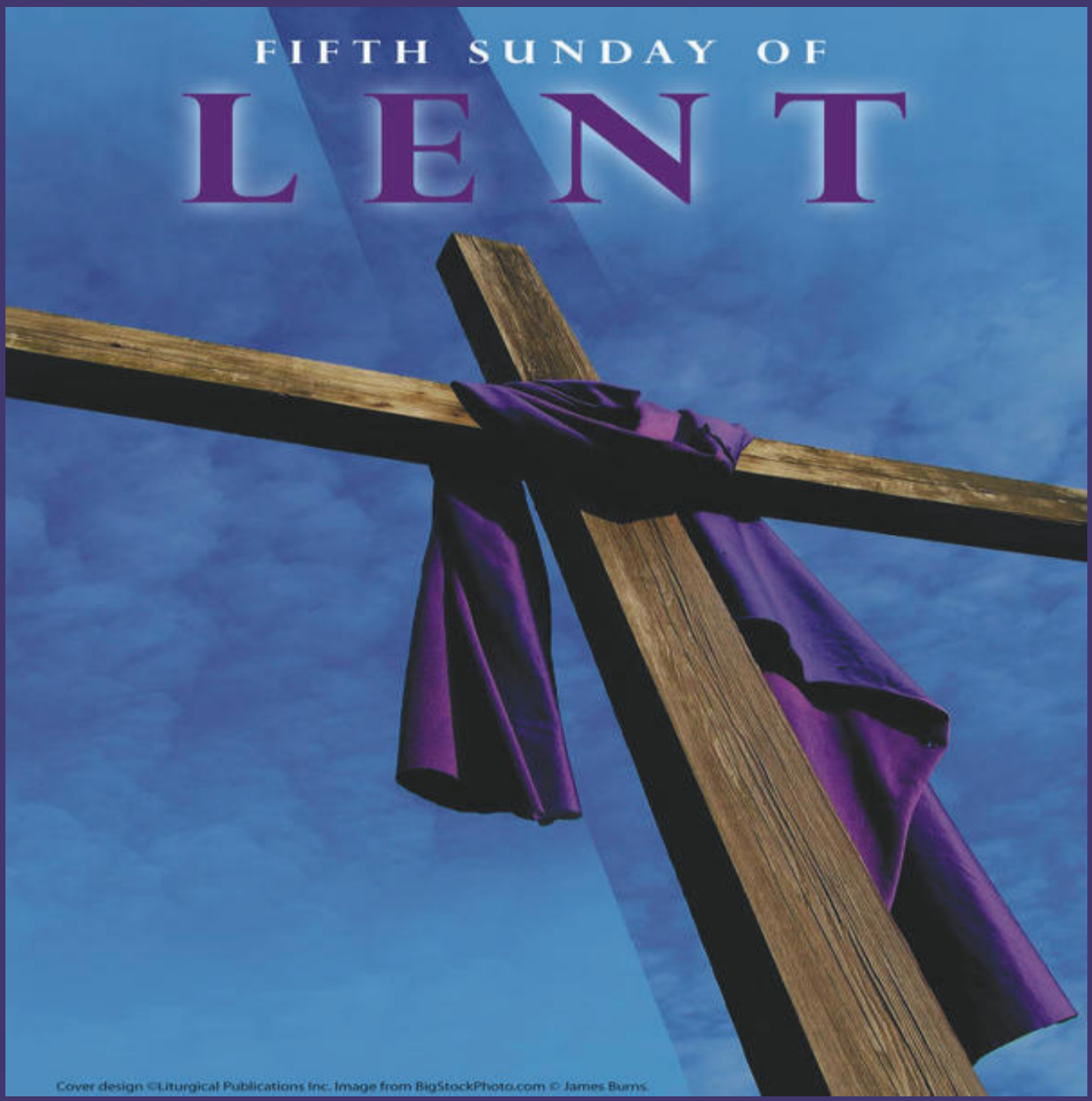
The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua

A Year Dedicated to St. Joseph



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **March 21, 2021**

FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR
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St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ

The Holy Eucharist

Saturday, Evening: 4:00 PM

Sunday, 8:30 AM, & 11:15 AM

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 AM
Thursday: 7:00 PM

First Friday of the Month
Devotions to the Sacred Heart
Following the 7:30 AM Mass

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thursday Evening: 6:00 PM
Saturday: 3:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35), Woodbridge, NJ

The Holy Eucharist

Palm Sunday, 10:00 AM Mass

Daily: Saturday *only*: 8:30 AM

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Saturday Morning Mass

This Thursday, March 25th, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. On this day, we celebrate when Mary said YES to being the Mother of God and Savior of the World, Jesus Christ.

