

## **Saint Mary by-the-Sea 2018 Retreat Directors**

**Trudy Ahern SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, is co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune, New Jersey. Her ministries include the training and supervision of spiritual directors, spiritual direction, directed retreats, and programs for spiritual enrichment.

**Laura Arvin OP**, a Dominican Sister of Amityville, New York, ministers as a co-director at Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer in Watchung, New Jersey. Prior to spiritual direction and retreat ministry, she served as an administrator at St. John's University in New York.

**Carol Beevers SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, is Director of Mother of God House of Prayer in Alva, Florida. She has master's degrees in social work and in holistic spirituality and spiritual direction. Carol enjoys companionship with others on their spiritual journey.

**Assunta Boyle RSM** received certification as a spiritual director from the Center of Religious Development and a certificate in pastoral counseling from the New York Diocese Pastoral Program. In addition to her retreat ministry, she currently serves as a DRE at a parish in Southampton, New York.

**Kathleen Boyle SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, ministers in spiritual direction, Kairos retreats, and education. She received her spiritual direction training at Francis House of Prayer in Rancocas, New Jersey, she serves as chairperson and teacher in the theology department at Saint Rose High School in Belmar, New Jersey.

**Mary Bryan SHCJ** received training for spiritual direction and retreats in Italy and studied with David Fleming SJ and William Barry SJ at Weston Jesuit School of Theology. She is involved in spiritual direction and retreats, as well as assisting at Holy Child Center, her Congregation's retirement house.

**Margaret Ellen Burke SC**, a New York Sister of Charity, has been educating and supervising spiritual directors for many years. She is actively engaged as well with the Spiritual Development and Leadership Formation of the Laity in the rural areas of the Archdiocese of New York.

**Helen Cahill OP**, a Dominican Sister of Peace, is on staff at the Claret Center in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to her spiritual direction ministry, she supervises formation personnel for many congregations and gives workshops on numerous and varied topics.

**Maureen Christensen RSM**, is a co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center. Her primary ministry is spiritual direction and the education of spiritual directors.

**Dolores Clerico SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, received a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Chestnut Hill College. Dolores also offers guided retreats and facilitates workshops in the spirit of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

**Peg Conboy SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, ministers as a chaplain at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Peg has been active in retreat work and spiritual direction in the United States and in Latin America.

**Patty Creech** has over 25 years of experience with both Centering Prayer and 12 Step spirituality. She is also a certified spiritual director and serves in the community of Saint Ann, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

**Clare A. D'Auria OSF**, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Aston, PA, currently ministers as a staff member at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pennsylvania. For half of her fifty years in ministry, Clare has traveled throughout the United States and abroad, offering spiritual direction, directed retreats, and conference retreats, these especially focused on topics in Franciscan spirituality. Her other ministerial experience has included congregational and provincial leadership, secondary and collegiate education, and a variety of additional administrative roles both within and outside of her congregation.

**Annie Dougherty OSF** is a Franciscan Sister of Allegany, NY. She holds a master's degree in counseling psychology from Nova Southeastern University and a doctorate in pastoral counseling from the Graduate Theological Foundation. Annie is certified as a Spiritual Director and provides spiritual direction for people from all walks of life.

**Kathleen Durkin CSJ** entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling and is now a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph. Kathleen has served as an elementary and high school teacher and in areas of adult faith formation, college seminary formation and parish ministry. She also served as Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV. Kathleen was a member of the formation team for her Congregation and served in elected leadership. Currently, Kathleen serves at St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling as a retreat director, spiritual director, and facilitator.

**Marie Ann Ellmer RSM** is a Sister of Mercy of the Mid-Atlantic Community. She has been providing ongoing spiritual direction for fourteen years and has given retreats at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville, St. Raphaela Center, Cape May Point, and Daylesford Abbey.

**Carolynne Ervin** has served in the ministry of spiritual direction and supervision for over 30 years. She currently has a small private practice at her home in Reading, Pennsylvania. Carolynne offers directed retreats at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth when needed.

