

PRESS RELEASES FEBRUARY –AUGUST 2020

Unplanned, the inspiring true story of one woman’s journey of transformation, will be shown as the Movie Matinee at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington on February 5, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

All Abby Johnson's passion surrounding a woman’s right to choose led her to become a spokesperson for planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause. Until the day she saw something that changed everything and led Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Attendees will receive a boxed lunch to enjoy during the screening. A short discussion will follow the movie.

Offering is \$35. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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“Go in peace, Glorifying the Lord with your Life!” is the theme of the Men’s Retreat to be presented by **Fr. Warren J. Savage** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 9:00 am on February 8, 2020 to 12:00 pm on Feb. The weekend retreat is a graced time for participants to reflect on the Word of God and to discern what it means to be sent forth “in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life.”

Input to the retreat will also be provided by **Ron Miceli** and **Sister Mary Ann Strain, CP**. **Ron Miceli** is the current Administrator at OLCCost of the retreat is \$175. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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“You can’t climb a mountain if it’s smooth,” an ancient African proverb, is the theme of the morning of reflection being held at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on February 12 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The presenter is **Deacon Art Miller**.

What happens when tragedy happens and we’re confronted with terrible choices? How strong is our faith when everything and everyone falls apart? How do we walk by faith when all we see is calamity?

There is an answer, a reservoir of faith within that is as deep as any pain. Come, spend the morning with Deacon Art Miller and learn how to tap into it.

Art Miller has preached throughout the United States—from New England to the Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast of Mississippi, from the Rocky Mountains of northern New Mexico to the south side of Chicago.

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Chase away your Moody Blues is the theme of **Marie DiBenedetto's** presentation at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on February 19, 2020.

Learn how you can beat the blues with laughter and maybe an attitude adjustment. So why be sad when you can learn simple techniques that can help raise your serotonin levels and enable you to feel better.

Marie Di Benedetto is a former retreat team member at OLC. She is also a Passionist Associate, a member of the OLC Board and a retired nurse.

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Annulment Workshop will be presented by **Sister Elissa Rinere, CP** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on February 22, 2020.

Annulments are not very well understood, even by Catholics. This workshop will consider what annulments are, when they are needed and why, and what the process entails. There will be time for both input and discussion.

Sister Elissa Rinere has been a Passionist Sister for over 30 years. She holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of Rhode Island and a Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD) from the Catholic University of America.

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Cost of program is \$275 for the full weekend or \$135 for commuter Saturday. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Mixed Media Art Class will be presented by **Emily Petrillo** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center,

Farmington on February 29, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Join us in making this mixed media project. We will use acrylic paint, stencils, and patterned papers to make a beautiful piece that brings out the fun in just "messing around" with art. You will learn about texture, composition, and how to layer materials successfully. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. All supplies will be provided.

Local artist **Emily Petrillo** is the manager of Dick Blick in Plainville.

Cost of program is \$35, including lunch. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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The Seven Last Words, a Lenten Retreat Day, will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Rereat Center, Farmington from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm om March 4, 2010.

Our tradition has presented us with a number of ways of thinking about and meditating on the Passion of Jesus. These include the Stations of the Cross, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Seven Sorrows of Mary and the Seven Last Words. The Seven Last Words are unique because more than any of the other devotions they take us inside the experience of Jesus. They offer a point of connection between the historical event of the crucifixdion of Jesus and the lived experience of the Passion, both in our personal lives and as we see it lived out in the crucified of today: the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the abandoned.

This Retreat will begin with morning prayer. Following the presentation on the Seven Last Words, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass.

The presenter is **Sister Mary Ann Strain, CP**, OLC's Program Director. Sister Mary Ann entered the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in 1977 and was professed in 1979. She holds a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Providence College.

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Cost of program is \$275 for the full weekend or \$135 for commuter Saturday. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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World Religions-The Way, The Truth, The Life will be presented by **Maria Decsy, PhD** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday March 7, 2020.

We shall consider the ancient religions of India, China and Japan. We shall look to the Abrahamic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Together we shall take in an eagle's eye view in a one day workshop.

Maria M. Decsy, PhD is a certified spiritual director and retreat leader. She is a staff member and spiritual director at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center and an adjunct professor of Ethics and World Religions at an area college. Maria loves traveling the world and brings her knowledge of many cultures to her teaching and ministry.