Today's reflection is by St. Leo the Great on Mary.

Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, he began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, he hid his infinite glory and took the nature of a servant.

Incapable of suffering as God, he did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, he chose to be subject to the laws of death.

Amen!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, 8:30AM—3:30PM
Tuesday 10:00AM—3:30PM
Wednesday 8:30AM—3:30PM
Thursday8:30AM—5:30PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45PM—1:30PM

Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, March 22nd
7:30AM Respect for Life in All its Stages

Tuesday, March 23rd *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*
7:30AM John DiLauro
req. by The Huber Family

Wednesday, March 24th
7:30AM Teresa "Terri" Heil
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent R. Martino

Thursday, March 25th ***The Annunciation of the Lord***
7:00PM The Imbistone Family
req. by Loretta Napoli

Friday, March 26th
7:30AM A Special Intention for Healing
req. by Kathryn Korin

12:15PM Stations of the Cross
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th
4:00PM People of the Parish Family

Sunday, March 28th Palm Sunday
8:30AM Lauretta Dato *(21st Anniversary)*
req. by her daughter, Claire Milosica & family

11:15AM Daniel T. Bamber *(2nd Anniversary)*
req. by his son, James

LIVESTREAM EVENTS at
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH
Visit www.saintanthonypadua.org

Click *Celebrate Mass on Line* link

Celebrate Mass Online with zoom

Weekend Mass
Saturday, Vigil – 4:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am

Daily Mass
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 7:30am

Weekly Holy Hour w/Fr. Smith *(See schedule in bulletin)*

Monthly Rosary *(See schedule in bulletin)*

DRIVE UP RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDY AT 12:15PM

DISTRIBUTTUON ON SATURDAY EVENINGS S IS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Wednesday, March 24th
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 27th
8:30AM Alice Cappelli
req. by Frank & Ginny Clarke

Sunday, March 28th Palm Sunday
10:00AM Pelagio & Rosario Relampagos
req. by The Dizon Family

March 21ST, 2021 **5th Sunday of Lent**

Istenem, kérlek téged,
teremts bennem tiszta szívet.

Weekly Holy Hour with Father Smith
people of the parish and needs of the parish.

All are Welcome.

Monday, March 22nd	6:00PM	St. Anthony of Padua
Good Friday, April 2nd	12:00PM	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
	1:30PM	St. Anthony of Padua

This *Week's Scripture Readings*

Sunday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34
	Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
	Hebrews 5:7-9
	John 12:20-33 or Ezekiel 37:12-14
	Romans 8:8-11
	Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
	John 11:1-45
Monday:	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
	Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
	John 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Numbers 21:4-9
	Psalms102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
	John 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
	Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
	John 8:31-42
Thursday:	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
	Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11
	Hebrews 10:4-10
	Luke 1:26-38
Friday:	Jeremiah 20:10-13
	Psalms 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
	John 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ezekiel 37:21-28
	Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
	John 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
	Isaiah 50:4-7
	Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
	Philippians 2:6-11
	Mark 14:1—15:47

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua
Mission Statement

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua is a diverse Community of Faith formed in July 2012 by the merging of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel , Woodbridge (est. 1920) with St. **Anthony** of Padua Church, Port Reading (est. 1904). We proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church.

We are committed to maintaining worship as a powerful experience of the presence of God through Word, Sacrament, Music and Community.
We have a passion for Social Justice and our duties toward all people.

We enrich the Faith of those in need through a variety of ministries.
All are Welcome.

We strive to be a beacon of Faith, Hope and Love while honoring God's Presence in every person.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

The amount donated for the week of March 14th, 2021 was $5,223.00
The amount donated in 2020 was $3,187.00 (first week of pandemic)
Last week's donation was $2,036.00 more than last year.

This week you will notice the collection was unusually high compared to our collections for the past year when once the pandemic hit and even a normal weekly collection pre-covid pandemic (before March 2020). For the past year our collections have been down dramatically (25% to 50%) compared to the pre-covid times.

This week is the amount donated was unusually high. There are tow factors that effected the increase donations for this week. More people are attending Mass in person. Second many people who are just coming back to Mass caught up on their past donation.

I will continue to publish the collections comparing pre-covid pandemic and actual donations to the parish for this week so you can see the ongoing trend.

Thank you for your continued support.