**Gerry Fitzpatrick SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, ministers in spiritual direction, and she has supervised for Neumann University. She holds graduate degrees in theology and counseling and a certificate in spiritual direction from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

**Mary Kay Flannery SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, ministers in education, spiritual direction, and retreats. She teaches in the Religious Studies department of Chestnut Hill College. She studied at the Center for Spirituality and Justice, Bronx, New York and at the Mexican American Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas.

**Vincent Fortunato ofm Cap** has ministered in formation, provincial leadership, and as Secretary for Development and Mission Animation. Presently he is in full time preaching ministry. He holds master's degrees from Darlington Seminary and Creighton University. He is a presenter of spiritual direction for groups and training programs.

**Bette Gallagher RSM** is a Sister of Mercy engaged in the spiritual ministries of directed retreats, on-going direction and retreat in everyday life. She lives and ministers in Philadelphia.

**Julie Grey OP**, a Dominican Sister of Peace, has a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University. She is a graduate of the Institute for Spiritual Leadership in Chicago, Illinois and the Center for Religious Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She currently ministers in spiritual direction and program development at St. Raphaela Center.

**Mary Louise Heffernan SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Rochester, has long ministered in spiritual direction. She holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Seattle University.

**Pat Hickey SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Creighton University and is certified in supervision from Chestnut Hill College. She has been involved full time in the ministry of spiritual direction, retreats and supervision for many years.

**Mary Ellen Higgins IHM**, a Sister, Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, teaches in the Human Services Department at Chestnut Hill College and also serves as a spiritual companion for others. She was trained in the practice of spiritual direction at Fordham University and has companioned others in spiritual direction for over twenty years.

**Jean Marie Holup SSCM**, a Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius and the director of St. Cyril's Spiritual Center in Danville, Pennsylvania, has long ministered in spiritual direction and in retreat work. She received her degree in Spirituality from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, and ministered at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth, Wernersville, Pennsylvania. Currently, Jean serves her Congregation as the director of formation.

**Chris Koellhoffer IHM**, a Sister, Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, trained at the Center for Spirituality and Justice and at Fordham University. With her background and experience in spirituality, communications, and social justice, she serves as a spiritual guide, retreat leader, and writer in her mobile spirituality ministry.

**Pauline La Mothe OP**, a Dominican Sister of Peace has a Doctor of Ministry in Counseling/ Psychology as well as a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. She is presently on the staff of Claret Center in Chicago, Illinois as a Spiritual Director and facilitates local communities for sisters and seminarians in Formation.

**Madeleine Lane SSND, MA, LMFT**, a member of the Central Pacific Province of School Sisters of Notre Dame, is the Founder of The Family Center. She has thirty-five years of educational, pastoral and clinical experience, including spiritual direction. Sister Madeleine offers individual, couple, and family counseling, and specializes in grief ministry.

**Mary Elizabeth Looby GNSH** serves on her Congregation's Leadership Council and has been a spiritual director and retreat director for over 30 years. She completed a Master's degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Neumann University, Aston, Pennsylvania, and Spiritual Direction training from Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Maryland.

**Cathy Looker SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, holds a master's degree and certification in Holistic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from Chestnut Hill College. She ministers in spiritual direction, retreats, workshops, and supervision, and teaches in the Religious Studies Department at Chestnut Hill College.

**Marion Lynch OSU**, an Ursuline Sister of the Roman Union, ministers as spiritual director, retreat director and is involved in prayer group ministry within her parish. She serves on the Board at Serviam Girls Academy — a middle school for low-income girls. Marion received her spiritual direction training at Washington Theological Union and at The Center for Spirituality and Justice in New York. She is a native New Yorker and has been ministering in Wilmington, Delaware for a number of years.

**Mary Lynch SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, holds a master's degree in theology/liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in holistic spirituality and spiritual direction from Chestnut Hill College. She serves as a rector in McGlenn Hall at the University of Notre Dame.

