

December 2023

Passionist News Notes St. Paul of the Cross Province



Advent

The Season of Hope and Expectation



Happy
Birthday!

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	WOLANSKI, Edward
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	GILLETTE, James
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TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE 2023

October 28-30, Washington, D.C.

As part of the Passionist Mission Fulfillment initiative in the Province, young people from various Passionist ministries throughout the province came together to participate in the Ignatian Family Teach In for Justice. The largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States. the Teach-In has a rich history rooted in honoring the priests and their companions who were martyred in El Salvador in 1989. Our Provincial, Fr. Jim O'Shea, along with Anthony Mullen, Director of Mission Fulfillment and Michael Nasello of Passionist Solidarity Network joined the young adults in conference sessions that inspired, energized and challenged everyone in understanding the integral link between faith and justice. Our group, mostly from Toronto, New York and Puerto Rico has committed to continue to meet and continue the conversation of how the Passionist charism can be lived out in today's world.



The art of being a Passionist: Brother Michael Moran, C.P., connects with Christ through his art and parish missions

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Brother Michael Moran, C.P., is a vowed Passionist in St. Paul of the Cross Province. For 49 years, he has shared the Passionist charism through parish missions and creation of sacred artwork.

“I try to do it by living the Passionist life,” says Brother Michael. “I am very

much an introvert. When I am out doing a parish mission, I am with the people. When I come back, I need to quiet down. The art allows me to do that.”

Art provides a gift for both the artist and the viewer, he believes.

“People come to us for different reasons, and the more gifts or charisms we have, the better we can affect people the way God or St. Paul of the Cross wants.”

“Art can connect us to God and connect us to Christ,” Brother Michael shares. “When I meditate, I look out my window. Creating art is like a meditation. I am focused on doing what I am doing.”

Brother Michael’s Passionist life has provided many opportunities to find his personal gifts and use them for the Congregation’s benefit. Since the beginning, he has been inspired by the apostolate of St. Paul of the Cross.

“The Passionists definitely helped me to discover my

talents and gifts,” explains Brother Michael. “I was not creating art before I became a Passionist. They were very supportive of me and what I wanted to do. The original work of St. Paul of the Cross – it caught me.”

Brother Michael earned a master’s degree in theology, specializing in comparative religions, and began his work with parish retreats. During his time working at St. Gabriel’s Spiritual Retreat Center on Shelter Island, New York, he began studying with artist August Mosca.

“He taught me the fundamentals of traditional art,” explains Brother Michael. “The community was very



Brother Michael’s piece, called “The Cosmic Christ” and influenced by Father Thomas Berry, C.P., depicts the resurrected Christ as all races of humankind, and the Earth is represented as both degraded in the Passion and flourishing in the resurrection.

supportive of me doing this. When I left Shelter Island, I went to live in the Bronx. I attended an art school in New York where you could sign up for art classes by the month. I signed up for figure drawing because that is what I did not have in my background.”

The support of the Congregation in the exploration of individual talents and gifts is a blessing for all Passionists.

“I hope I am creating the Kingdom of God on Earth by creating beauty. If you have a gift, you need to grow your gift.”

“We have a lot of guys who have different gifts,” he says. “We have had artists, we have teachers, we have musicians, we have preachers. I think that helps the Congregation. People come to us for different reasons, and the more gifts or charisms we have, the better we can affect people the way God or St. Paul of the Cross wants.”

Two of Brother Michael’s best-known art pieces are “Passion of the Earth” and “The Cosmic Christ.”

Father Thomas Berry, C.P.’s teachings guided Brother Michael in creating “Passion of the Earth.”

“Jesus is depicted on the cross in the middle of the painting,” explains Brother Michael. “The focus is on the effect of the Earth’s suffering. It is the Passion of the Earth, but we are called to try to do something about this horrible situation caused by humans.”



Brother Michael shares how he brings his Passionist spirituality to his art at the Convocation on the Laity in Jamaica, New York.



Brother Michael created “The Passion of the Earth” in 2006, inspired by the teachings of Father Thomas Berry, C.P.

“The Cosmic Christ” is a triptych also influenced by the teachings of Father Thomas Berry, C.P.

“It derives from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians,” explains Brother Michael. “A glorious, resurrected Christ is shown against the curve of the Earth. Christ is depicted as all the races of man, and the Earth is shown both in the Passion and resurrection.

Brother Michael hopes to connect people to the importance of caring for the Earth and each other.

