avenue
Sea Isle City, NJ 08243

Directed and Conference Retreats
Accommodations: 23 to 26 Retreatants
Dates: April 7-9, June 3-10, June 10-17, September 9-16, September 16 – 23

Lenten Weekend Retreat
April 7-9, 2017

Judith Schubert, RSM
Judith is a professor of theology at Georgian Court University. Judith teaches Bible to both graduate and undergraduate students. She has guided many pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Kathleen McAlpin, RSM
Kathleen teaches spirituality and formation of spiritual directors at Neumann and Creighton Universities as well as at Cranaleith Spirituality Center. She has also guided many retreats to a variety of faith communities in the U.S. and beyond.

Retreat Title: Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
This special weekend will guide participants on a shared virtual pilgrimage to the land where Jesus lived and preached his Gospel in word and deed. Background on the history, culture and geography of the Holy Land will enhance ongoing readings from texts that appear in the Bible, daily liturgical readings and our life of prayer. The weekend will include prayer services, optional discussions, and slides that are relevant to the pilgrimage. We hope this pilgrimage time will be supportive to your prayer as Holy Week unfolds.

Cost of the Retreat: $100.00
Lenten Weekend Retreat Registration Form
Sisters of Mercy Retreat House
Sea Isle City, New Jersey

Name ___________________________________ Phone ________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________
Email __________________________________________

Retreat Accommodations:
Choices include Trocaire, Duplex – First Floor, and Duplex – Second Floor. Please indicate your choices on the lines below:

First Choice: ________________
Second Choice: ________________

Any health considerations that affect your choice of room assignment?
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Any dietary needs? ____________________________________________________________________

Retreat registrations are accepted by mail only.

Please send the retreat registration to:

Sister Bette Gallagher, RSM
Sisters of Mercy Convent
515 Montgomery Avenue
Merion, PA 19066

Once your registration is confirmed, please send the retreat fee of $100.00 payable to the Sisters of Mercy to:

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June 3 to 10, 2017

John Collins, CSsR
John Collins is a Redemptorist priest whose ministerial background includes parish and retreat work, spiritual direction and counseling/psychotherapy, and pastoral work in healthcare and higher education. John has a long association with the mission and values of the Sisters of Mercy through his many years of service as chaplain at Gwynedd Mercy University and as a guest celebrant at community liturgies. John is currently on the staff of San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

Julie Grey, OP
Sister Julie Grey, a Dominican Sister of Peace, has a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University. She is a graduate of the Institute for Spiritual Leadership (ISL) in Chicago and the Center for Religious Development in Cambridge, MA. Her work includes spiritual direction and program development at Emmaus Spiritual Life Center in Connecticut. She has given directed retreats throughout New England and has served in Formation Ministry for her congregation. Sister Julie is currently a full-time director at St. Raphaela Center.

Kathleen Gannon, OSF
Kathleen Gannon has ministered as a spiritual director for many years, initially companionsing women in formation in her Congregation. Trained as a spiritual director in Guelph, Canada, and immersed in continued education and training in the Spiritual Exercises through the lens of Franciscan spirituality in Cincinnati, OH, Kathleen has been invited to various places in the U.S. as a retreat director. For more than 15 years at the School of Applied Theology, in Berkeley, CA, Kathleen had the privilege of being a spiritual director and retreat director for women and men from around the world. Presently Kathleen is in Philadelphia and continues to minister as a spiritual director. She also ministers as a massage therapist in her Congregation’s retirement home.

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June 10-17, 2017

Sharon Browning
Sharon is a spiritual director and supervisor, and facilitates retreats and workshops on a variety of spiritual topics. Additionally she shepherds JUST Listening, a social enterprise fostering personal and social change and transformation through the practice and teaching of mindful listening and communication skills.

Margaret Ellen Burke, SC
Sister Margaret Ellen Burke, SC is a New York Sister of Charity. Margaret has been training and supervising spiritual directors for over 25 years as well as giving retreats (directed, guided, preached) in the U.S. and Canada. As co-founder and director of the Center of Renewal & Education, she has and continues to focus on the formation and spiritual development of lay leaders in the upper counties of the New York Archdiocese. Her background also includes years of chaplaincy to the terminally ill. Hiking is one of her favorite pastimes and she is rarely seen without her camera. She presently resides at the organic farm of the Sisters of Charity in Dutchess County New York.

