



The New Life Retreat

presented by Our Lady of the Rosary

What is a retreat...really?

It's a time to step back away from your ordinary life routine and take a closer look at your spiritual life.

Who is it for?

Anyone who is searching for God in his or her life, or for a fuller experience of his or her faith, will find this retreat remarkable. This retreat is being offered for our Pastoral Region of St. James, Our Lady of the Rosary, and St. Matthias Parishes.

I'm not sure I want to make this retreat. What is it all about?

Our faith is more than just rules, regulations, and rituals. When we are able to discover a closer, personal relationship with Jesus as our Savior and Lord, our faith comes alive in new ways! A living, intimate, growing relationship with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit may be exactly what you are looking for!

Where is the retreat, and who gives it?

This Retreat will take place in the Linden House at St. James of the Valley. It will be given by a team of parishioners from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and St. James who is prepared to help you discover the many ways God is working in your life. Each retreat has its own character, because our teams change and grow as we nurture new talents and gifts.

What do you do on a retreat – do you just sit around and pray a lot?

No. We hear talks from ordinary people who present basic Christian teachings along with how those teachings have changed their own lives. There is time for reflection, for discussions, and special prayer experiences. And we move around a lot – with break times to get to know one another, to snack, and to get outside. On Saturday and Sunday, we enjoy meals together. It's a great time to meet others just like yourself who are hoping for something more from their faith.

I'm not comfortable with talking – do I have to share?

No one is forced to say a thing. Everyone shares according to his or her own comfort level.

Can my spouse, who is not Catholic, make this retreat too?

Our New Life Retreat presents the basic proclamation of the Good News – the foundation for all Christian faiths. We encourage your spouse to participate with you.

Is it boring?

One thing for sure – this retreat is not boring! We keep on the move and have a lot of fun in the process with great stories and jokes!

Is there a fee for the New Life Retreat?

No. We offer the Good News of Jesus Christ free of charge. Salvation is a free gift offered to us by the Lord. All we need to do is truly respond to Him. At the end of the retreat, there is an opportunity to give a free-will offering if you wish.

***We warmly
invite you
to journey with
us to a new
understanding
of the depth
of God's love
for you!***



New Life!

*Please join us.
ALL are welcome.*

Friday, Oct. 3, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 4, 2008
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 5, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(includes mass)

Sat., Oct. 18, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 7:45 p.m.
(includes mass)

*This Retreat will be
held at:
Linden House
St. James of the Valley
411 Springfield Pike
Wyoming, OH 45215*

Why should I attend this retreat?

Your adult faith will come alive as you begin to see new connections to your everyday life. You can discover a deeper, closer personal relationship with Jesus, and a new power to help you walk the Christian journey and meet all the challenges in your life. Plus, you'll make some great friends!

But, I can't get away for so much time to do this retreat.

This may seem like a lot of time to set aside for yourself, but you will never regret doing it! The retreat experience is so good that you'll wonder why it took you so long to make the effort!

But, I can't be away from my children.

We often find that time spent developing our own spirituality makes a great difference in the lives of our children. The single most important factor in whether or not a child will take religion seriously is whether or not his or her parent takes it seriously. Remember, this is NOT an OVERNIGHT RETREAT, so you will still have significant time to be with your family during the weekend.

What about the continuing, small, faith-sharing groups after the retreat? How does that work?

No one is required to join. Small group participation is completely up to you. Most of those who are currently in Small Church Communities started out feeling that they would not have the time to participate. After giving it a try, they discovered that the spiritual nourishment they receive from one another helps them make connections between their faith and everyday life. Your small group provides you with ongoing support in living out your Christian faith in a difficult world, and helps you to pass that faith along to your children.

What do you do in a Small Christian Community?

In our Small Church Community, we continue to learn and grow in our faith by applying Scripture to life. We develop close friendships, and we develop our talents through reaching out to serve others. We can find prayer support and encouragement in our small group for personal problems we are facing. Whatever is shared in the group remains strictly confidential. Your Small Church Community is "a place where everyone knows you by name!"

**For more information or to register for the retreat,
call Kathy Klich at 825-8626, ext. 312.**