

Maris Stella Retreat and Conference Center

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2009 Retreats



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Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

A ministry of the
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth
Convent Station, NJ

WEEKEND RETREATS

March 27- 29,2009: " Reflect, Relax: Discover the Sabbath"

Take time out to reflect on this question: How do we, as an overworked and under-rested society, grow in relationship to God, to one another and to all of creation?

Presenter: Father John Rausch

Glenmary Community, Director of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia; Director of Peace and Justice Office, Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky; Recipient of the 2007 Pax Christi Teacher of Peace Award, writer of syndicated column for Catholic press.

Fee: \$150

Non-refundable deposit: \$50

Time: Arrive: Friday 7 pm
Depart: Sunday Noon

April 3 - 5, 2009: "Journey to the Cross with Mary"

Come together to experience a prayerful Lenten conversion, walking the Way of the Cross through the eyes of the Mother of Jesus. Time for personal and communal reflection.

Presenters: Paulette Cicero

Married mother of two, grandmother of three, graduate of the Center for Spirituality & Justice, New Rochelle, NY; MA in Theology; Certification in Spiritual Direction.

Gail Mertz

Married mother of six, grandmother of five, Certified Spiritual Director/Supervisor; Pastoral Counselor through the Blanton Peale Institute.

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ARRIVAL:

Supper is served at 6 pm. Arrival is anytime **after 4 pm** on the opening day. Payment will be received upon arrival at office in Conference Center.

DEPARTURE:

Immediately following Brunch on the closing date.

Linens will be provided but we ask you to bring your own towels.

RETREAT RESERVATION FORM

Mail to: Sr. Thomas Mary Salerno, SC
Maris Stella Retreat and Conference Center
7201 Long Beach Blvd.
PO Box 3135
Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

I wish to make reservations for:

- March 27-29 Weekend Retreat
- April 3 - 5 Weekend Retreat
- April 17 - 19 Weekend Retreat
- June 7 -13 Summer Week Retreat
- June 14-20 Summer Week Retreat
- June 14-20 Individual Directed Retreat
- June 21-27 Summer Week Retreat
- June 21-27 Individual Directed Retreat
- I have enclosed \$50.00 for my NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.
- I enclose \$ _____ as payment in full.

*Please make checks payable to:
Sisters of Charity*

Directions to Maris Stella:

Garden State Parkway North or South to Exit 63. Proceed to Route 72 East. Continue to the end which is Long Beach Boulevard. Turn left on Long Beach Boulevard and pass through Ship Bottom, Surf City and North Beach. After the "Welcome to Harvey Cedars" sign, continue past large water tower, and through two traffic lights. There is a large sign, "Sisters of Charity" on the left (Bayside property). The Office is located in the Conference Center on Bayside.



Week Retreat & Directed Retreat Donations:

- \$250 for Sisters of Charity
- \$350 for Sisters of other Congregations
- \$450 for Laity

WEEKEND RETREATS (CON'T.)

April 17 - 19, 2009: Women Writers' Retreat "Words on a Page: Sight, Sound and the Creative Spark"

This weekend is a time apart for already published writers to reflect with one another and develop their own creativity with further writing in either prose or poetry.

Presenter: Deborah Humphreys, SC

Poet and interdisciplinary artist who has facilitated poetry workshops for women since 1994; listed in Directory of American Poets and Fiction Writers since 2000; published a collection of narrative poems entitled, "Conventional Wisdom."

Fee: \$150

Non-refundable deposit: \$50

Time: Arrive: Friday 7 pm

Depart: Sunday Noon

SPECIAL CELEBRATION
"50th Anniversary Celebration of Maris Stella"
Saturday May 9, 2009

You are invited to join us in commemorative activities to celebrate the purchase of Maris Stella in 1959 and the wonderful evolution from a vacation place for Sisters of Charity into a Retreat and Conference Center.

Plan to be on hand to celebrate our history, rejoice in the beautiful reality of our present facilities and enjoy a memorable experience.

Call for specific program details in April, 2009
609-494-1152

SUMMER RETREATS

June 7 - 13, 2009 "With an Everlasting Love"

God's unconditional fidelity gifts me with the fullness of divine life in Jesus. How might I better respond in awareness and freedom to this empowerment by the Lord, in the reality of my own situation?

Co-Presenter: Eileen Gatza

A spiritual and retreat director for the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Trained in advanced spiritual direction at Jesuit Loyola House, Guelph, Ontario; currently serving on the pastoral council of St. Francis Xavier Church in Manhattan, also works as a free-lance writer. She is married to Gary Gatza and has two children and six grandchildren.

Co-Presenter: Father Louis Sogluizzo, SJ

Experienced spiritual director, pastoral counselor, retreat director, pastor, theology teacher, with M.Div. from the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA. Currently Director of Campus Ministry at Lemoyne College in Syracuse, NY.

Fees:\$250 (Srs. of Charity) \$350 (Other religious) \$450(Laity)

Non-refundable deposit: \$50

Arrive: Sunday 6 pm (Dinner)

Depart: Saturday 11 am

June 14 - 20, 2009 "Living the Charism of Charity in Today's World"

At this time, how can we live the charism of charity so as to bring about healing and hope for ourselves and others? The conferences and teaching of St. Vincent de Paul will be foundational to the reflections and prayer.

Presenter: Kathleen Flanagan, SC

A Sister of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Professor of Theology, Director of the Graduate Program of Theology at St. Elizabeth College, Convent Station, NJ, with a long career in teaching and retreat work.

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SUMMER RETREATS (CON'T)

June 14- 20, 2009 Individual Directed Retreat

Director: Bernice Carroll, CSJ

A Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, served as an educator in parish/diocesan ministries for the Syracuse and Albany Dioceses; presently Spiritual Director on the staff of the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Latham, New York.

June 21 - 27, 2009 "Living the Charism of Charity in Today's World"

The charity of Christ urges us on! Where will it bring us today and what do we need to get there? This retreat will tap into the urges within our hearts as the place where the God who is Love lives.

Presenter: Father Anthony Ciorra

Dean of the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Studies at Fordham University; former professor, chaplain and founding Director of the Center for Theology and Spiritual Development at the College of St. Elizabeth, and Associate member of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth.

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June 21 - 27, 2009 Individual Directed Retreat

Director: Helen Beirsto, RC

A Religious of the Cenacle, Sr. Helen has training in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, pastoral counseling and spiritual direction. She is also an experienced Reiki Practitioner and Biospiritual Focusing Trainer and Facilitator.

NOTE: Staff from the Island Wellness Center will be available during the weeks of retreat for massage, reiki, foot reflexology for a fee of \$30. Sign up sheets will be provided to schedule appointments.