

2023 SUMMER RETREATS

Six- Day Preached Retreat -- June 4-11, 2023

Motherhouse -- 350 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham, NJ

Director: Rev. Dennis J. W. O'Donnell

THEME: Space and Time to Re-cover, Dis-cover, De-serve



Ordained in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in May 1974, Fr. Dennis O'Donnell is currently the Director of Integrated Health Services at Holy Redeemer Hospital. From 1989 to 2006, Fr. O'Donnell served as the Rector and Spiritual Director at St. Joseph in the Hills, the Malvern Retreat House in Pennsylvania. He conducts weekend retreats and days of recollection for many different groups (seniors, married couples, faculty, and students) as well as retreats for religious, clergy, and parish missions throughout the USA.

Fr. O'Donnell is a board member and co-founder of *Amigos de Jesús*, a home and bilingual school in Honduras for 130 children and young adults. Fr. O'Donnell's love for the 'least of us' has been the driving force behind *Amigos de Jesús*. Father travels at least four times a year to Honduras where he spends time with the children.

Open to: SCCs and Religious Sisters of other communities. Call 973-738-4266 to register

Six-Day Preached Retreat July 6-13, 2023

Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center 352 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham, NJ

Director: Melannie Svoboda, SND

THEME: A Celebration of Hope

As Christians, we are called to be people of hope. But how do we do this amid the gloom and doom that sometimes pervade the daily news and our personal lives? This retreat explores the nature of hope and its intrinsic relation to faith, love, and courage. It will also offer some practical ways we can nourish hope in our daily lives—such as through prayer, friendship, love of nature, service, beauty, letting go, and playfulness. Using scripture, short videos, poetry, music, and humor, we will (hopefully!) be drawn closer to our Beloved God, the ultimate source of all hope.



Sr. Melannie Svoboda is a Sister of Notre Dame of Chardon, OH for over 50 years.

Throughout these years, she served as a high school and college teacher, novice director, and provincial (president) of her congregation and ministered in the Jesuit novitiate in Detroit for six years. Currently she writes and gives talks and retreats nationally. A free-lance writer, her articles appear in numerous publications including *America*, *Catholic Digest*, *Liguorian*, *Living Faith*, *Review for Religious*, and *Give Us This Day*. She is the author of thirteen books including *Traits of a healthy Spirituality*; *When the Rain Speaks*;

Celebrating God's Presence in Nature; *With the Dawn Rejoicing: A Christian Perspective on Pain and Suffering*.

Her favorite pastimes include walking, reading, listening to music, conversing with friends, working puzzles, playing Scrabble, and cheering on her beloved Cleveland teams.

Open to: SCCs, Religious Sisters of other communities and lay women.

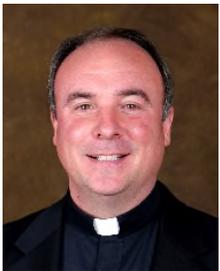
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Six-Day Preached Retreat - August 7-14, 2023

Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center 352 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham, NJ

Director: Father Paul A. McDonnell, O.S.J.

THEME: " "I....urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love" (Ephesians 4:1) Father will incorporate this theme in the retreat with conferences on the evangelical counsels, community life, and ministry.



Fr. McDonnell, native of Pittston, PA, and member of the Congregation of the Oblates of St. Joseph (USA Province) entered the formation program immediately after high school. He received a BA degree from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA in 1986, then went to Italy for five years to complete his novitiate in Padua and theological studies in Rome at the Angelicum and Lateran Universities. Ordained August 10, 1991, he served in various capacities within the Oblate Order, including provincial superior from 2003-2010 and 2013-2019. Fr. McDonnell currently serves as rector of his religious community and Sacramental Minister at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, both in Pittston

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