

Malvern Retreat House

2010 Retreats for Men



*“Whom Shall I Send...
Send Me Lord.”* Isaiah 6:8




MALVERN
Retreat House
ST. JOSEPH'S-IN-THE-HILLS

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A Life-changing Story

It was a wintry Friday afternoon and I was updating the bulletin board in Our Lady's Hall when this guy came in looking for Father Dennis O'Donnell. He was carrying a box not big enough for a weekend of clothes. It was clear from his eyes he was in some kind of distress so I directed him to Father's office. While I was on retreat some months later a man gave a witness talk about how Malvern had saved his life. He looked vaguely familiar and had a box with him. He seemed happy and excited to tell his story. He said one day back in January he had serious issues with his kids, his business was hurting and that morning, the final straw, his wife had left him. He put a box in his car and headed for Valley Forge State Park. On the road he saw a sign for Malvern Retreat House and remembered Malvern from many years ago. Something made him turn up Warren Ave. and look for Father O'Donnell. Who would have thought the turn on Warren Avenue into Malvern Retreat House saved his life? He reconciled with his wife and kids and the business turned around. He looked great. Then it hit me, this was the wild eyed guy I sent to Fr. O'Donnell's office.

At the end of his talk he opened the box.

In it was a handgun that he planned to use to end his life. Malvern Retreat House was an instrument in saving his life!



Our History

As the largest Catholic retreat house in the United States, Malvern Retreat House, St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills is operated by the Laymen's Retreat League working in full canonical jurisdiction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Founded in 1912, the retreat house is lay-owned and operated. The first weekend retreats were held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and, in 1922 a group of Catholic men founded the retreat house in Malvern, PA.

What Happens on a Retreat?

During our traditional men's retreats, the schedule is pre-set. Upon arrival you will receive a schedule for the entire weekend, starting with 5:00 PM registration on Friday evening and the closing Mass ending at 10:45 AM on Sunday. The retreat consists of Retreat Director conferences/talks, Eucharistic liturgies, private adoration in one of our oratories, Reconciliation, Saturday afternoon workshops (optional), Q and A and quiet time. The key is to take advantage of the entire weekend to meet the Lord in the way which best suits you. We simply invite you to a retreat and the Lord does the rest. If you attend one of our thematic retreats, the schedule varies with each retreat.

Why Should I Make a Retreat? Are You Running on Empty Now?

When is the last time you spent time alone with the Lord? Do you feel as if you are running on empty? If your spiritual life is secondary to your daily life, a retreat will help you to restore balance to your life. It is virtually a time-out with God, self and others. Regardless of your personal spiritual walk today, a retreat at Malvern Retreat House may be a life-changing experience. Just ask the one million plus men who have made a retreat here! Whether you have an active spiritual life or, you may be a prodigal son desiring to return to your faith, consider making a retreat at Malvern Retreat House.

Why do you have Private Adoration?

During the weekend you are assigned a 15-minute block of time for adoration in one of our oratories. This is the moment when many men encounter Christ on a personal level. How do we know? Read our testimonies from countless men who have shared with us their stories. The death of a spouse, child, recent retirement, loss of a job, financial problems and so much more are brought to the altar during the weekend. This is your private time with the Lord; a time to speak and a time to listen.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why Should I Make a Retreat?

A. A retreat is a perfect anecdote for bringing your life into balance with the Lord. There is a perception in society that retreats are for holy people; those who are spiritually perfect. It is quite the opposite at Malvern Retreat House! A retreat is a time when God is calling you to respond to Him with a listening heart. If you believe you are a Prodigal son in some manner, perhaps, you have not been to church in years or, you have experienced a moment when you felt the Lord abandoned you or your family, then a retreat at Malvern Retreat House is your remedy. Saint John Vianney, the Cure of Ars once wrote about the power of retreating away from the stress of everyday living by writing, "You know that the Redeemer often withdrew from public life to pray and that he was always active in the salvation of souls." Come and be refreshed in His presence!

Q. What is the cost of the retreat?

A. A traditional men's retreat weekend is a voluntary contribution based on a suggested donation for each year. In 2010, we are asking \$185.00 for a men's retreat weekend; this is subject to change. This includes five delicious meals. If you are attending one of the thematic retreats the cost will vary.

In addition to the schedule listed below, we also offer retreats for married couples, women, Retrouvaille (troubled marriages), Engaged Couples, singles, religious and clergy retreats. Many of these retreats are hosted in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center, a building with 50 rooms. Each room has a private bath and individually controlled heating and air-conditioning in each room. Please call the office at 610-644-0400 or visit our website at www.malvernretreat.com.