“Both pieces speak of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*, the work of Father Thomas Berry, C.P., and so much that is a part of the charism of the Passionists,” he shares. “I hope I am creating the Kingdom of God on Earth by creating beauty. If you have a gift, you need to grow your gift. Then find a way to connect your unique gifts and talents for the use of the Province. Your whole life goes into it.”

For more of Brother Michael’s insight and a detailed explanation of his art, watch his extended video interview at www.passionist.org/moran. Brother Michael’s art is available at www.angelstudiostore.com.

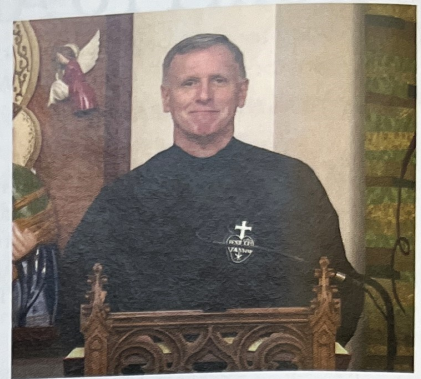
The Sunday Mass in Westchester magazine

By Tom Schreck

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Father Paul Fagan, host of *The Sunday Mass*



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Mass Production

How one Catholic order responded to the pandemic **BY TOM SCHRECK**

Fifty-one years ago, the Passionists, a Roman Catholic order of priests headquartered in Rye Brook, decided to expand their ministry. The idea was to bring mass to those who couldn't leave the house — the elderly, those with disabilities, and the housebound.

The medium was television.

"The owner of Channel 7 in New York City was Catholic, and he donated the studio and the production resources," says Father Paul Fagan, the executive producer and host of *The Sunday Mass*.

Little did the Passionists know in the early '70s that there would be a pandemic in 2020 that would make most of our population housebound. Nor would they have foreseen the internet, streaming services, and, most specifically, something called YouTube.

"Our televised service always had a following but when COVID hit we had no idea how it would blow up," Fagan says. "Some Sundays we had 70,000 and 80,000 views and we started to hear from people all around the world."

Fagan didn't expect the explosion of followers. It wasn't that he didn't believe in his production, it was something else and something that all YouTubeers deal with: competition.

"During the pandemic, many parishes

started to record mass and make it available on YouTube. I thought for sure that would take viewers away from our broadcast. As it turns out, the opposite happened," Fagan says.

Most parishes didn't have the capacity for a professional production. That meant they flipped open a laptop and used the built-in cameras and microphones. The result was usually a service that was hard to see and hear and one that didn't translate to a computer

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screen or a television. Add in downtime while offertory collections were made during services and while the congregation proceeded to communion, and it was a clunky and awkward viewing.

"The Passionists made a decision based on our experience with producing a video mass. Instead of recording various congregations celebrating mass every week, we wanted to create an almost virtual parish so viewers could feel at home and part of a unique congregation and not just a viewer of


another's mass," he says.

Fagan works with a professional production company so that the video is clear, the sound is professional quality, and the camera angles, lighting, and edits support the viewer's experience. About a half dozen priests rotate as celebrants and many of the same lectors, servers, and musicians have remained the same for the last decade. It creates a feeling of familiarity and a kinship with the broadcast for those watching.

There are constraints brought on by the medium.

"The mass must be 28 and a half minutes long to fit in to the half-hour television schedules for the cable systems that broadcast it. We have to record between four and six masses at a time to keep production costs down, and because we make them so far in

advance, we can't always offer prayers based on current events," Fagan says.

The *Sunday Mass* is recorded at the Immaculate Conception Church in Jamaica, Queens. To find out more about the broadcast, visit thesundaymass.org or contact the Passionists in Rye Brook at 914.738.3344. 

Tom Schreck is a frequent contributor to Westchester Magazine and 914INC. He's written profiles of Nick Spano, Tony Sayegh, and the area's top business leaders, plus humor pieces on his dog, the DMV driving manual, and his Elvis-themed take on interior decorating.



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October 20, 2023

Dear Brothers, Associates and Colleagues,

Happy Feast Day! On this beautiful day, I am very happy to share with you the resumption of a **mission fulfillment initiative** within the province. We have not had an active mission fulfillment process in almost 15 years. If your memory serves, the mission fulfillment office invited all employees, staff, and volunteers into a formation experience in the Passionist charism and history. It served the province well, but now we are in a very different moment that demands a new response if we are to keep the province and its mission thriving.

