

THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

2012 RETREAT PROGRAMS

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Our Mission

In partnership with the larger Marianist family, the Marianist Family Retreat Center offers all who seek personal and spiritual growth, a wide choice of Christ-centered communal retreat experiences in the Catholic Tradition.



FAMILY RETREAT SCHEDULE

Family Retreat Weekends (Friday Dinner to Sunday 2pm)

March	9 - 11	Latino Family Retreat; See p.2
April	5 - 8	Easter Triduum Retreat (Thurs - Sun)
April	20 - 22	Black Catholic Family Revival; See p.2
May	18 - 20	Families with all children <u>7 yrs. & under</u>

Summer Family Retreat Weeks*

(Arrive Monday afternoon; depart Saturday 1pm)

Week #1	June 25 - 30	
Week #2	July 2 - 7	
Week #3	July 9 - 14	
Week #4	July 16 - 21	** <i>Single-Parent Family Retreat</i>
Week #5	July 23 - 28	
Week #6	July 30 - August 4	
Week #7	August 6 - 11	<i>Special Family Week</i>
Week #8	August 13 - 18	
Week #9	August 20 - 25	



Advent Family Retreat Weekends* - See p.2
(Fri. dinner to Sun. 2pm)
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, Dec. 7 - 9, Dec. 14 - 16

- * See P. 4 for guidelines for applying to more than 2 consecutive Summers or Advent Family Retreats.
- ** Reserved for single-parent families only. However, single-parent families are welcome to apply for any family retreat—Please call to discuss this option.

OTHER RETREAT OFFERINGS

(See pp 2-3 for details)

High School Teen Retreats	May 11 - 13 & Oct. 19 - 21
College-Age Retreat	January 6 - 8
Young Working Adult Retreat	February 10 - 12
Cleaning and Maintenance	Jan 13 - 15, June 18 - 22 & August 28 - 31
Young Married Couples	March 30 - April 1
Widows & Widowers	April 13 - 15
Widow & Widower Reunion	Sept. 18 - 20 **MID-WEEK**
Easter Triduum Retreat	April 5 - 8
Contemplative Prayer Retreat	October 1 - 4 **MID-WEEK**
Volunteer & Friends Reunion	May 25 - 27
Women's Spirituality #1	March 16 - 18
Women's Spirituality #2	May 4 - 6
Women's Spirituality #3	October 26 - 28
Celebration of Marriage	Sept. 21 - 23
Men's Spirituality	November 16 - 18
Women of Wisdom	October 23 - 25 **MID-WEEK**
Gift of Days:	
Spirituality & Aging	April 17 - 19 **MID-WEEK**
Spiritual "Getaway" Days	See p. 3 for dates

Special "Transitional" Summer Family Retreat: With a Marianist Perspective...



This retreat will offer an opportunity to explore family spirituality in light of the changing dynamics as families grow and children move into later adolescence and young adulthood. *We will also explore Marianist Spirituality more deeply during this week. We invite families who have been Host Family, Staff or have attended several retreats, to participate in this unique experience. The week will include special presentations and activities along with our usual Summer Family Program themes and structure.*

Scheduled free time, with ocean swimming in season, are features of all family retreats.

See 2012 Retreat Calendar for Rate & Deposit Information (pp. 6-7)

Family Retreat Description

(See pp. 6-7 for rate & deposit information)

Eight to ten families (Grandparents welcome, too!) come together to form a **Christ-centered community** for the week or weekend. The Eucharist and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions and fun activities. All join in community tasks, such as helping with cleanup after meals. **Retreat themes** focus on family life and spiritual development through affirmation, communication, forgiveness, commitment.

