



*Guide to
Retreats
2012*

*Villa Maria del Mar
Santa Cruz,
California*

*Villa Holy Names &
Convent of the Holy Names
Los Gatos, California*

*Celebrate with the Sisters
of the Holy Names of
Jesus and Mary
in remembering our
foundress, Blessed Mother
Marie Rose*



*200th Anniversary of the Birth
of
Eulalie Durocher
October 6, 1811 - October 6, 2011*

SNJM Retreat offerings 2012

Santa Cruz and Los Gatos, California

Dear Friends,

With the blessings for a NEW YEAR filled with God's goodness, come the retreat offerings for the 2012 Retreat program at Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz and Villa Holy Names in Los Gatos. This year as always, our retreat centers will provide you with stimulating choices of themes, beautiful surroundings and genuine hospitality for your time of spiritual renewal.

We are deeply grateful to the generous women and men who have agreed to serve as presenters, directors, coordinators and musicians for our retreats. Each year we make good use of your feedback in seeking presenters who will meet your needs. We trust that this year is no different. Thank you for your helpful suggestions.

A reminder about Eucharistic liturgies at Villa Maria del Mar - there is not a daily Eucharistic liturgy at the Villa, unless the presenter is an ordained priest. However, nearby churches have Mass at various times where people can go daily if they wish. Each retreat usually provides two liturgies and a Reconciliation service towards the end of the retreat.

We pray with you as you prepare to make space in your lives for retreat. We trust that you will be led by God's Spirit. We know that our retreat houses will support your decision with the loving service and beautiful gifts that the personnel, along with Mother Nature, will provide.

We look forward to your time with us, assured that we, too, are touched by God's love in the persons of our retreatants.

Blessings of peace to each and all,

Retreat Committee, U.S.-Ontario Province

Pat Boroughs, Associate
Patti Doyle, SNJM
Carol Nicklas, SNJM



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Villa Maria del Mar... Gift of the Sea
Santa Cruz, California

Developing a Heart Moved with Compassion

Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, California

June 8-15, 2012

Michael Crosby, OFM Cap

In almost all the great religions, compassion is the goal of the spiritual life. The Dalai Lama has said “compassion is the greatest power” in the world. This retreat will probe the power of compassion and how we can become more aware of the obstacles to growing in care and compassion in our lives, relationships and world. It will offer ways we can grow in the silence that cultivates a compassionate heart and how our hearts can be “moved with compassion.”

Michael Crosby is a Capuchin Franciscan. He lives in community with other friars in a downtown Milwaukee parish that serves the urban poor, homeless and marginalized. His own ministry revolves around his attempt to proclaim the gospel of God’s Trinitarian reign and the need for conversion that is needed to bring about Trinitarian relationships of equality at all levels “on earth as it is in heaven.” Michael’s preaching and writing on contemporary biblical discipleship has taken him around the world. He holds a PhD in Theology and has authored numerous award-winning books.

Growing in Faith and Prayer through Contemplation of Nature

Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, California

June 18-25, 2012

Bill Stoeger, SJ

This retreat will explore what the natural sciences reveal about our amazing universe – its vastness, history and intricacy, our profound connection with it, and God's active and loving presence within it. Our personal experience with Scripture, theological understanding and guided prayerful reflection will enrich these experiences. The retreat aims at developing a deeper appreciation and awareness of the Mystery of God's love and of creation and its divinely given freedom, integrity and dynamism; its fertility, transience and fragility.

Bill Stoeger, SJ has been on the staff of the Vatican Observatory since 1979, as an astrophysicist, cosmologist and writer on theology and science. He holds a PhD in astrophysics and an STM in theology. He is also a spiritual director and has lectured widely on the relationship between Catholic Theology and the natural sciences.

Spirituality and Prayer in a World of Technology

Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, California

July 6-13, 2012

Marilyn Wilson, BVM

How might we be nourished in relationship with our God, self and others in our fast-paced, cyber-spatial, computer-driven world? How might we find inner peace and make a difference in the everyday of our lives within a global world?

During this retreat we will explore contemplation and prayer through our connections with nature and the universe story; with the sacredness of

physicality/our body; within the aesthetics of poetry, art and drama; and with the inspiration of music, song and dance. Scripture, literature and prayer will inform our time of reflection, meditation and sharing. In our search for integration, may we find new ways to live peace-filled, vibrant lives in a more and more complex environment.

Marilyn Wilson, BVM, a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a spiritual director, retreat facilitator, educator and peace and justice advocate focusing on women's issues. Retreat ministry includes such groups as parish staff and councils, religious congregations and Associates, parish/diocesan catechetical and liturgical staffs, school faculties, women's organizations and women in prison. Currently, in addition to the ministry of spirituality, she is an Instructional Aide at St. Frances Cabrini School in San Jose. She has a degree in English/Communications and Theology.