There is a clear province need, as well as one expressed by those who collaborate with us, for further formation in the Passionist Charism, spirituality and history. This becomes more imperative as our local vowed communities diminish in presence and ministry. The Passionist spirit and culture risks being lost for new generations. This new iteration of the Mission Fulfillment Office will focus on the following:

- **Formation** that provides orientation for leaders, staff, volunteers and participants in Passionist ministry. Together with this initial formation experience, there will also be on-going, dynamic formation to ignite creativity and excellence and avoid stagnation and atrophy of thought and practice.
- **Communication** systems which connect leaders and ministries together, avoiding isolation and the loss of shared learnings and experiences. This form of structured communication also highlights that we are all part of a province and global Passionist movement. Local and global vision must always be in dialogue, and work towards the great work of the Reign of God.
- **Youth Engagement** has always been a challenge for us, both on a province and a local level. Intentional engagement of young adults and youth will be an essential part of this office. There is a particular need for our two very large Passionist schools in Puerto Rico where we serve almost 1500 young people. The leaders of these schools are keen to develop a more effective way to share the essentials of Passionist charism and spirituality with teachers, students and their families.

I am happy to share that **Anthony Mullen**, the first director for *Thomas Berry Place* has agreed to take on this new initiative. Anthony's background serves this ministry extremely well. Anthony has a Bachelor in Divinity, Maynooth, a Master in Theology, St. John's University, NY, a Doctor in Ministry in Mental Health Counseling, Hebrew Union, NY and certification from the Executive Management Program at Columbia University.

Anthony will be assisted by a working group of vowed Passionists and associates who will collaborate in the creation of the formation and its modalities, ensuring that the Passionist history, culture and emerging charism is authentically shared through this formation process.

The first initiative of the new mission fulfillment ministry will be participation in the *Ignatian Family Teach-In* in Washington DC at the end of this month. This is the largest annual Catholic justice gathering in the country gathering and forming young Catholic advocates. Anthony has invited, and will accompany, eight young adults from various ministries in the province as well as two of our young Passionists. Our group, along with participating in the large group activities, will spend one morning with **Michael Nasello**, director of our **Passionist Solidarity Network**, focusing on our particular charism and the urgent need to respond to the crucified of today, as well as the energy that comes from our spirituality and encounter with the Crucified Christ.

As we reflect on the founding energy of our community a bit over 300 years ago, it is hopeful to see how Paul's original vision, and his small group of companions, is now a global movement engaging and embracing the world in ways Paul never could have imagined – well beyond the vowed community. This growth demands new ways to support our collaborators in mission. It is a phenomenon noted by our General, Father Joachim, in his circular letter on this feast:

*I believe a new way of being Passionists is being imagined and emerging with the engagement and collaboration of the laity in the life and mission of the Congregation. Needed, however, is a sense of belonging to and identification with the Institute which has a duty to arrange for them appropriate **formation and support** which will nurture and deepen in them the Spirit's call and empower them to be **co-responsible** for mission in accordance with the Institute's vision.*

Please pray for this new initiative as well as for the continued growth of the Passionist community in all its forms and expressions as we join together to live at the service of the Crucified Christ and our suffering world.

In JXP,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim O'Shea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Father Jim O'Shea, CP
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Reflections on Our Spiritual Centers



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October 18, 2023

Province Spiritual Centers

Dear Brothers, Associates and Colleagues,

As we prepare for the great feast of our founder, I want to share with you some reflections and up-dates on our spiritual centers. We have four such centers that remain in this province located in Hartford, Florida, New York and Pittsburgh.

These four remain as the resilient remnant of a much broader spiritual center network that once characterized the province. We can remember, with gratitude and even some grief, spiritual centers that once thrived in Boston, West Springfield, Shrewsbury, Bedford, Port Burwell, Riverdale, Shelter Island, Mandeville and Walden. Each had unique and vibrant stories, yet each, one by one, has been folded into our collective memory.

Our current centers are still vulnerable to the same forces and realities that shuttered the others. Diminishing and aging retreatants, institutional stress throughout the church, facilities that demand constant investment, costs of staffing and, except for New York, a far less robust presence of a vowed community - these are all ever present challenges.

So, the obvious question is – Is it worth our effort and resources to re-think, re-imagine and re-new these remaining centers? Has their day come and gone and it is only a matter of time until they succumb to ever increasing stressors? Or are we being called to a new and urgently needed phase in the life of these centers at the service of the Charism and the Gospel?