Themed & Cultural Family Retreats

Families with Young Children Retreat

This retreat is offered for families with all children who are **7 years & under** and is primarily for the parents. It will include small group sharing with other parents, spiritual refreshment (while the children are cared for) as well as fun family activities. **May 18 - 20**

Advent Family Retreats

Themes focus on family activities and preparations related to this liturgical season, emphasizing the significance of bringing Jesus to others.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, Dec. 7 - 9, Dec. 14 - 16

Black Catholic Family Revival

In addition to the family retreat description, we invite all to form a Christ-centered community to grow in *African American* family spirituality.

April 20 - 22

Latino Family Retreat

This experience is open to families who wish to experience a family retreat in the Latino community and culture. Along with traditional Marianist Family Retreat elements, Spanish language and Latino cultural foods will be part of this experience. **March 9 - 11**

Special Mid-Week Retreats

A Retreat Into Contemplative Prayer

Come away and find true rest in our Contemplative Prayer "time out." Let our oasis of calm at the beach, our Thomas Merton reflections and our contemplative prayer exercises be the blessed environment for deepening your relationship with God. **October 1 - 4**

Women of Wisdom

Empty Nest? Retired? Retiring? Downsizing? You were once a girl who became a woman then a mother (to your own or another of God's creation). How did you get here? Come explore the wise, witty and occasionally wild world of the "mature" woman! **October 23 - 25**

Other Marianist Retreats

(See pp.6-7 for rate & deposit information)

Holy Week Triduum Retreat



This weekend is for families and/or individuals who are seeking a special way to celebrate the Triduum. Our time will be filled with the Holy Week liturgies, quiet time and community building. This retreat is 4 days and 3 nights.

April 5-8 (Thurs 6pm dinner to Sunday 11am)

Celebration of Marriage

This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. This retreat includes Eucharist, other liturgies, prayer, reflection, relaxation, socials, fun, and plenty of "couple time."

September 21 - 23

A Retreat For Young Married Couples



This retreat is intended for couples who are "under 40ish." We will explore issues that challenge young couples in today's world. We will also look at our faith lives and how we can keep God in our marriage. Our time will include small group sharing, Eucharist, special liturgies and time for fun.

March 30 - April 1



*Women's Spirituality Weekends**

Join with other women of faith in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. A team of Marianist women has prepared this weekend of rest and renewal. Eucharist, other prayer experiences, socials and fun are included.

WSP#1: March 16 - 18

WSP#2: May 4 - 6

WSP#3: October 26 - 28

*These retreats will have different themes & teams.



Men's Spirituality Weekend

This weekend, open to men in all walks of life, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist, prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. **November 16 - 18**

The Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging

A retreat for those over 55 years, that will address the mystery of aging as God's desire for our fulfillment and spiritual development. The retreat will consist of input, quiet time, prayer rituals, and small group sharing. **April 17 - 19**

High School Teen Retreat Weekends

These weekends provide an opportunity for high school students, ages 14-18, to enhance their human and spiritual development. In addition to Eucharist, prayer, and reconciliation, there will be time for personal and group reflection, as well as for creative fun activities.

May 11-13 and October 19-21

Note to Teens: Apply only if you intend to strictly observe our rules concerning curfews and the prohibition of all smoking, alcohol, and drugs, and to exhibit behavior consistent with being a Catholic Christian.

"College-Age" Retreat Weekend

This retreat is designed to bring together young people of college age to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to enrich your association with your peers. Special liturgies, prayer services, Eucharist, and peer group discussions are all part of this retreat.

January 6-8

* College-Age is 18-22, no exceptions please.

Young Adults Retreat

This weekend is for young adults (22-35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing and social interaction.

February 10-12

Spiritual "Getaway" Days

There's no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available.

Spring Dates*: May 29 - 31, June 5 - 7

Autumn Dates*: Sept. 11 - 13, 25 - 27, Oct. 9 - 11

***Other dates may be available (with "pick-up" meals) please call the Center for more info.**

Directed Retreats

A **directed** retreat is a one-on-one experience, during which the retreatant pays special attention to God's personal communication in your life. A director meets with the retreatant each day to reflect on the direction of his/her prayer life and to discern the presence of the Spirit.