Mary Carboy, SSJ
Sister Mary Carboy is currently in full time ministry as spiritual/retreat director at St. Raphaela Center, Haverford, PA. Mary graduated from Duquesne University with an M.A. in Formative Spirituality and completed programs in direction through the Center for Spirituality in Wernersville, PA and Chestnut Hill, PA.

Solitude Retreat: 6 Spaces
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Following Jesus and the Gospel with Catherine McAuley
September 9-16, 2017

Mary Sullivan, RSM
Mary is a member of the NyPaW (New York, Pennsylvania, Community of the Sisters of Mercy). She is the author or editor of Catherine McAuley and the Tradition of Mercy, The Friendship of Florence Nightingale and Mary Clare Moore, The Correspondence of Catherine McAuley, 1818-1841 and The Path of Mercy: The Life of Catherine McAuley, as well as several articles on Catherine McAuley and Mercy Spirituality.

"Our retreat will focus on the following of Jesus Christ and the Gospel as encouraged by Catherine McAuley in her rule, her sayings, and her oral instructions to the first Sisters of Mercy." We will use Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy, the Bible and The Practical Sayings of Catherine McAuley, published in 2010 (a small, thin, grayish-covered paperback with Mary Pat Garvin's photograph of part of the statue of Catherine McAuley on the cover). If you don't have a copy of the Practical Sayings or can't find your copy, don't worry: Mary will be bringing many extra copies. Please bring your Bible and the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy with you.
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Create New Hearts in Us, O God
September 16 - 23, 2017

Marie Michele Donnelly, RSM
Michele currently serves as co-director of Mercy Spiritual Ministries, through which she provides preached retreats for parishes, school faculties, ministry groups, ecumenical groups and religious communities. She is a frequent presenter for parent and parish groups throughout the Tri-State region (PA, NJ and DE). Sister is a keynote speaker for large groups across the United States. She holds an MA in Theology from Villanova University.

Mary Kay Eichman, RSM
Mary Kay is a multimedia design and creative art facilitator presently working with the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid-Atlantic Community. She is active with both the Spiritual Life and Liturgy Committees. She designs environments and spiritual-prayer rituals through creative PowerPoint presentations and celebrations. Mary Kay received a B.A. from Gwynedd-Mercy University and has furthered her education at Fairfield University in the areas of Creation-Centered Spirituality and Religious Studies.

Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si makes clear that we all need a complete turnabout in our relationship with the Earth, a transformation that can be sustained only if it is rooted in a spiritual vision. Though the profound conversion asked of us comes ultimately as God’s gift, there are several ways we can be more disposed to God’s grace. The retreat will address several key elements of an ecological spirituality needed to open us to divine grace.

Michele will do one presentation in the morning and Mary Kay will do a contemplative prayer experience in the evening.
June and September Retreats Registration Form  
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Name___________________________________ Phone________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________
Email ________________________________________________________________

Retreat Choice:
   First Date:______Presenter/Director/Solitude:__________________
   Second Date:_____Presenter/Director/Solitude:__________________

Please note that retreats that are oversubscribed will be handled by lottery.

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Any health considerations that affect your choice of room assignment?
________________________________________________________________________

Any dietary needs? __________________________________________________________
Massage therapists will be available during directed retreats only. Are you interested in a massage? _______Yes ________No

Please send the retreat registration to:

Sister Maureen Roe, RSM
Sisters of Mercy
301 Carolee Circle
Springfield, PA 19064

Retreat Registrations are accepted by mail only.

Please send the retreat fee of $450 after your retreat has been confirmed. All fees must be received by April 9, 2017. Checks should be payable to Sisters of Mercy and sent to:

Sister Anne Woodeshick, RSM
Annunciation BVM Convent
423 Brookline Boulevard
Havertown, PA 19083-3924