**Kathryn Madden rc**, a Cenacle Sister who trained at Creighton University and the Center for Religious Development, is engaged in spiritual ministry at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Ronkonkoma, New York. She is especially drawn to contemplative prayer forms.

**Eileen Dorothy Maguire SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, is presently Director of Senior Services for her congregation. She holds graduate degrees in education and administration, counseling psychology, and holistic spirituality and spiritual direction. Eileen has experience in diocesan and parish ministry, retreat work, and days of prayer and reflection.

**Anne McCoy SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, holds a Master's degree in Holistic Spirituality and Direction. She has been giving direction and retreats for the past 26 years. Currently, Anne is a chaplain at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Maria McCoy SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, recently completed 23 years of ministry as a member of the Spiritual Growth Staff at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville, PA. In addition to spiritual direction, retreats, offering programs, Maria leads retreats and workshops on Praying with Female Images of God. Maria's educational opportunities include a BA in Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, Masters Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University, and Theology and Spirituality courses through the multi-cultural ARC Program, Rome, Italy. Maria also received a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Her doctoral project explores the interfacing of feminist scholarship with Ignatian spirituality.

**Eileen McGovern SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, has long ministered in spiritual direction, retreats, and supervision, most recently as director of Carmel Retreat House in Mahwah, New Jersey.

**Claire McNichol SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia holds a master's degree in Theology from St. Bonaventure University. She received her certification in spiritual direction and directed retreats from St. Joseph Spirituality Center. She is also trained in Mid-life/long life directions. Claire presently serves as Pastoral Associate at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Collingswood, New Jersey.

**Pat Mensing SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, holds a master's degree in theology from St. Michael's College and trained at Creighton University. Pat gives spiritual direction, leads days and weekends of prayer, and serves as a pastoral associate at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac, Maryland.

**Maria Metzger SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, holds master's degrees in theology from Saint Louis University and holistic spirituality and spiritual direction from Chestnut Hill College. She has ministered in education, spiritual direction, and retreats, and is the Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Formation at Star of the Sea Parish in Cape May, New Jersey.

**Doris Mical CSJP** is a certified spiritual director and experienced retreat director. She has had experience in Congregation Formation Ministry and has a current practice in pastoral counseling and spiritual direction.

**Janet Mock CSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Baden, Pennsylvania, has been involved in directing retreats since 1973 while engaged in other ministries. In recent years, Janet served as executive director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

**Cathy Nerney SSJ** is a Sister of St Joseph from Philadelphia, is professor of Religious Studies at Chestnut Hill College, where she serves as Founding Director of the college's Institute for Forgiveness and Reconciliation. In 2015 to commemorate the centenary of ETTY's birth, Cathy was invited to present a paper at the University of Ghent in Belgium, where ETTY's archives are preserved. Cathy's love for and commitment to share the person and message of ETTY Hillesum continue to grow. She is delighted to pray with and reflect on this very human and simultaneously holy woman with her retreatants at this special time.

**Dennis O'Donnell PhD** is a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and has been directing retreats for the past 35 years. Currently he is involved with ministry formation at Holy Redeemer Health System and co-founder of Amigos de Jesus, a Home for Children in Honduras.

**Diarmuid O'Murchu MSC** is a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin Ireland, is a social psychologist most of whose working life has been in social ministry. He is a workshop leader, travelling throughout the world. A prolific writer, his most recent books are: Religious Life in the 21st Century, Inclusivity: A Gospel Mandate, and On Being a Postcolonial Christian. He lives in Dublin, Ireland.

**Peg Oravez SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, has been companioning spiritual seekers for the past thirty years. She has a master's degree in Spirituality from Fordham University as well as a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Shalem Institute in Washington, DC.