A **Directed Retreat** is for anyone who wishes to grow in deeper intimacy with God, develop a richer prayer life, or address an experience of loss, anger or fear within the context of your faith and God's desire to love and live in you.

Retreats can range from 3-4 days - Please call to arrange a retreat. The cost is \$65 per night.

VOLUNTEER & FRIENDS REUNION WEEKEND

This Weekend is intended for **past Volunteers & Friends of the Center (aged 18-?)**, who are looking for a weekend to be with their friends (and meet new ones...) in a relaxing environment. ***There will be no set program***, which means you can spend your time however you please. We will have "pick-up" type meals, Eucharist and a nice brunch on Sunday! **May 25 - 27**

A Retreat for Widows & Widowers*



We will look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. **April 13 - 15**

* It is encouraged to wait **at least 6 months** after the death of your spouse before attending this retreat.

Widow - Widower Reunion Days: Sept. 18 - 20

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED

(No Charge)

January 13 - 15: If you are available to perform much needed light **maintenance and cleaning** in our houses, please contact us to let us know that you will attend this weekend.



June 18 - 22* (or any part): We will be holding our annual mid-week cleaning/maintenance days. If you are able to assist us in this effort it would be greatly appreciated!



August 28 - 31* (or any part): After a busy and full summer season help us get the houses back in shape for our Autumn and Advent Retreats. Clean early and relax in the afternoons and evenings. **Limit 15 people.**

* **On the mid-week cleaning days, we will have pick-up breakfast & lunch with dinners on your own.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CRITICAL DATES!

(MARK YOUR CALENDAR!)

For our most popular retreats, listed below, these are the earliest dates for mailing applications. Although not the only factor in acceptance for a particular retreat, postmark is often a determining element in final selection.

Summer Family Retreat Weeks	February 1
Spring HS Teen Retreat	February 1
Women's Retreat (October)	July 11
Autumn HS Teen Retreat	July 11
Advent Family Retreat Weekends	August 15

SUMMER & ADVENT APPLICATION GUIDELINE

Our Summer and Advent retreats generally have more applicants than we can accept. To continue to give other families the opportunity to attend we will prioritize the applications as follows:

1. Applications received from 1st-time or 2nd-time families, prior to April 1 (for the Summer) September 15th (for Advent), will be given first priority.
2. Applications received after April 1 (for Summer) and September 15th (for Advent) BY ANY FAMILY, including those who have attended multiple years, will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

APPLICATIONS

Applications may be submitted for any retreat on the "2012 Retreat Calendar" (see pages 6 & 7). **Please feel free to make copies of the blank application form for others** or to apply for more than one type of retreat. Be sure that you **complete the entire application & include deposit.**

*****ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE*****

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE, FAX OR E-MAIL, OR WITHOUT A DEPOSIT. Please note that applications, particularly for Teen, Spring and Summer Family Retreats, may not be processed immediately upon receipt. Please be patient. You will be notified of acceptance or waiting list status.

DEPOSITS & REFUNDS

A **deposit** in the amount indicated on the "2012 Retreat Calendar" (see pages 6 & 7) will hold your reservation. If you are unable to make a full deposit, please contact us.

- Please make checks payable to:
"Marianist Family Retreat Center."
- Balance is due at the end of your retreat stay, except for the Teen Retreats, when the balance is due prior to the retreat.
- Last-minute **CANCELLATIONS** are costly to us and may also deprive someone of coming on a retreat. Deposits will be refunded (**minus a \$10 processing fee**) only when notification has been received **at least** two full weeks before the retreat.
- Full rates will be charged for all family members for whom accommodations have been reserved, even if they subsequently choose not to attend or attend only part of a retreat.
- Deposits will be fully refunded for those we cannot accommodate.

RETREAT FEES

Per person fees for each retreat are listed with the enclosed "2012 Retreat Calendar."

