

# "The Open Window"

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning  
Newsletter

Summer 2016

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## Roof & Window Projects

Guest groups at the Bergamo Center may not realize that as a Sponsored Ministry of the Marianists the Center rents the space from the Marianists. Bergamo and the Marianists of Mount Saint John regularly collaborate on facility improvements and we have a major one this summer.



The Marianist Province and our Mount Saint John Facilities Manager have authorized a project to replace the mansard roof around the building. The work is slated to begin on June 15 and extend through August 15. The work will be conducted from 6am to 4pm and may include some weekends. We are expecting noise, equipment and workers around the building as they abate the old cement shingles and prepare for replacing with the new asphalt shingles.

For some large groups that fill the whole center we have requested that no work be done during those times. However there may be scaffolding, cranes and supplies located around the building and alternate entrances to the building that may alter normal patterns around the building.

In addition, the second phase of window replacement in Unit 2 of the bedrooms will take place the second week of August. Guest groups have been notified in advance. Patience and understanding are appreciated through this work phase.

## Bergamo Jubilee

The Bergamo Center will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2017. A team has been invited to chart the course of Bergamo Centers Jubilee from Oct. 1, 2016 through Oct. 2 of 2017.

**David Ramey**, former President of the Bergamo Center from 1981-1991 and now **President of Strategic Leadership Associates, Inc.** has agreed to moderate our planning process. Members of the Jubilee Committee to mark this milestone, include:

*Fr. Gerry Chinchar, SM*  
*Brent Devitt*  
*Dick Flack*  
*Anthony Franchina*  
*Barb Kozlowski*  
*Sr. Teresa Laengle*  
*Br. Bob Metzger, SM*  
*Patty O'Grady*  
*Dave Ramey*  
*Ginny Snead*



We hope this occasion is a year to reflect on the past and dream for the future. We will communicate the plans for the Jubilee as they unfold.

## Divine Comedy Contemplative Retreat II

Saturday, June 18 + 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm

This retreat will provide a fuller experience of the depths of the three canticles that comprise the Divine Comedy, namely, the Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso. The primary purpose of the Divine Comedy retreat is opening up the literary and spiritual work for each participant to explore their own journeys of transformation. Dante's hope was to lead the readers to a greater understanding of their place in the universe and prepare them for the next life, which begins after death. This retreat experience is intended to be accessible to people from all backgrounds; no previous



knowledge of the Divine Comedy is necessary. Quiet time for personal reflection and application will be included with some group sessions. The retreat guide will be Anthony Franchina who has an M.A. in Italian language and literature, and the experience to conduct the mini-pilgrimage under Dante as the retreat master. Location: Bergamo Center 4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek 45430; Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel. \$25 (includes lunch). Call Bergamo to register at 937-426-2363.

[Online Registration](#)

## Bergamo Youth Program Interns

**Emily Brun** has completed a two year internship assisting the Bergamo Youth programs. This has been a tremendous professional and spiritual growth opportunity for Emily these past two years. Meanwhile the Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning announces the co-interns for the 2016-17 Retreat calendar year: Amanda Bell and Josh Mueller.



(Left to right Emily Brun, Josh Mueller, Amanda Bell)

**Amanda Bell** is a 2011 Troy HS graduate and completed a culinary program at Upper Valley JVS. Amanda first got involved with Bergamo through the World's Greatest Retreat, which she attended all 4 years in High School. Since 2012 she has volunteered for 75 retreats and worked with every school that has come here to Bergamo and in the process has earned a great deal of respect from our schools and their Campus Ministers.

**Josh Mueller** is a 2013 Alter HS graduate and is looking to graduate in 2017 from the University of Dayton in Religious Studies and is hoping to become a Christian Public Speaker. He has been involved with Bergamo Center for two and a half years and logged in over 43 retreats in that time. He has worked with over 15 schools and has developed trusting relationships with them and the team.

## Summer Retreats/Events (Approx. # of Participants)

Dayton Secular Carmelites (45) - June 4-5  
Ignatian Spirituality Project Women (20) – June 4  
UD Mission / Rector (60) - June 5-6  
Retiree Priests Luncheon (30) – June 7  
Wellness Management (100) - June 1 3  
Ignatian Spirituality Project Men (20) – June 11  
Jubilee Planning (12) – June 14  
Divine Comedy Retreat (10) – June 18  
Marianist Province Retreat (46) - June 19-25  
SPICE (40) – June 26-30  
Facilitator Training (10) – June 27

Facilitator Training (10) - July 7  
Midwest Native Plant Conference (150) – July 8-10  
Seton HS (45) - July 11-12  
Dist. Southern Brethren Women (20) – July 13-15  
LIFE Staff (10) – July 13-17  
LIFE (100) – July 18-24  
Seton HS Kairos (50) – July 25-28  
Office of Youth Ministry (30) – July 28-29  
Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Franciscans (100) – July 29- Aug. 1

Marianist Pulse (7) – Aug. 1-8  
Silenti (20) – July 31-Aug. 1  
Facilitator Training (10) – Aug. 3  
Yoga (53) – Aug. 3-7  
Window Installation – Aug. 9-12  
Bergamo Staff meeting (22) – Aug. 11  
NAIM (35) – Aug. 12  
Pre Cana (120) – Aug. 12  
Facilitator Training (10) – Aug. 14  
Mt. Notre Dame (45) – Aug. 15-16  
Marianist Student Communities (60) – Aug. 17-18  
Summit Country Day Kairos Team (25) – Aug. 17  
McAulley HS (40) – Aug. 18-19  
Moeller HS Board (16) – Aug. 23  
Heritage Basketry guild (100) – Aug. 24-27  
Carroll HS (45) – Aug. 28-30  
Fenwick HS (50) – Aug. 29-30  
Fenwick HS (50) – Aug. 31-Sept. 1

## Marianist Feast Days in Summer 2016

June 10 - Adele de Batz de Trenquelleon  
July 9 - Mary, Queen of Peace  
August 13 - Father Jakob Gapp, S.M.  
August 15 - Assumption of Mary  
August 22 - Feast of the Queenship of Mary



## Summer Staff Birthdays

**Alan Baker** - June 20  
**Leah Strukamp** - June 26  
**Kevin Kozlowski** - July 8  
**Nichole Leasher** - July 26  
**Gene Ketter** - August 27  
**Joe Keller** - August 31

## Quote

*"We are not on earth as museum keepers,  
but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life  
and to prepare a glorious future."*

Saint Pope John XXIII



*Flowers  
of  
Bergamo*