**Mark Plaushin OSFS**, an Oblate of Saint Francis de Sales residing at Our Mother of Consolation Parish in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, currently ministers as a criminologist and is Pennsylvania State Police Chaplain. He is retired from the U.S. Army (chaplain) and has served in a variety of Oblate ministries. Mark is a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, the International Association of Emergency Managers, and numerous other associations.

**Mary Virginia Quinn IHM** ministers in education, spiritual direction, and retreats. She holds a certificate in spiritual direction and retreats from Creighton University. Presently, she teaches and chairs in the Theology Department at Immaculata High School, in Somerville, New Jersey.

**Margaret Rohde rc**, Director of Ministry at the Ronkonkoma Cenacle, has ministered as spiritual director, retreat director, labyrinth facilitator, and with 12-step support and centering prayer groups. She is trained to give the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. She is attracted to silent, contemplative prayer.

**Sally Russell SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia is the Director of Adult Faith Formation and Spiritual Direction for Our Lady of the Chesapeake Parish in Pasadena, Maryland. She has a graduate degree in Adult Faith Formation and a certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Upper Room Spiritual Center. Sally is engaged in offering spiritual direction and retreats.

**Mary Schneiders OP** is a Dominican Sister of Hope a Dominican Sister of Hope, has served as a Parish Director of Religious Education and taught Scripture and Theology at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. For nineteen years, Mary was a staff member at Berakah Renewal and Retreat Center in Pittsfield, NH where, as part of the sabbatical program, she taught and journeyed with sisters in spiritual direction. Mary, who earned her doctorate in Theology from Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, is now engaged in conducting retreats and workshops at retreat centers, parishes, and women's groups throughout the US.

**Eileen P. Smith RSM**, a Sister of Mercy, is the director of Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, New Jersey where she serves in retreat ministry, conducts retreats and workshops, and offers spiritual direction. She received her MA in Religious Studies at Providence College and was trained in spiritual direction at the Jesuit Center, Wernersville, Pennsylvania.

**Kathleen Smith RSM** is a graduate of Chestnut Hill College in holistic spirituality and retreat direction. Her present holistic practice, Grateful Heart Ministries, includes spiritual direction and healing touch. She practices throughout Maine, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

**Mary Spratt rc** is a Cenacle Sister who ministers at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, New York. She has a Master of Divinity degree and has received training in spiritual direction at the Center for Religious Development in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Barbara Springer SSJ** is a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia. Her ministry encompasses individual spiritual direction, retreats, and facilitating days of prayer and reflection. She trained at the Center for Spirituality of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia.

**Marcy Springer SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia and Director of Francis House of Prayer in Mt. Holly, New Jersey, offers programs, retreats, and spiritual direction. She also directs the 19th Annotation and 30-day experience of the Spiritual Exercises and offers an intern program for spiritual directors.

**Liz Sweeney SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, serves as a spiritual director for individuals and groups at Jesus House in Wilmington, Delaware. In recent years her ministry has broadened to include the development of integral spirituality and consciousness transformation through the practice of contemplative dialogue.

**Margie Thompson SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, is an artist, a spiritual director and supervisor, and an associate professor of art at Chestnut Hill College. Using slides of her work, she brings to spiritual direction expertise on themes of art, spirituality, women's issues, and evolutionary theology.

**Bob Uzzilio** is a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport and his ministry has included pastoring and leadership in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement. He is presently an adjunct staff member of the Institute for Priestly Formation (Creighton University) and a staff member of IPF's three-year training program in spiritual direction at Mundelein Seminary (Chicago).

**Mary Catherine Walton SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, holds a master's degree in religious studies, spirituality certificates from The Center for Spirituality and Justice, Bronx, New York and The Upper Room, Neptune, New Jersey, and a pastoral counseling certificate.

**Rita Woehlcke SSJ**, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, is the Director of the SSJ Associates in Mission. She offers spiritual direction, retreats, and programs for personal and ministerial growth. In addition to masters' degrees in literature and pastoral counseling, she holds a certificate in spiritual direction.