The **maximum amount for a family weekend is \$495 and for a summer week is \$1,200.** This "family cap" applies to immediate family members only, i.e., parents and minor or college-age children living at home. Grandparents and/or adult children are not included in the "family cap."

Applications may also be printed from
our web site at:

www.capemaymarianists.org

Hosted Retreats

The Retreat Center may be available to parish or other Christian adult groups who wish to organize their own retreat. Meals will be provided. Call for details: 609-884-3829.

Parents' Corner



Parent(s) are reminded that at all times they have full responsibility for all of their children -- teens, pre-teens and superstars. Although children are, at times, under the supervision of staff moderators, parents remain ultimately responsible at all times for all their children's behavior and conformity with house rules, including curfew.

Our experience suggests that families with children **all under the age of 3*** may wish to consider waiting before applying for a family retreat. **However, we do encourage these families to attend the May 18-20 retreat for families with all children 7 years and under.**

* While we believe that the entire family will be blessed with the nourishment of God's love here at "Mary's House," the little ones can require so much parental attention and supervision that parents are significantly limited in their own retreat participation.



RETREAT BASICS

~**Meals** & snacks are provided beginning with dinner on the first retreat night and ending with lunch or brunch on the final day.

~**Special Diets** Regretfully we cannot accommodate special dietary needs, but do have **limited** storage for special food you may need to bring.

~**Dress** is casual: shorts and tee shirts, jeans and sweat shirts and other "shore attire" are typical.

~**Linens** To minimize costs, participants and volunteer staff are asked to provide your own bed linens (twin size), towels and washcloths. Pillows and blankets are provided.

~**Housekeeping** All persons eight years of age and older take turns doing dishes and cleaning the Retreat Center before departure.

~**Participation** Except for scheduled "free time," **everyone** is expected to participate in **all** retreat sessions and activities. All retreats end after the closing Mass (approx. 2PM; 1PM in the Summer). If special needs seem to dictate otherwise, please consult with the Retreat Director.

~ **Accessibility** The Center is fully accessible to those with physical disabilities. Should you require handicapped accommodations please note this on your application.



Interested In Volunteering?

If you are **16 years of age or older**** you are eligible to be considered for a volunteer position at the Center.

If you are **15 years of age**** you may be eligible, provided that your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are present at the retreat for which you are volunteering.

*****Sorry, there will be no exceptions*****

Financial Assistance & Monthly Payment Information

It is our goal that no one be denied the graces of a retreat at "Mary's House" because of financial difficulty. ***Financial assistance*** may be available from the *Peggy Haley Fund* to help anyone experience a retreat at the Center.

In addition, monthly payment plans can be arranged for the deposits required and/or balances due at the end of a retreat.

If any of these apply, please call, write or indicate on your application and a financial aid form will be sent to you.

ALTERNATE RETREAT SITES**

Governor's Island Family Retreat (Dayton, OH)

Contact: Bro. Paul Bredestege, S.M.
(937) 842-4902

TECABOCA Family Retreat (San Antonio, TX)

