

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter

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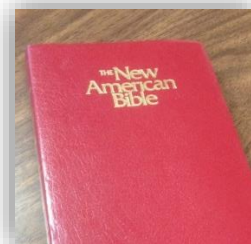
World's Greatest Retreat

"World's Greatest Retreat" is scheduled for March 5 & 6. Registration is open, please see our Facebook page. This popular youth retreat at Bergamo tends to fill up each year. The title *World's Greatest* refers not so much that this is the greatest retreat ever, but rather that we are the only inhabitants of this planet that are made in the image of God, so that means we are the greatest gifts to this earth and we should respect the earth, respect all life, respect each other, and make the choices in our lives likewise.



Welcome Spirit at Bergamo

The staff of Bergamo welcomes guests to Bergamo in a friendly, distinctly Marianist way and lets visitors know this is a place where the spirit can find peace and inspiration. Each bedroom has a picture of the Three O'clock prayer with Mary and John at the foot of the cross. A grant of \$500 from the Province has been received to complete the revision of new bedroom Guest Welcome booklets with revised maps and information about the Center and the Mount Saint John Property. New American Bibles are needed yet in all of the bedrooms. The Bergamo Center is looking for assistance in funding the purchase of 75 bibles. Please contact the Center at 426-2363 if you or your organization is interested in contributing to this project.



January Staff Birthdays

Louisa Wroten – Jan. 22
Amy Lehmann – Jan. 29

Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared 2016 to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy. A number of opportunities for reflection and recollection are planned at the Bergamo Center. A new web page has been added to the Bergamo website that has updates on [Jubilee Activities at the Bergamo Center](#). Now greeting guests at the Bergamo Center is our very own Jubilee Door designed to symbolize the spirit of the Year of Mercy that is open to pilgrims seeking forgiveness and mercy.



With the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy printed boldly on the door it is a visual reminder of the many ways we can practice mercy with friends, family, coworkers and strangers alike.

Evening of Recollection * Mon. Jan. 11 - 7--9 pm * Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Bergamo Center

An Evening of Recollection encompassing a guided Ignatian meditation on the **Baptism of Jesus by John** (the feast which formally concludes the Christmas season on the Church calendar) will be held on **Mon., Jan. 11, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel on the lower level of Bergamo Center. *This will be in memoriam of Father John A. McGrath, S.M. who was the president of Mount Saint John and died early on December 26.*



Bergamo's Jubilee Retreat Guide Anthony Franchina, will facilitate this prayerful experience complete with an Application of the Senses. You may register for this free will offering event by calling the Bergamo Center at 426-2363.

Marianist Feast Days in January

January 10 - Adele de Batz de Trenquelleon
January 22 - Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



January Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

McNicholas HS Retreat (86) – Jan. 5-6
UD Mission Director (18) – Jan. 7-8
Villa Madonna HS Retreat (30) - Jan. 7-8
St. Francis Men's Retreat (61) – Jan. 8-10
Alter HS Retreat (45) – Jan. 10-11
Evening of Recollection (20) – Jan. 11
Hartley HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 12-15
Bergamo Board (15) – Jan. 14
UD Fellows Rejuvenate (15) – Jan. 15
Shearcroppers Srapbook Retreat (15) – Jan. 16-18
Marianist Founders Reception (150) – Jan. 16
Immaculate Conception, Celina (30) – Jan. 17-18
Mt. Notre Dame HS (60) – Jan. 18-19
CJ HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 19-22
Pre Cana (100) – Jan. 23
Hartley HS Retreat (70) – Jan. 24-25
Moeller HS Retreat (50) – Jan. 25-26
Northminster Presbyterian (15) – Jan. 25-27
Alter HS Kairos (70) – Jan. 26-29
Miami Valley Sewing Guild (24) – Jan. 29-31

Photos of the newly named
Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel



Quote

"Be faithful; let faith be the motive of your fidelity.
That is all."

Bl. William Chaminade

