

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter

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Mary Window Mystery

Bergamo accepted a recent donation of stained glass depicting what we are guessing is Mary from Gary & Leslie Watson of Dayton. The piece was previously owned by a relative who was an antique dealer. We are inviting our Marianist community to let us know if it looks familiar...possibly it may have been saved over the past 20 years from an area church in Southwest Ohio. If you know anything about this image of Mary please give us a call. It is temporarily on display in the lobby of the Bergamo Center.



Ordination of Bob Jones

The Bergamo Center has had the honor and pleasure of hosting Marianist Directors who are in Dayton this weekend for the ordination of Bob Jones, SM. We also welcome the family of Bob Jones who will be joining us for brunch following the 2nd mass celebrated by Rev. Jones on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The Origins of Jubilee

The word *jubilee* derives from the Hebrew "jobel" and refers to the blast of the shofar on the Day of Atonement. We read in part about the ancient practice of a holy year in the Book of Leviticus:



You shall treat this fiftieth year as sacred. You shall proclaim liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to your own property, each of you to your own family. This fiftieth year is your year of jubilee; you shall not sow, nor shall you reap the aftergrowth or pick the untrimmed vines, since this is the jubilee. It shall be sacred for you. You may only eat what the field yields of itself.
(25:10-12)

The first Christian jubilee was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300—the same year in which Dante Alighieri set his magnum opus *The Divine Comedy* whose reading has been recommended by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy beginning in 2015.

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.



On the Marianist World Day of Prayer on Oct. 11, which is also the Feast of Saint Pope John XXIII, from 6-8 pm at the Center, Jubilee Retreat Guide **Anthony Franchina** will lead participants in a reflection on the "Trifecta of Mercy", into the roles John XXIII, John Paul II and Pope Francis have played leading to this Jubilee of Mercy. You may register for this free will offering event at the [Jubilee Eventbrite Site](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-trifecta-of-mercy-tickets-18519833320):
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A new web page has been added to the Bergamo website that has updates on [Jubilee Activities at the Bergamo Center](http://www.bergamocenter.org/Jubilees.htm).
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The site includes a link to a [reproduceable complete listing of other Jubilee of Mercy events at Bergamo](#).

Prayers

- For the health, well-being and healing of Bergamo staff members, in particular for those who have been hospitalized recently for various reasons.



Marianist Feast Days in October

Foundation of the Soc. Of Mary – Oct. 2
Our Lady of the Rosary – Oct. 7
Our Lady of the Pillar – Oct. 12

Sorry – there are no Oct. birthdays for staff!

October Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Chaminade Julienne Kairos (55) – Oct. 1
Marianist Province Directors (46) – Oct. 1-4
Moeller HS (50) – Oct. 5-6
Pastoral Services of Archdiocese (7) – Oct. 5-9
Province & UD (50) – Oct. 6-9
Led by the Light Ascension Women (55) – Oct. 10-11
Carroll HS (45) – Oct. 11-12
Journal of Curriculum Theory (90) - Oct. 15-18
Alter HS (50) – Oct. 18-19
McAuley HS (45) – Oct. 19-20
Visitation Marianist State Fall Retreat (30) – Oct. 23-25
Goldsmith Group (8) – Oct. 23-25
Hartley HS (45) – Oct. 25-26
Seton HS (45) – Oct. 26-27
Villa Madonna HS (45) – Oct. 28-29
Marianist Province (30) – Oct. 29
Westminster (40) – Oct. 30-31
Ignatian Spirituality Project ISP Women (20) – Oct. 31

Quote

*"The Council.
God knows that I opened my small soul to this great inspiration with the utmost simplicity. Will he grant me enough time to finish it? May he be praised if he does not grant it. I shall see the happy conclusion from heaven, where I hope, and am even certain, Divine Mercy will allow me to enter."*

Saint Pope John XXIII





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Prayer, Retreat and Pilgrimage Offerings
Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



Sunday, October 11, 2015 * 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening of Reflection: "The Trifecta of Mercy" with Popes John XXIII, John Paul II, and Francis

Monday, November 2, 2015 * 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Evening of Contemplation: *The Holy Year of Mercy and Dante's Divine Comedy*

Thursday, December 3, 2015 * 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Advent Evening of Recollection: *Ignatian Meditation on the Annunciation-Incarnation*

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 * 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Jubilee Prelude, Eucharistic Celebration with "Mary, Mother of Mercy" Icon Blessing, Lunch

Monday, December 14, 2015 * 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Advent Day of Recollection: *Ignatian Meditation on the Visitation and Mary's Canticle*

January 2016

Divine Comedy Contemplative Retreat I (Introductory)

February/March 2016

Lenten Days of Recollection on the Gospel Parables and Works of Mercy

April 2016

Divine Comedy Contemplative Retreat II (Deepening)

May 15, 2016: Pentecost Sunday Reflection

"Saint Pope John XXIII's Inspiration for Vatican Council II and His Prayer for a 'New Pentecost' "

June 2016

Divine Comedy Contemplative Retreat III (Predeparture Orientation for Pilgrimage)

Summer 2016

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy (Itinerary -- North to South):

Bergamo (John XXIII), Brescia (Paul VI), Verona (Dante), Ravenna (Dante), Florence (Dante), Rome

For more information or to collaborate as a Volunteer of Mercy, please contact:

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