Contact: Kay Tally-Foos
(830) 866-3425
www.tecaboca.com

*****Each of these programs are unique family experiences and may be different from your experience in Cape May.***

2012 RETREAT CALENDAR

DATE	RETREAT PROGRAM	RETREAT FEES		DEPOSITS	
		Per person 8 yr. to Adult	Per Person 2 to 7 yr.	** Maximum Family Fee	Deposit
JANUARY					
6 - 8	College Age Retreat (ages 18-22)	\$115			\$60/person
13 - 15	Cleaning & Maintenance (Painting, etc.) Days	***** NO CHARGE *****			
FEBRUARY					
3 - 5	Heart of Winter Retreat	\$90			\$45/person
10 - 12	Young Adults Retreat (ages 22 - 35)	\$120			\$60/person
MARCH					
9 - 11	Latino Family Retreat	\$115	\$80	\$495	\$175/family
16 - 18	Women's Spirituality Retreat #1	\$125			\$60/person
30 - April 1	A Retreat for Young Married Couples (under 40ish)	\$125			\$125/couple
APRIL					
5 - 8	Holy Week Triduum Retreat (3 nights 4 days)	\$145	\$95	\$550	\$175/family
9 - 12	Contemplative Prayer Retreat (mid-week)	\$145			\$70/person
13 - 15	Widows/Widowers Retreat	\$125			\$60/person
20 - 22	Black Catholic Family Retreat Weekend	\$115	\$80	\$495	\$175/family
MAY					
4 - 6	Women's Spirituality Retreat #2	\$125			\$60/person
11 - 13	High School Teen Spring Retreat	\$115			\$60/person
18 - 20	Families w/ Young Children Retreat	\$115	\$80	\$495	\$175/family
25 - 27	Volunteer & Friends Reunion Weekend	\$90			\$45/person
29 - 31	Spiritual "Getaway" Days	\$110			\$55/person
JUNE					
5 - 7	Spiritual "Getaway" Days	\$110			\$55/person
18 - 22	"Mid-Week" Cleaning Days	***** No Charge ***** Please call if you can help			
June-August: Summer Family Retreat Weeks					
June 25 - 30	Week #1	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
July 2 - 7	Week #2	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
9 - 14	Week #3	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
16 - 21	Week #4 Single-Parent Families Only *	\$200	\$130	\$950	\$250/family
23 - 28	Week #5	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
30 - August 4	Week #6	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
6 - 11	Week #7 Special Family Week - see cover	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
13 - 18	Week #8	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
20 - 25	Week #9	\$200	\$130	\$1,200	\$500/family
28 - 31	Mid-Week Cleaning & Maintenance Days	***** No Charge ***** Please call if you can help			

2012 RETREAT CALENDAR

DATE	RETREAT PROGRAM	RETREAT FEES			DEPOSITS
		Per person 8 yr. to Adult	Per Person 2 to 7 yr.	** Maximum Family Fee	Deposit
SEPTEMBER					
Aug. 31 - 2	Family of Staff (Reserved)				
7 - 9	Marianist Associates Retreat	\$125			\$60/person
11 - 13	Spiritual "Getaway" Days	\$110			\$55/person
18 - 20	Widow - Widower Reunion Days (mid-week)	\$110			\$55/person
21 - 23	Celebration of Marriage Retreat	\$125			\$125/couple
25 - 27	Spiritual "Getaway" Days	\$110			\$55/person
OCTOBER					
1 - 4	Contemplative Prayer Retreat (mid-week)	\$145			\$70/person
9 - 11	Spiritual "Getaway" Days	\$110			\$55/person
19 - 21	High School Teen Autumn Retreat	\$115			\$55/person
23 - 25	Women of Wisdom Retreat (mid-week)	\$110			\$55/person
26 - 28	Women's Spirituality Retreat #3	\$125			\$60/person
NOVEMBER					
16 - 18	Men's Spirituality Retreat	\$125			\$60/person
22 - 25	Center closed for Thanksgiving Holiday				
DECEMBER					
Nov. 30 - 2	Advent Family Retreat #1	\$115	\$80	\$495	\$175/family
7 - 9	Advent Family Retreat #2	\$115	\$80	\$495	\$175/family
14 - 16	Advent Family Retreat #3	\$115	\$80	\$495	\$175/family

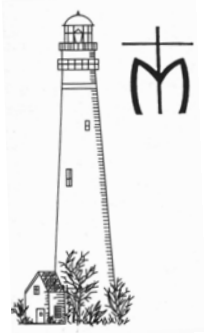
* This retreat is reserved for single-parent families only. However, single-parent families are most welcome to apply for any family retreat.