Paul of the Cross was fully committed to pursuing encounter with the Divine. He radically lived his life, time bound, as an apostle of the transformation that human beings could and should seek and experience. Each journey was different and Paul was a master at the art of spiritual direction – deftly guiding individuals and communities on their unique way to the Divine union. Paul's passion retains all its imperativeness today and I would join those who see our spiritual centers as graced vehicles for Paul's passion in the current world and church.

I would offer three reasons why these centers are worth the struggle to revitalize and re-imagine.

Places of Encounter with the Crucified. We are privileged to live in a time when the *Memoria Passionis* has taken on a depth and dimension that fully engages the world. We not only look upon the crucified Jesus, but through him into a crucified humanity and a crucified earth. We preach the fullness of a Christ Crucified. Our spiritual centers can become real places of encounter with the margins. Our centers can be places that intentionally hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and actually model to the world what that listening means. Spiritual contemplation is intimately linked with real encounter and transformation through the crucified in all dimensions.

Places of Radical Hospitality. In a world and church that increasingly finds itself polarized and inhospitable to so many, our centers remain places of welcome in a way that can be transformative. So many of our sisters and brothers find themselves marginalized due to poverty, race, ethnicity, sexual difference, migration status, shame and life's failures and traumas. The very action of welcoming, without judgement, begins a new moment of solidarity and possibility and models prophetically to the world another way of being the human family.

Places of Pastoral Creativity – Within a wider church that so often seems fatigued, frightened and reactive, our centers offer spaces where pockets of pastoral imagination can emerge. With more inclusive models of leadership possible, these centers can call on the gifts of the baptized for leadership and collaboration, and take the needed Gospel risks to engage a crucified world. As Pope Francis told us on the occasion of our 300th anniversary:

Passionists are called to set the world on fire through our ministry. Our ministry is directed above all to the crucified of our age – the poor, the weak, the oppressed and those discarded by many forms of injustice. Only those crucified by love, as Jesus was on the cross, are able to help the crucified of history with effective words and actions.

A critical part of making renewal happen is making our facilities work for the mission. They are complex, complicated and expensive. If they become overly burdensome, the longer-term success of the centers becomes questionable. If they are maintained and animated well, the Passionist mission can be truly made real.

I asked **Jeff Kohl**, who came on six months ago as the Chief Operating Officer of the three centers in transition (New York, Florida, Pittsburgh), to offer the province an update as to the progress that has been made in making our centers thrive. **Please read the attached report to the province.**

Thank you to all our Passionists, past and present, and all our dedicated staffs of our spiritual centers for all you have done and do to continue making our centers instruments of the great vision of the Gospel and places of hope for the crucified of today.

In JXP,



Father Jim O'Shea, CP
Provincial

Updates on 3 of Our Spiritual Centers

OLOF - Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

SPCP - ST. Paul of the Cross Spiritual Center Pittsburgh

TBP - Thomas Berry Place



Passionist Spiritual Centers Operations

Initiative

On March 26, 2023, we embarked on a vision to bring our spiritual centers in Jamaica, NY, Pittsburgh, PA, and West Palm Beach, FL into a joint operations initiative. Our focus was to ensure the Spiritual Centers remained true to the Charism while developing areas of partnership between locations to continue growing the Spiritual and operations experience. A Chief Operating Officer was hired to oversee and coordinate this effort. We are excited to share with you our progress to this point and a glimpse of the future as we continue to provide the vision set out for us by St. Paul of the Cross.

Accomplishments

- Hiring of our COO – Completed March 26, 2023
- Assessment of the initial three Spiritual Centers involved in our initiative took place. Upon completion we determined the enhancement and rebuilding of the operational foundation would be our starting point. This places our starting focus on the financial, operating, and website systems.
- AccuFund – The core system of our financial tracking is fully installed at each of the three locations.
- MegaSys – The core system of our operations also known as a CRM "Customer Relations Management" system is installed in two of the three locations with the third to be installed by the end of October 2023. MegaSys is also tied to AccuFund thus allowing the operating and financial systems to work together.
- MegaPay – A new credit card processing system communicates directly with MegaSys the operating system.
- Transition from Reconnect operations of TBP and our Monastery in Jamaica, NY to TBP now providing the financial, maintenance, food & beverage, and housekeeping operations for both facilities. This has been and continues to be an extensive transition on the financial and maintenance sides of the business. It is truly a restructuring and startup operation combined. This also involved the transition of the services provided to the parish by Reconnect back to the responsibility of the parish.
- Website – We are currently sixty percent completed with the redesign and development of a new site for all three locations and the Passionists.