Cost of program is \$40, including lunch. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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The Shack will be shown as the Movie Matinee at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Wednesday March 11, 2020.

Facing a crisis of faith, Mack Philips receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. There through his meeting with three mysterious Mack finds important truths that will change his life forever.

Everyone will receive a boxed lunch to enjoy during the film. A short discussion will follow the movie.

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Family Recovery-Freedom from Addiction through Grace will be presented at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm on Saturday March 14.

This day is a discussion of the experience of living with someone who is experiencing addiction, as a child, parent and/or spouse, and the lasting impact of this experience if something is not different. How does this impact develop within the family system? How can the whole family recover and learn to be joyous and free?

The presenter, **Jacynth Pellan, LCSW, ACSW, LCADC, CJC**, specializes in Addiction Therapy,

Counseling, and Social Work.

Cost of program is \$30, including lunch. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Pysansky Workshop will be presented by **Dell Kasinskas** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Wednesday March 25, 2020.

A *pysanska* is a Ukrainian Easter egg decorated with traditional Ukrainian folk designs by using a wax-resist method. The word *pysanska* comes from the verb *pysaty*, meaning "to write" or "to inscribe," as the designs are not painted on but written with beeswax.

No artistic talent is required to create your own beautiful egg--just enthusiasm for learning and spiritual awareness through art.

Cost of program is \$30, including all materials. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Why is Easter Called Easter? will be presented at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday April 1, 2020.

Join us for a fun exploration of Easter. Learn why the celebration of Christ's resurrection is called Easter and about the origin of many of our Easter traditions. We'll take a look at dyeing Easter eggs, the Easter bunny, Hot Cross Buns, and more!

The program will include a presentation by Sister **Mary Ann Strain, CP** followed by an egg decoration workshop led by **Cheryl Pietrycha** and an Easter themed lunch.

Cost of program is \$35. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Mary Not So Gentle will be presented by **Sister Elissa Rinere, CP** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday April 15, 2020.

Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation and Finding Jesus in the Temple. **Mary Not So Gentle** will reflect on these and other Scriptural events to consider what qualities, in addition to peace and gentleness, Mary presents to us for our admiration and imitation.

Sister Elissa Rinere She holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of Rhode Island and a Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD) from the Catholic University of America. She has spent many years working in the Church as both a canon lawyer and pastoral minister.

Cost of program is \$30, including lunch. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Come Paint Lilies with Emer will be presented at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday April 18, 2020.

Come and join **Emer Gerhart**, a local artist...out of Branford...to paint one or two, or maybe three day lilies if you are feeling confident. We will capture this lovely flower in acrylic. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. All supplies will be provided.

Cost of program is \$35, including lunch. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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The Heart of Nuba will be shown at the Movie Matinee at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Wednesday April 22, 2020.

The Heart of Nuba is an incredibly moving documentary, directed by Kenneth Carlson and with executive producer Maria Shriver, that tells the story of Dr. Tom Catena, the only doctor in the only hospital for a million people in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan.

Everyone will receive a boxed lunch to enjoy during the film. A short discussion will follow the movie.

Cost of program is \$25. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Western Barbeque Dinner and Sing Along will be held at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on Wednesday April 29, 2020 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Tickets for the Dinner/Musical Entertainment are \$45/person. Tables for 4 or 6 may be reserved. Make reservations and payment by April 22. Seating is limited to the first 90 reservations.

Walk Ins are welcome for the Sing Along. Tickets are \$20/person. Arrive at 7:30 for the 7:45 entertainment.

Reservations and payment may be made by mail to Our Lady Of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, Ct, 06032; or at 860-677-8519; OurLadyofCalvary.net; olcretreat@sbcglobal.net. Mark checks "Western Barbeque" in the memo section.

How Can I Keep from Singing with Moving in the Spirit will be held at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on Wednesday May 6, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Come experience a "moving" way to pray this sacred and well-known song. We will share a gestural prayer that is an outward expression of our Holy Spirit. No previous experience is needed--just a willing spirit and an open heart. Dress comfortably. Looser clothing is recommended. All are welcome!

Moving in the Spirit was conceived by **Karen Donahue Rosignol** and **Lisa Muscanell-DePaola**. Their intention is to share movement as prayer in an exploration of the outward expression of our inner spirit and faith.