** Maximum Family Fee for summer family weeks and family weekends applies to immediate family only; for example, parents and minor or college-age children living at home. Grandparents and/or adult children are not included in the Maximum Family Fee.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*2012 Retreat Calendar
& Application*

Please share this brochure with friends & family—call our office for extra copies! Make copies of the Application for others...Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Our staff and local Marianist Community wish to extend a special invitation to you and your family to attend one of our many retreat programs. Core to the belief of Blessed Chaminade, founder of the Marianist Family, is that faith formation is a life-long process of growth and development—as he was fond of saying, from “cradle to grave.” Our hope is that your faith experiences here at Mary’s house will energize all aspects of your baptismal call.

As in years past, I always like to take this opportunity to mention the names of our dedicated staff here at the Center, folks who devote much of their lives to our shared ministry.

Administrative: Anthony Fucci (Center Director)
Diane Read (Administrative Assistant)

Program Staff: Jessica Sherwen (Program Director)
Fr. Tim Dwyer, SM (Chaplain)
Mary Grace Pollicino (Marianist Volunteer Intern)

Food Service: Andrea Hafele (Food Service Director)

Maintenance: Bro. Al Koch, SM
Bro. Tom Redmond, SM (& Program Staff)
Bro. Ed Unferdorfer, SM

Please take a moment to pray for us as we prepare for your arrival!

God’s Blessings on you and your families!

Anthony Fucci
Center Director

*Be sure to check out retreat photos &
other great info on our
web site!
www.capemaymarianists.org*

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OFFICE USE ONLY	
Post Mark _____	Ck# _____
Deposit \$ _____	Notified _____
Information Letter _____	

Individual, Couple & Family Retreat Application (Please Print – Mail in with Deposit)

RETREAT NAME: _____ Retreat Date Requested*: _____

*For *Summer & Advent Retreats*: if first choice is not available, please indicate 2 alternate dates by preference 1. _____ 2. _____

	Last Name	Familiar Name (For Name Tag)	Sex (M/F)	D.O.B. (mm/dd/yy)	Religion	Occupation
Applicant				__/__/__		
Spouse (if applicable)				__/__/__		
For Family Retreats, please list children attending in descending order of age.						AGE at RETREAT
Oldest Child				__/__/__		
Next Oldest				__/__/__		
Next Oldest				__/__/__		
Next Oldest				__/__/__		
Next Oldest *				__/__/__		

Note: Please write "CRIB" beside the name of child(ren) who can use one. * *Continue names on reverse side if necessary.*

APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS: (Please check here if this is an address change.)

*Please be sure to fill in Street, City, State & Zip


Address: _____
Street
City
State
zip + 4

Phone #s: Home: () _____ Work: () _____
 Cell#1*: () _____ Cell #2*: () _____

*If applicable, please indicate whose work/cell phone numbers are listed, e.g. *M for mom or D for dad etc.*

E-Mail Addresses: _____

How (or from whom) did you hear about this retreat? _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: Example: Mary (First floor room) or Peter (peanut allergy).  Accommodations? ___ (please check)

(Regretfully we cannot accommodate special dietary needs, but do have **limited** storage for special food you may need to bring.)

MUSICAL TALENT(S): Name person and talent. Example: Anna (voice), Mike (guitar). Please bring instrument.

A DEPOSIT of \$ _____ is enclosed. (Make checks payable to: **MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER.**) Applicants will not be accepted by telephone, fax, or e-mail, nor without a deposit. If you are unable to make a full deposit, please contact us.

FINANCIAL AID REQUESTED? Yes ___ (A FINANCIAL AID FORM WILL BE SENT TO YOU)

FIRST-TIMER AT MARY'S HOUSE? ___ Yes ___ No If "NO," please list names and years of retreats at this retreat center.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: On the reverse side of this application, please share with us some of your expectations for the retreat for which you are applying. **Couples Retreat Applications:** Please indicate wedding date. **Family Applicants:** Please write a brief description of your family and their primary interests (including names and ages of the children who are unable to attend the retreat) and how you presently see your family living Christian life together. Feel free to add any other comments which you consider appropriate.