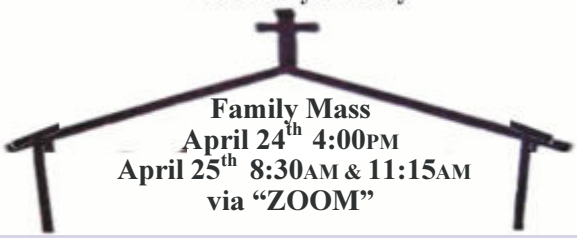
FAITH FORMATION

G.I.F.T. 2020—2021 The Apostles' Creed
March's Family Assignment was due Wednesday, March 17th.

FOR MASS GO TO OUR WEBSITE:
https//saintanthonypadua.org
To view our Bulletin: "Parish Life" tab at the top of the page

FOR ZOOM: SCROLL DOWN TO THE ICON
If prompted for :
Meeting ID : 853 392 8006
Password: 567757

Next G.I.F.T. Sessions:
Monday, April 12th & Wednesday, April 14th
Theme: 7: God, the Holy Spirit, Pentecost, The Holy Trinity



Family Mass
April 24th 4:00PM
April 25th 8:30AM & 11:15AM
via "ZOOM"

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

COMMUNION: Wednesday, March 24th

Level 1	6:00PM	Mrs. Caffarelli
Level 2	6:45PM	Christina & Mrs. Tortoriello

CONFIRMATION: Monday, March 22nd

Level 1	7:15PM	Mrs. Fischer Mr. Gennaro Tortoriello (sub)
Level 2	6:00PM	Mrs. Mary Balint

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

MASS REGISTRATION

Registration is still required for weekend Masses. If you have access to the internet please visit the parish website **www.saintanthonypadua.org** for instructions. If you do not have internet access, please call **732-634-1419** and leave a message. In order to plan accordingly registration for weekend Mass should be submitted by **Thursday 12noon**. Thank you for your cooperation.

CANDLES IN CHURCH

Because of COVID-19 it is the best practice not to use the electric votive candles in church. In the rectory chapel I have set up a place to light candles for your intention.

The office is now equipped so you can safely come to arrange for a votive candle to be lit for your special intention. If for personal reasons you prefer not to do so you may write your intention and the person or persons requesting the intention on a piece of paper. Place your intention in a sealed envelope **and** drop in the Collection Basket, Poor Box donation slot located in the narthex or the Parish Office mail slot, on the outside of the envelope mark : **Candle Intentions.**

VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship *Site*

TABERNACLE

In Loving Memory of my dear parents, Maria & Carmen and my loving brother, Victor
req. by Albina D'Alessio

May God Continue to Bestow His Blessings upon Richie Strada for continued good health
req. by John & Holly Pagliuca

GOOD SHEPHERD

In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen
req. by their family

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In Loving Memory of William & Gertrude Leahy
req. by Karen & Kevin Barnes & family

PASCHAL CANDLE

If you'd like to donate the Paschal Candle or the smaller matching Altar candles for **St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site** in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please contact the Parish office at **732-634-1403**.

Pope Francis' Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

PRAY FOR *OUR PRIESTS*

Mar. 22	Rev. Michael Saharic Rev. Edward Czarcinski
Mar. 23	Rev. Gerardo Paderon Very Rev. Leonard Rusay
Mar. 24	Our Holy Father Pope Francis I
Mar. 25	Rev. John Morley Rev. Marco Caceres
Mar. 26	Rev. Roy Quesea Rev. Marcin Gacek, CSsR
Mar. 27	Rev. James Walling, CPM Rev. Joseph Kabali
Mar. 28	Rev. Matthew Marinelli Rev. John Hillier

Pray for **our brave soldiers & their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family,** especially: an anonymous request, Emily Alusik, Pvt. Michael John Barbato III, Colleen Barcellona, Desmond Benimoff, Anne Bowley, Jessica Bunavage, Mary Cataldo, Dorothy Douglas, Linda Drakoulis, Steven Drakoulis, Fred Geardino, Kim Hickman, Veronica Kocsi, Josie LaSpina, Paul Marini, John Mazzarella, Jordyn & Taylor Pavey, Peter Reuben, Al Russo, Ina Sessa, Ryan Terebetsky.

HOUSE FIRE

On Saturday, February 27th, 2021 our fellow parishioner Dawn Bortner, a volunteer here at St. Anthony's and her sister, Darlene, lost their home to a devastating fire. The home was completely destroyed. Both, Dawn and Darlene were injured and are currently hospitalized.

Let us show the love that Christ asks of all Christians, that we care and are reaching out to help them.

Father Smith is setting up a fund to assist them in their hour of need. Please consider donating to this fund. Checks are to be made out to:
St. Anthony of Padua Church, in the Memo (Subject) line: Bortner Fund.

