

ESPOUSAL NEWS

Fall/Winter 2016

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What is a Healing Service?

Dear Friends:

At the Espousal Retreat Center, we have conducted Healing Services since 1977. Various people have coordinated the Services over these 39 years. Fr. Ralph DiOrio, Fr. Ed McDonough CSSR, Ms. Stapleton (President Caner's sister), Frank Kelly, Barbara Shlemon and others.

A large part of Jesus ministry was healing, curing, and blessing people. As clearly taught in the Gospels, Jesus commissioned his disciples to proclaim the good news and pray for healing.

At the Center, we conduct a Healing Service on the last Tuesday of each month. The service begins at 7:30pm with Mass. After Mass each person is invited to come to the foot of the altar and is anointed with blessed oil and is prayed with for their specific intentions. The oil is blessed for use by every baptized Catholic for any need. This is approved by the Church. The oil and prayers are different from what a Priest uses in the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

When we pray with each person, we ask that all present in the Chapel pray for each individual. This is a great and powerful gift.

Healing is that gift by which a person is set free from any obstacle that may be present, so that the individual grows in their love relationship with the Lord and with their brothers and sisters. Peace and joy are frequently experienced.

Curing is when a person experiences freedom from some physical or emotional illness. We pray for this also.

Come and experience God's gift of healing and curing love. The Lord is so merciful, kind and loving in His healing prayer and grace.

God Bless you,

Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob



Life in the Spirit Seminar

Baptism in the Holy Spirit – God’s Mercy

Offered at the:

Espousal Retreat Center
554 Lexington Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Beginning on:

Tuesday, October 4th at 7:15pm – 8:30pm

Continuing on Tuesday evenings:

October 11th, 18th, 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th

Free Will Offering

All are welcome to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and experience God’s love and mercy in a new, personal, and powerful way.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to offer the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and reminds us that this special gift and grace is given to us by God Himself.

A Day of Joy, Growth and Healing for Married Couples

Dealing with Pressures – The Power of Love Resolving Conflicts – the Gifts of the Sacrament

When: Sunday, November 20, 2016
Registration 9:30am
Program 10:00am – 4:30pm

Presenters: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS & Married Couples

Where: Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham, MA

The day will explore ways to experience deeper love; dealing with everyday pressures, resolving conflicts and experiencing the spiritual gifts of the Sacrament of Matrimony. We will reflect and pray on how a married couple can deal with pressures and challenges and experience the true peace, joy and deeper love of the Sacrament of Matrimony by the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit. We pray for healing and blessing.

Presented by Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS. He has worked with married and engaged couples for many years in various programs and in counseling.

Offering: \$70 per couple- includes Mass and Lunch

A Day of Healing

Spiritual- Emotional- Physical- Relational

When: October 23, 2016
Registration 9:30am
Program 10:00am – 4:30pm

Presenter: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS

Where: Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham, MA

Have you experienced stress and anxiety in your emotional lives? Are there areas of chronic pain and bodily illness? Are there relationships that are filled with anger and hurt? We will reflect, learn and experience how healing prayer can truly help us in dealing with these issues and in some cases bring healing.

This is not prayer as a substitute for professional medical and integrative methods for healing but it is a reflection on how prayer can enhance healing and sometimes is the key to healing.

Presenter is Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS was ordained a priest as a member of the Stigmatine Fathers Community. He has experiences in various ministries but has focused in a special way on day and weekend experiences for spiritual growth, emotional and relational healing. .

The day includes lunch and Mass.

Offering: \$45 (includes lunch)

Discovering God’s will In Our Lives

What shall I do? What is the best choice?

When: Sunday, October 16, 2016
Registration 9:30am
Program 10:00am – 4:00pm

Presenter: Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS

Where: Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham, MA

The day focuses on how we can discern what God’s will is in our life. We will learn principles on how we can make wise and good decisions. This will free us from stress and pressures about our decision making and give us greater freedom and peace. We will strive to experience God’s love and providence and be freed from any negative past experiences that inhibit our freedom.

Presenter is Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS was ordained a priest as a member of the Stigmatine Fathers Community. He has experiences in various ministries but has focused in a special way on day and weekend experiences for spiritual growth, emotional and relational healing and in reducing stress and discovering God’s will. He has been part of a group of Christian counselors. He is a licensed psychotherapist and he has a Doctorate in Counseling.

Offering: \$45 (Includes Mass & lunch)

Marriage Preparation

Highly acclaimed Catholic program for engaged couples. Please call 781-209-3120 or visit our website for more information and to sign up!

2016

September 10-11

October 1-2

November 5-6

December 3-4



DAY RETREATS FOR WOMEN

2nd Wednesday of the Month
Presented by Jerri Lou Buffo & Sue Gormley
10AM – 2:30 PM Offering: \$15 Bring a bag lunch
Conference Liturgy Small Group Sharing

“The secret of happiness and the secret of all the Saints is that they loved God as a friend.” Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity

2016

October 12 Mercy is falling – come Holy Spirit
November 9 Mercy is for Everyone – its God’s idea
December 14 There is Blessing & Joy in giving away Peace

2017

January 11 Renew the face of the earth, Bring us back to you
February 8 Who do you say that I am
March 8 Follow the Path of Love
April 12 Every Mass, every Sacrament is a sign of God’s Mercy & We are called to give away what we receive
May 10 A Journey of Faith
June 14 Thirsting for Jesus

In case of a snow storm, the program will be held on the following Wednesday

Registration is not required but appreciated.

To reserve a seat: Please complete and return this form by mail or email with a deposit of **\$15.00** to Espousal Retreat House - 554 Lexington, St. Waltham, MA 02452. Phone: 781-209-3120 Email: espousaladmin@gmail.com

YES, I would like to register for the following Programs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A Day of Joy, Growth and Healing for Married Couples | \$70.00 (per couple) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A Day of Healing | \$45.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Discovering God’s Will in our Lives | \$45.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life in the Spirit | Free Will Offering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Friends of Pope Francis; Continuing the Catholic Conversation | Free |

Name: _____

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In addition to the talks, each evening will provide some time for prayer and sharing to help those in need to experience God's personal love poured out as Divine Mercy. We hope that these talks can provide an opportunity for people to come together informally and possibly to start planning future retreats, environmental action, or Ignatian spirituality groups in keeping with the Pope's Gospel message of mercy.

All Programs are held from 7:30pm-9:00pm, at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham, conveniently located close to Routes 2 and 128 with plenty of free parking.

The program is free but advanced registration is required....

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| 1. | October 6, 2016 | Pope Francis's new/old message of mercy |
| 2. | November 2, 2016 | Pope Francis's view of human ecology in Laudato Si! |
| 3. | December 7, 2016 | Praying the Jesuit way |
| 4. | January 4, 2017 | The Pope's great and greatly controversial encyclical |
| 5. | February 1, 2017 | Christian psychology 101; what it can do for you. Dr. Michael Murphy, Harvard Medical School and Newlife Counseling Center |

Back by popular demand! New and improved! Admission is free.

Last spring the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham put together a series of speakers from Boston College who shared their insights about Pope Francis' messages of mercy, environmental concern, and spirituality. This fall and spring we will offer a new series on other areas which are important to the Pope. The program will be offered on the first Wednesday evening of the month in from October 2016 to May of 2017.

"Friends of Pope Francis Continuing the Catholic Conversation"

*The Espousal Retreat Center
invites you to a series of talks
on Wednesday evenings
this fall and spring*