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- Financial operations for the three locations will now operate from a single location. This will allow multiple efficiencies to be developed with vendors and location operations. Two of the locations have been relocated with the third to be completed by year end.
- Technology system
 - We have servers in two of the locations that are ten to twelve years old. This age of server is not capable of running the security software necessary in today's environment. The process of replacing these servers has begun and completion is anticipated by the end of November. They will be replaced with VPN system in SPCP and OLOF with information storage at TBP and an offsite location providing us dual backup of our data.
 - Location desktop computers are also being upgraded as required during this time period.
 - Constant Contact, a software system for communicating to our spiritual visitors and the spiritual community around our locations has been implemented in all three locations.
- Our budgeting process was completed this year using the "Zero Based" budgeting process. This process involved the management team at each location providing input into the development of our budgets. The early results of our budgets for the three locations have been very positive.
- Our initial financial results for the three locations show us **\$193,986** ahead of our budgeted plan.
- Culinary Restructure – New chefs were brought into OLOF and SPCP and along with our chef at TBP joint menu and purchasing plans are in development.
- Culinary special events including the Passionist Gala provided us with the opportunity to increase our service levels by providing a fully plated dinner with no need for the guests to leave their seats. We anticipate many more events like this in support of the Passionist Mission at all three locations with the next one being a Major Donor event at OLOF on Nov 5.
- Fr. Curtis Kiddy is now in the role of Program Director at SPCP while the search for this position at OLOF, and TBP remains in progress. We anticipate these two roles will be filled by early November.



Passionist Spiritual Centers Operations

- Staffing Restructure – New Team Members
 - OLOF - Chef
 - SPCP - Program Director, Office Team, Chef
 - TBP – F&B, Chief Maintenance Engineer, Events, Housekeeping
- Staff Positions Needed
 - OLOF – Program Director, Maintenance, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping
 - SPCP – Maintenance, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping
 - TBP – Program Director, Office, Housekeeping
- Team training programs have begun in partnership with Christian Brothers regarding Human Resources along with programs through our distributors and service providers being developed for product and operations delivery.
- Incident reports so should something happen on our properties have been distributed to each of the three locations and will be utilized immediately.
- The function of our Advisory Boards is being reviewed to determine the appropriate structure to provide the best outcome for the Passionists and these spiritual centers. Implementation of Working Groups is an avenue being developed to provide the desired support to our Spiritual Centers.
- Facility enhancements completed.
 - OLOF – Lobby Remodel with new furniture and decor, Front desk being relocated to a desk with chairs in the lobby versus behind a wall, Window treatments have been removed and Window Tinting installed which blocks 85% of the heat and sun entering the building thus decreasing the use of energy to cool and heat the facility, Upgrade of furniture in Community Recreation Room
 - SPCP – A landscaping project of the entire enclosed garden area has been provided with Laudato Si' and the kind donation of funds and labor by one of our retreatants leading this beautification project of the hardscape and landscape.
 - TBP – Additional rooms that were used for office space have been put into use for guest rooms when TBP exceeds its normal room capacity.



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- Facility Major Repairs or Enhancements Underway
 - OLOF – The air-conditioning system has continually failed causing the cancellation of groups due to hot temperatures, Planning is underway to install an elevator in the lobby, Solar panel planning is in progress.
 - SPCP – Solar panel planning is in progress, Landscaping around the campus is being reviewed for enhancement, Outdated / inoperable kitchen equipment is being replaced.
 - TBP – Fire alarm system is being finalized and team members certified in its operation, Interior walls and ceiling tiles due to leaking roof are being repaired or replaced, Roof replacement plan is being developed so replacement can begin.
- Monastery Operations Provided by Spiritual Centers
 - OLOF – Financial, I.T., Food & Beverage, Maintenance, Housekeeping
 - SPCP – Partner on Maintenance
 - TBP – Food & Beverage, Maintenance, Redevelopment of the Kitchen. Housekeeping is being reviewed for transition to TBP.