Donations should be placed in a plain envelope marked "Bortner Fund" and dropped in the Collection basket at Mass; dropped off at the Parish Office or after hours, slipped through mail slot in the Parish Office door.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

MINISTERS

Saturday, 03/27/2021

4:00pm	Reader	V. Clarke M. Oddo

Sunday, 03/28/2021

8:30am	Reader	C. Mazzarella R. Simeone
11:15am	Reader	C. Amuzie P. Emory

This week at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, March 22nd

Study Hall	6:30AM	Fr. Milos Hall
Mass	**7:30AM**	**Church**
Holy Hour / Fr. Smith	**6:00PM**	**Church**
Confirmation Prep Level 2	**6:00PM**	**via internet**
Confirmation Prep Level 1	**7:15PM**	**via internet**

Tuesday, March 23rd

Study Hall	6:30AM	Fr. Milos Hall
Mass / Novena	**7:30AM**	**Church**
AA	7:30PM	Fr. Milos Hall

Wednesday, March 24th

Study Hall	6:30AM	Fr. Milos Hall
Mass	**7:30AM**	**Church**
Communion—Level 1 (Penance)	**6:00PM**	**via internet**
Communion—Level 2 (Eucharist)	**6.45PM**	**via internet**

Thursday, March 25th

Study Hall	6:30AM	Fr. Milos Hall
Eucharistic Adoration	**2:30PM**	**Church**
Chaplet / Rosary	**3:00PM**	**Church**
Confessions	**6:00PM**	**Church**
Mass / Novena	**7:00PM**	**Church**
AA	8:00PM	Fr. Milos Hall

Friday, March 26th

Study Hall	6:30AM	Fr. Milos Hall
Mass	**7:30AM**	**Church**
Stations of the Cross	**12:15PM**	**Church**
Stations of the Cross	**7:00PM**	**Church & Zoom**

Saturday, March 27th

Confessions	**3:00PM**	**Church**
Mass	**4:00PM**	**Church**

Sunday, March 28th

Mass	**8:30AM**	**Church**
Mass	**11:15AM**	**Church**
Drive Up Communion	**12:15PM**	**Parking Lot**
AA	7:00PM	Fr. Milos Hall

This Week at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship *Site*

Wednesday, March 24th

Stations of the Cross	**7:00PM**	**Church**

Saturday, March 27th

Mass	**8:30AM**	**Church**

Sunday, March 28th

Mass *(NOTE TIME CHANGE)*	**10:00AM**	**Church**

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

MINISTERS

Sunday, 03/28/2021

10:00am	M. Dizon, C. Torres

COUNTING TEAMS

SUNDAY, March 21th
Team #3 C. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

SUNDAY, March 28th
Team #4 C. Ellis, R. Kierstead, N. Cinelli

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Our next Food Drive will be the weekend of April 10th & 11th. Items most needed are: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake mix and Syrup, Pork & Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat, Canned Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Detergent, Toiletries, Toothpaste, Soap and Body Wash.

More information can be found on the website: www.saintanthonypadua.org.

The Food Pantry is open for the distribution of food on the third Wednesday of each month. The next scheduled day for distribution of food is **Wednesday**, April 21st **from 10am—12noon.** If you know of someone who needs assistance, please contact Fr. Smith at the parish office or mail:

foodpantrystanthony@gmail.com.

Information on the food pantry can be found on our website: **www.saintanthonypadua.org**

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Available @ St. Anthony Study Hall

436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading, NJ 07064
www.saintanthonypadua.org/66 732-634-6800

Do you need a place for your child to do their remote learning this coming school year? St. Anthony Study Hall is offering "Onsite Assisted Remote Learning" services to help families meet their needs.

Please visit our website for more information at https://saintanthonypadua.org/66. It doesn't matter what school district your child is in we will help them with their school work and give them plenty of time to have fun and socialize, socially distant of course.

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ...our ongoing fund raiser.

Please consider helping St. Anthony's the next time you shop. For each gift card purchased, our Parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift Cards are available in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the Parish Office.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

1. The day of fast and abstinence is Good Friday, April 2nd. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

3, The **Obligation of Fast**: applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.

4, The **Obligation of Abstinence**: applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2021.** Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

CRS RICE BOWL 2021

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Spring is on my mind

Let's have some FUN!!!

April 6th to 9th, 2021

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Spiritual Getaway Weekend March 26-28

This retreat is an opportunity to create your own spiritual experience. You can walk the beaches and nature trails or just sit out on the porch to read and reflect. Daily Mass and all meals provided, otherwise your time will be your own.

Cost: $140/pp (single rooms only)

Contemplative Prayer Retreat April 9-11

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat ***are all welcomed***. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Mass.

Cost: $145/pp (single rooms only)

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