

"The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning
Newsletter

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New Title for the Bergamo Newsletter

You may have noticed a change in the title of this newsletter from the "Top of the Line" taken from an old staff bulletin of two decades ago to something a little more fresh and inviting - "The Open Window." In a tribute to our patron Saint John XXIII the newsletter has taken this new name to impart an open and fresh new approach to communication with our followers.

An archive of all previous "Top of the Line" newsletters may be viewed at <http://www.bergamocenter.org/Newsletter.htm> All future editions of "The Open Window" will be archived there as well.

Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared 2016 to be a Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Bergamo Staff have been exploring lately how we might celebrate the Jubilee here at the Center.

A number of opportunities for reflection and recollection are planned. On the Marianist World Day of Prayer on Oct. 11, which is also the Feast of Saint Pope John XXIII, from 3-5 pm

at the Center, Jubilee Retreat Guide **Anthony Franchina** will guide participants in a reflection on the "Trifecta of Mercy", into the roles John XXIII, John Paul II and Pope Francis have played leading to this Jubilee of Mercy. You may register for this free will offering event at the following site:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-trifecta-of-mercy-tickets-18519833320>

In next month's "The Open Window" there will be an announcement about further gatherings on the topic of Mercy.

Holy Cards of Founders

New holy cards have been produced by the Bergamo Center to recognize our founders. Each card is printed with an inspirational quote. The artwork is from **Bro. Joe Barrish, SM** who resides here at Mount Saint John. Please stop and pick one up on your next visit to the Bergamo Center.



Hurray for Housekeepers

Housekeeping Week is Sept. 13-19, 2015. The ladies in the housekeeping department were a bit shy about getting their picture taken. Let us assure you they are beautiful and they work very hard to keep the Bergamo Center beautiful and clean for all our guests. We celebrate this week with our housekeepers: **Lindsey Fairbanks, Nikki Leasher and Jackie Peden.**

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New Art On Display at Bergamo



"Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen" features vibrant contemporary art of the Virgin Mary by renowned artist, painter, and author Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS, now on display in the lobby of Bergamo Center through the months of Sept./Oct.

The original paintings were created with acrylic paint on watercolor paper, producing a soft yet vibrant color effect. Many of the paintings in the collection are the result of

McGrath's loving fascination with black pilgrimage Madonnas. Mary is presented throughout as an inclusive and unifying figure in an increasingly diverse church. The titles of Mary are from the Litany of Loreto, one of the oldest prayers of the Catholic Church, and passed down through the ages. These images celebrate various loving and reverent names for Mary: Our Mother, Our Lady, Our Mystic, Our Queen.

September Staff Birthdays

Emily Brun – Sept. 2
Anthony Franchina – Sept. 26



Marianist Feast Days in September

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sept. 8
The Most Holy Name of Mary – Sept. 12
Our Lady of Sorrows – Sept. 15
Memorial of the Marianist Martyrs – Sept. 18



September Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Moeller HS (45) – Sept. 1-2
Labor Day Weekend (No Guests) – Sept. 4-7
Premier Health Screening – Sept. 8
Bergamo Board (15) – Sept. 10
Ohio Valley Philosophers (50) – Sept. 11-14
Carroll HS (45) – Sept. 13-14
Moeller Kairos (70) – Sept. 15-19
Enneagram (35) – Sept. 17-21
Fenwick HS Teachers (10) – Sept. 18
Taylor Univ. (25) – Sept. 18-20
UD Ethos (30) – Sept. 20
Alter HS Kairos (60) – Sept. 22-25
South Community Leadership Team (35) – Sept. 24
Warren Co. Quilters (24) – Sept. 24-27
Neuro Yoga (40) – Sept. 26
Transition Signals Women (20) – Sept. 26
Ignatian Spirituality Project ISP Women (20) – Sept. 26-27
Chaminade Julienne Kairos (55) – Sept. 28-Oct. 1

Quote

"Throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the spirit blow through."

Saint Pope John XXIII