As you can see our first six months of the Passionist mission to enhance and grow our Spiritual Centers has us off to an impressive start in these three locations. As with all our initiatives it is vital that we always project the Passionist Mission and stay true to our Charism.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center In West Hartford CT

<https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/about-holy-family>



This retreat house ministers to some 19,000 men, women, and youth each year with a message of hope, spiritual growth, and transformation and is managed by Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. and has these Passionists in residence: Fr. Terry Kristofak, C.P., Br. Michael Moran, C.P, Br. Terence Skorka, C.P.

Music Ministry

Under the direction of master composer and arranger, Fr. David Cinquegrani, the music ministry includes a choir of 100 voices, handbell choir, children's' choir, chamber choir, orchestra, and pipe organ designed by Holy Family's Alex Belair. The ever expanding music ministry has recorded several albums and is a cherished part of retreats, Sunday liturgies, and our renowned Christmas and Easter concerts.

Retreat Team



Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.

Retreat Director

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Deb Brown-Norko

Retreat Team Member

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Sr. Maryann Cantlon, C.S.J.

Retreat Team Member

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Mike Mongillo



Liza Peters



Noel Terranova

RETREATS

Themed Retreats

Each season, the [Holy Family retreat team](#) creates a weekend experience that focuses on an inspiring and thought-provoking theme to fill the spiritual needs of our retreatants. Themed retreats are the foundation of our ministry and are offered to men, women, couples, college and high school students.

[View Themed Retreats](#)

Recovery Retreats

We invite you into a peaceful atmosphere to relax, deepen your recovery, and open yourself to spiritual growth. Our Matt Talbot Recovery Retreats are open to all people, from all backgrounds, regardless of whether or not you are a member of a church.

[View Recovery Retreats](#)

Other Overnight Retreats

In addition to our themed weekend retreats, Holy Family offers a variety of overnight programs to those searching for new ways to quiet your busy mind, ease stress, and deepen your connection to God.

[View Other Overnight Retreats](#)

Day & Evening Retreats

During the course of the year we offer a variety of day and/or evening retreats, concerts and programs to allow people an opportunity to take a breath, learn something new, or experience God's peace. Program topics are varied and the presenters range from our team members to some of the most sought after retreat leaders in the country.

[View Day & Evening Retreats](#)

Youth & Faculty Retreats

The youth ministry team at Holy Family offers a wide range of programs for middle school through college-aged students. These retreats challenge teens and young adults to grow spiritually and become grounded in their faith. In addition to our scheduled events, Holy Family also offers day retreats for Catholic school students and faculty during the year which can be scheduled at your convenience.

[View Youth & Faculty Retreats](#)

Christian Contemplative Experience

By embracing the Christian Contemplative Tradition, Holy Family seeks to affirm the oneness of all Christians and to transcend our outward differences by joining together in silent prayer.

[View CCE Programs](#)

4 other Entities on the Holy Family Campus –

The Monastery Gallery of Art

The Monastery Gallery of Art unites the arts, creativity and the sacred. We welcome works from artists of all backgrounds drawing on the wisdom of diverse faith traditions. Through exhibitions and educational programs, The Monastery Gallery of Art values and promotes all forms of art that explore themes of compassion, resilience, peacemaking, loving kindness, social justice, and care for others and our planet. [Learn more about the Monastery Gallery of Art.](#)

The Christian Contemplative Experience at Holy Family

The Christian Contemplative Experience at Holy Family (CCE) seeks to affirm the oneness of all Christians and to transcend our outward differences by joining together in silent prayer. Our purpose is to provide a space where Christians can meet, share and pray together in the contemplative tradition. [Learn more about the Christian Contemplative Experience at Holy Family.](#)

The Center for Spiritual Direction at Holy Family

We are pleased to announce the creation of the Center for Spiritual Direction at Holy Family. This center will provide opportunities for members of our community to deepen and enrich their spiritual lives through the practice of spiritual direction. Rooted in the Catholic identity and Passionist charism of Holy Family, the Center for Spiritual Direction will be a place where spiritual seekers and spiritual guides connect to form lasting relationships. [Learn more about the Center for Spiritual Direction at Holy Family.](#)

Copper Beech Institute

Copper Beech Institute teaches mindfulness practice and contemplative wisdom to inspire purposeful living, awaken our full potential for compassionate action, and encourage a healing shift in how we relate to one another and our interconnected world. We build communities of practice and offer people of all backgrounds transformative learning opportunities on and off our campus, on-line, and through outreach among vulnerable communities. [Learn more about the Copper Beech Institute.](#)