Cost of program is \$25. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

Spirituality and Art: Eaten by God will be presented by **Brother Michael Moran, CP** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on Wednesday May13, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

As an artist and one who takes time every day for mindful Centering Prayer, **Brother Michael Moran** has come to see the connection between the meditative, contemplative process and the creative process. Simone Weil, the 20th century French philosopher and mystic, summed it up in a passage about going to the center of the Labyrinth and being eaten up by God.

Brother Michael Moran's art work is collected and exhibited throughout the world. He was recently featured in an article in VISION magazine.

Cost of program is \$30, including lunch. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

Merton on the Invitation to Non-Violence will be presented by **Mike Smoolca** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, on Wednesday May 27, 2020 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Thomas Merton's contemplative journey led him to deep spiritual insights which he applied to the pressing social issues of his time. For Merton the roots of violence lie in a denial of our common human condition, our basic unity. It is not a matter of converting the wicked but of healing and reconciliation with self, others and the whole human family.

Mike Smoolca is a practicing spiritual director, a leader in the area's Christian Contemplative Community, and active in several ministries in his parish, St. Mary's in Simsbury.

Cost of program is \$25. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

Essential Oils of the Bible will be presented by **Alicia Clendennin** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat

Center, Farmington, on Wednesday June 10, 2020 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

The class is based in part on *The Healing Oils of the Bible* by Dr. David Stewart. Bible verses that reference essential oils and their use will be shared. Discussion includes the significance of holy incense and aromatherapy in Biblical times as compared to the way the same oils are used in modern times.

Alicia Clendennin holds a Master's Degree in Nursing from Southern Connecticut State University and a post-graduate certificate in Holistic Nursing from the University of Connecticut.

Cost of program is \$25. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

Directed Retreats will take place at Our Lady Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from June 18 to June 25, 2020. Retreatants have the option of the **Week Long Retreat** or a **Long Weekend** from June 18 to 21.

A directed retreat is a personally guided prayer experience in which the retreatant listens for God's word spoken through the Sacred Scriptures. The retreatant meets daily with an assigned director for reflection and discernment. The directors are **Celeste Calabotta; Maria Decsy; Sr. Joanne Fahey, CP; Sr. Eileen Fucito, CP; Sr. Bernadette Hughes, CP; Fr. Jim Kelly, OFM; Sr. Ann Rodgers, CP**. Retreatants may request a specific director, though it may not be possible to comply with every request.

Directed retreats are open to both men and women. They include daily Mass and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Lady of Calvary is a fully air-conditioned facility. All retreatant bedrooms are individually air-conditioned.

Cost of Week Long Retreat is \$535. Long Weekend is 320. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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Dreaming of the "Ideal Church" will be presented by **Sister Elissa Rinere, CP** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 10:00 am on July 27, 2020 to 2:00 pm on July 29.

This is a retreat for lay ministers and others who are asking, "If everything were moving smoothly, what would the Catholic Church look like?" We will consider the negative realities we face as a Church. We will ask, "What can the laity do to make some of the dreams come to reality?"

The retreat will be a combination of input, prayer, discussion. Critical topics will include baptism,

faith in action, prayer, the domestic church, the concept of holiness.

Sister Elissa Rinere has been a Passionist Sister for over 30 years. She holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of Rhode Island and a Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD) from the Catholic University of America. She has spent many years working in the Church as both a canon lawyer and pastoral minister.

Cost of program is \$300. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

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The retreat requires silence throughout the weekend. Otherwise it follows the same schedule as other OLC Women's Retreats.

Cost of program is \$300. Register by phone at 860-677-8519; online at OurLadyofCalvary.net; or by mail at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton St., Farmington, CT 06032.

Awakening our Creative Self in Recovery will be presented by **Ruth Hoenick** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 7:00 pm on August 8, 2020 to 12:00 pm on August 9.

This **Serenty Retreat for Recovering Alcoholics** is about being willing to make the 12-step program of recovery our own. There will be discussion of how to live creatively and spiritually in the here and now, looking at how to stay in the present and the presence of a higher power.

Ruth Hoenick is a recovering member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a grateful member of Al-Anon since 1986. In both programs she is actively involved in aponsorship and service work. Ruth is a wife, mother, and grandmother.

Ruth Hoenick has been an active retreat coordinator since 2008 and is currently Chair of the Board of Directors, Emeritus at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, WI. She is also the coordinator of the Sprituality Creativity Room at the Jesuit Retreat House.

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