

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter

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Lenten 2016 Offerings - Jubilee of Mercy

The Gospel according to Saint Luke has traditionally merited the title "The Gospel of Mercy" as the theme of God's merciful love interweaves throughout the whole book from beginning to end. This gospel contains a cluster of parables unique to Saint Luke, which especially highlights the love and mercy of God our Creator. Ultimately it is the particular emphasis Saint Luke places on the universal scope of Divine Mercy, presenting it as a distinctive characteristic of the Reign of God dawning upon the world through Jesus Christ.

These mercy gatherings will be a combination of prayer and recollection along with application and implementation in our individual and communal lives. Incorporated will be a guided Ignatian meditation with an Application of the Senses led by Bergamo's Jubilee Retreat Guide Anthony Franchina. The day of recollection on March 5 will include a wholesome lunch to be enjoyed in sacred silence. You may register for one, two, or all three. There are no prerequisites.



I Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) and the Spiritual Works of Mercy – Tues., Feb. 16, 7-9pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

II Persistent Widow "Praying Without Ceasing" (Luke 18:1-8) & the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy Sat., March 5, 9am to 3pm, Sieben Hall

III Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32) & the Corporal Works of Mercy - Weds, March 16, 7-9 pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

You may register for these events by calling the Bergamo Center at 426-2363.

Welcome New Cook/Server – Lejon Alexander

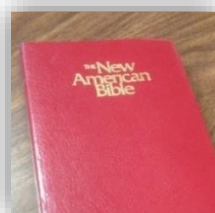


In January we introduced to the staff Lejon Alexander as our new part time cook/server. Lejon has experience with a number of restaurants and dining facilities. Lejon will be assisting with both daytime and evening dining shifts in both cooking and serving capacities.

Thank You

We thank the Belle Vault & Monument of Miamisburg who poured a new economical, yet elegant base for the Madonna and child Jesus statue in the Bergamo lobby, in front of the Roncalli Assembly. This statue originally stood at the Marianist Brothers residence at St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. When that building became the hospice of the Western Reserve, the statue was moved to the Brothers residence at Marcella. When that was sold the statue came to St. Aloysius Parish in Cleveland, and now it graces the Bergamo Center.

In response to our request for New American Bibles in the Bergamo bedrooms, we thank the Daughters of the Immaculate Conception who contributed to funding the purchase of 75 bibles.



Marianist Feast Days in February

Presentation of the Lord – Feb. 2
Our Lady of Lourdes – Feb. 11



February Staff Birthdays

Sam El-hajj-moussa - February 5
Ginny Snead - February 21
Gina Gregory - February 27

February Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Watterson Kairos (55) – Feb. 1
Moeller HS Retreat (45) – Feb. 1-2
Scrapbookers Retreat (20) – Feb. 5-6
UD Madeleine Group (50) – Feb. 5-6
New Day Church (100) – Feb. 7
McAuley HS (45) – Feb. 8-9
Ohio Star Quilters (14) – Feb. 8-10
Moeller Kairos (70) – Feb. 9-12
Miami Valley Quilters (108) - Feb. 13-15
Springfield Catholic (43) – Feb. 18-19
Christian Life Center Board (12) – Feb. 19-20
UD Metanoia Group (60) – Feb. 19-21
ISP Women's Retreat (20) – Feb. 20-21
Columbus Diocese Deacon Formation (50) – Feb. 21
Carroll HS (45) – Feb. 21-22
Mother of Mercy HS (45) – Feb. 22-23
Watterson Kairos (70) – Feb. 23-26
St. Francis Women (100) – Feb. 26-28
Watterson HS (70) – Feb. 28-29
Seton HS (45) – Feb. 29-March 1

Quote

"But your house, and you must be mercy!"

Letter from Ven. Marie Thérèse de Lamourous
to Therese Rondeau, 1819