A Virtual Pilgrimage at Santa Cruz, California **Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, California** **July 16-23, 2012**

Guide for the Journey: Lorna Cooney, SNJM

With the book *A Pilgrimage of the Heart* with Mother Marie-Rose to our SNJM Sacred Sites in hand, we will set out a journey, in silence, and in the company of others. As pilgrims, our destination will be renewed openness to the Holy One as we walk with one another and with Mother Marie-Rose.

Lorna Cooney, SNJM, is the director of the SNJM Charism Office, which published the Congregational resource, *A Pilgrimage of the Heart*. Lorna's formation, studies and ministries are in the areas of religions, theology and spirituality. Ritual, music and retreats are of special interest to her, and throughout the years she has had vast experience in these ministries. Currently, she is responding to requests to lead retreats of various lengths based on this book. Priority registration is given to members of SNJM Spiritual Directors group.

2012 Retreats in Los Gatos, California

Jesus Christ, the Source and Goal of our Desiring

March 4-10, 2012

Bernard Bush, SJ

We come from God and are going to God. We are restless until we rest in God. While Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life, it is not an easy journey. We are told that we become whom we contemplate, so contemplation of the mysteries of the life of Christ empowers us to seek and find the fulfillment of our deepest yearning.

Bernard Bush, SJ was born in Garberville, California and after elementary school there, he went to Bellarmine Prep in San Jose. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1951 and was ordained in 1965. He earned a PhD in Human Science (Psychology and Theology) from Saybrook University in San Francisco. Currently, Father is on staff at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos where he gives retreats, does spiritual direction and teaches a seminar on the Spiritual Exercises to train lay persons to give the Exercises.

Sacred Space Retreat at Villa Holy Names

July 25-August 1, 2012

Arthur Poulin, OSB Cam and Therese Fenzl, Associate

Sacred Space is kairos time to rediscover a balance in our lives between prayer, work, relationships, leisure, community, solitude and all of the other dimensions of our very active lives. Eucharist is the focus of each day. Centering prayer is offered each evening and a communal reconciliation celebration will be provided toward the end of the week. Though not a directed retreat, Arthur and Theresa are available as directors for those who wish.

Arthur Poulin is a Camaldolese monk and artist residing at Incarnation Monastery in Berkeley. He enjoys journeying with others engaged in a search for contemplative life and prayer.

Therese Fenzl is an Associate of the Sisters of the Holy Names, U.S.-Ontario Province, who has been involved in retreat ministry for many years. As spiritual director and team leader, Therese again brings her experience and love of contemplation to those who seek God in this Sacred Space.

Reservations: Retreats, Villa Maria del Mar

At Villa Maria del Mar, the fee for each retreat is \$600. The fee for commuters is \$400. Please register either by e-mail, phone, or mail. In order to reserve your place, you must send your \$50 non-refundable deposit with your registration form if you register by mail, or within a week of your email or phone registration. Confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit. **Note: SNJMs do not need to send a deposit.** The Province covers retreat expenses, excluding travel.

Contact: villamaria@snjmuson.org or (831) 475-1236

Mail to: Sisters of the Holy Names
c/o Reservations Coordinator
21918 E Cliff Dr, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

____ I plan to stay at the Villa ____ I plan to commute

Please indicate if you are willing to volunteer:

Musician/Instrument _____ Cantor _____

Art/Environment _____ Other _____

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices for retreat:

_____ *June 8-15, Developing a Heart Moved with Compassion,
Michael Crosby, OFM Cap*

_____ *June 18-25, Growing in Faith and Prayer through
Contemplation of Nature, Bill Stoeger, SJ*

_____ *July 6-13, Spirituality and Prayer in a World of Technology,
Marilyn Wilson, BVM*

_____ *July 16-23, A Virtual Pilgrimage at Santa Cruz, Lorna
Cooney, SNJM*

Reservations: 2012 Retreats in Los Gatos

Jesus Christ the Source and Goal of our Desiring - March 4-10, 2012

Sacred Space Retreat - July 24–31, 2012

The cost for the March 4th retreat is \$500 and the fee for the Sacred Space Retreat is \$500 without spiritual direction, or \$600 including spiritual direction. Please register by email, phone, or mail. In order to reserve your place, you must send your \$50 non-refundable deposit with your registration form if you register by mail, or within a week of your email or phone registration. Confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit. **Note: SNJMs do not need to send a deposit.** The Province covers retreat expenses, excluding travel.

Contact: sallygunnsnjm@yahoo.com or (408) 354-1730

Mail to: Sisters of the Holy Names

c/o Sally Gunn, SNJM

PO Box 1906, Los Gatos, CA 95031

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please indicate if you are willing to volunteer:

Musician/Instrument _____ Cantor _____

Art/Environment _____ Other _____

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices for retreat:

_____ March 4-10, *Jesus Christ, the Source and Goal of our Desiring*

_____ July 24-31, *Sacred Space Retreat*

_____ I want a retreat director for the *Sacred Space Retreat*

(Fee is \$500 without spiritual direction, or \$600 with spiritual direction)

My preferred spiritual director (check one):

_____ Rev. Arthur Poulin, OSB Cam

_____ Therese Fenzl, Associate