2010 Men's Traditional Retreat Schedule

January 8-10

Epiphany

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. Joseph Gleason

January 15-17

Our Lady of Fatima

Fr. Edward Murphy, SJ

Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

January 22-24

SS. Peter & Paul

Fr. Frank Devlin, OSA

Fr. Gregory Hickey

January 29-31

Holy Spirit

Fr. Joseph Breighner

Fr. Jude Michael Krill

February 5-7

St. Blaise

Fr. Edward Roszko

Fr. Gregory Hickey

February 12-14

St. John Neumann

Fr. John Nordeman

Fr. Gregory Hickey

February 26-28

Matt Talbot #19

Mr. Vincent DiPasquale

February 26-28

Peco/Good Shepherd

Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

March 5-7

Pope Pius XII

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. Edward Murphy, SJ

March 12-14

Holy Family

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. Frank Devlin, OSA

March 19-21

Caenaculum

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. William Gaffney

March 26-28

Palm Sunday

Fr. Joseph McCloskey

Fr. Gregory Hickey

April 1-3

Holy Week

Fr. Joseph Breighner

Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

April 9-11

Divine Mercy

Fr. Pablo Straub, CSsR

April 16-18

Matt Talbot #57

TBD

April 23-25

Most Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Dennis O'Donnell

Fr. Gregory Hickey

April 30-May 1

Archbishop Fitzmaurice

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

May 4-6

League of the Sacred Heart

Fr. John Murray, CSsR

May 7

Padre Pio

Fr. Gregory Hickey

May 14-16

Mid-May

Fr. Joseph Breighner

Fr. Stephen Baker, OSA

May 21-23

In His Sign Radio Network

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

May 28-31

St. Pius X

Fr. Edward Murphy, SJ

Fr. Dennis O'Donnell

June 3-6

Ave Maria Singles

Anthony Buono

June 11-13

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Fr. Jude Michael Krill

Fr. Joseph Gleason

June 18-20

Six-Three

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

June 25-27

Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Carmen Carlone

July 16-18

IJ Ferdinand/Hazleton

Fr. Gregory Hickey

July 30-August 1

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Fr. Dennis O'Donnell

Fr. Gregory Hickey

August 13-15

Chester County

Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

Fr. Gregory Hickey

August 20-22

Edward J. Friel Memorial

Fr. Joseph Breighner

Fr. Gregory Hickey

August 27-29

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fr. Edward Murphy, SJ

Fr. Gregory Hickey

September 10-12

Nativity BVM

Fr. Jude Michael Krill, OFM

September 17-19

St. Joseph Group

Fr. Gregory Hickey

Fr. Ralph Bonanno, OFM

October 1-3

Matt Talbot #34

TBD

Q. Do I have to register in advance?

A. Advance registrations are suggested. If you decide at the last minute to attend, don't hesitate to come. Contact the retreat house staff for more information regarding this retreat by calling 610-644-0400. You will receive a confirmation in the mail one week prior to your retreat. You may also register online at www.malvernretreat.com and click on "Retreats for Men."

Q. I'm coming alone...will I be uncomfortable?

A. Absolutely not! Depending on your schedule, we will assist you in choosing a retreat. If you are coming alone, do not be concerned. You will meet dozens of men during the weekend. In fact, we have a special orientation for you on Friday night of your retreat. As a first-time retreatant, you will wear a color-coded dot on your pocket card to identify you as a first-time retreatant. This will help the CA Captain to identify you and to provide another level of hospitality for you.

Q. Is there a dress code during a retreat?

A. Please dress comfortably. Liturgies in the chapels and your participation in private adoration reflect a need to dress respectfully. No tank tops, muscle man shirts or bare feet while in the buildings. Bring comfortable walking shoes if you intend to walk the grounds.

Q. Do you have linens and towels in our rooms?

A. Yes, we provide a set of towels, a washcloth, sheets, pillow and soap. Toiletries are available in the Gift Shop if needed.

Q. Do I have to share a room?

A. No! You have a private room with a sink, mirror, desk, chair, clothes rack and single bed. The bathroom is in the hallway. If you are attending a retreat in the Family Life Center, each room has a private bathroom.

October 5-7
Pope John XXIII-midweek
Fr. Dennis O'Donnell

October 15-17
Prosit
Fr. Dennis O'Donnell
Fr. Joseph Gleason

October 22-24
Atlantic City KOC
Fr. Gregory Hickey

October 22-24
Matt Talbot #19
TBD

October 29-31
Christus Rex
Fr. Dennis O'Donnell
Fr. Gregory Hickey

November 5-7
Legion of Mary
TBD

November 12-14
Ave Maria
Fr. Dennis O'Donnell
Fr. Gregory Hickey

November 19-21
Knights of the Immaculata
TBD

November 19-21
Furey Memorial
Fr. Joseph McCloskey

November 26-28
Thanksgiving
Fr. Dennis O'Donnell

December 3-5
Sons of Italy
Fr. Raphael Bomano, OFM

December 10-12
Immaculate Conception
Fr. Gregory Hickey
Fr. Stephen J. Baker, OSA



Other Retreats for Men and Women in 2010

- + **Feb. 12-14:** Retrouvaille retreat; "rediscover" your relationship with your spouse
- + **Feb. 19-21:** AA Couples directed by Sr. Linda Fischer, A.S.C.
- + **April 9-11:** Divine Mercy directed by Fr. Pablo Straub, CSsR
- + **April 9-11:** Retrouvaille retreat; "rediscover" your relationship with your spouse
- + **May 21-23:** In His Sign Radio Network Annual Weekend of Healing directed by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ and Kathleen McCarthy
- + **June 3-6:** Ave Maria Singles directed by Anthony Buono and team
- + **June 11-13:** Engaged Couples directed by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Family Life Bureau
- + **June 18-20:** Separated and Divorced directed by Peter Kleponis, M.S.
- + **July 2-4:** Family retreat directed by Fr. Sean McGillicuddy
- + **August 13-15:** Retrouvaille retreat; "rediscover" your relationship w/spouse
- + **September 7-10:** Contemplative retreat with Fr. John Paul Joyce, Superior of the Intercessors of the Lamb
- + **Sept. 17-19:** Married Couples "Cana" retreat directed by Fr. Joseph Breighner
- + **Oct. 15-17:** Family retreat directed by Fr. Joseph McCloskey, SJ

Malvern Retreat House is located in Malvern, PA. The R-5 SEPTA train line stops in Malvern, just a short walk to the retreat house. AMTRAK stops in Paoli, PA (about two miles from the retreat house.) We're close to Route 202, Route 30 and other intersecting highways. If you are coming from the Philadelphia airport, we are a 40-minutes drive away. Check our website at: www.malvernretreat.com for more information.