

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events:

November 2016

3rd: Women Weaving
 4-6th: Men's Quiet Retreat "Mercy is a Bridge"
 8th: Spiritual Cinema
 9th: Taizé
 11-13th: Women's Quiet Retreat "Mercy is a Bridge"
 18-20th: 12 Step Retreat with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI

December 2016

1st: Women Weaving
 9th: Advent Candlelight Vespers Service and Open House
 12th: Day of Prayer with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI
 (*NOTE change in date)
 20th: Blue Christmas Prayer Service
 31st-Jan 1: New Year's Eve Retreat with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

January 2017

5th: Women Weaving
 6-8th: Men's Quiet Retreat
 13-15th: Men's Quiet Retreat
 20-22nd: Men's Quiet Retreat
 25th: Taizé

February

2nd: Women Weaving
 14th: Spiritual Cinema
 17th: Day of Prayer with Paul Coutinho
 17th-19th: Hispanic Recovery Retreat
 with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI
 22nd: Taizé
 24-26th: Women's Quiet Retreat

March

2nd: Women Weaving
 3-5th: Women's Quiet Retreat
 6th: Day of Prayer with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI
 10-12th: Women's Quiet Retreat
 14th: First session of Fr Mark Dean's Video Study
 (Tuesdays, Mar 14-Apr 18)
 14th: Spiritual Cinema
 17-19th: Weekend Retreat with Joyce Rupp, OSM
 21st: Video Study with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
 (Tuesdays Mar 14-Apr 18)
 21st: Evening of Prayer with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI
 22nd: Taizé
 24-26th: Women's Quiet Retreat
 28th: Video Study with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
 (Tuesdays Mar 14-Apr 18)
 31-Apr 2: Women's Quiet Retreat

April

4th: Video Study with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
 (Tuesdays Mar 14-Apr 18)
 6th: Women Weaving
 7-9th: Women's Quiet Retreat
 11th: Video Study with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
 (Tuesdays Mar 14-Apr 18)
 13-15th: Men's Holy Week Retreat
 18th: Video Study with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
 (Tuesdays Mar 14-Apr 18)
 18th: Spiritual Cinema
 19th: Taizé
 20th: Day of Prayer with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI
 21-23rd: Men's Quiet Retreat
 25th: Evening of Prayer with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI

May

4th: Women Weaving
 5-7th: Weekend Retreat with Paul Coutinho
 8-14th: Women Religious Retreat
 with Fr. John Etensohn, OMI
 19-21st: Hispanic Retreat with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI

June

16-18th: Weekend Retreat with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
 19-26th: Directed Retreat I
 21st: Taizé

July

10-17th: Directed Retreat II
 12th: Taizé
 17th-23rd: Retreat with Paula D'Arcy

August

7th: Day of Prayer with Deacon Doug Boyer
 7-11th: Art & Spirituality Retreat with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI
 25-27th: Annual Charismatic Retreat with
 Dr. John Gresham

September

7th: Women Weaving
 15-17th: Women's Quiet Retreat
 26-28th: Women's Quiet Retreat (Midweek)
 29th- Oct 1st: Women's Quiet Retreat

October

5th: Women Weaving
 13th-15th: Women's Quiet Retreat
 27th-29th: Women's Quiet Retreat

Blue Christmas by Doug Boyer

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities.

The King's House is pleased to offer an evening of gentle, ecumenical prayer and fellowship to anyone who finds themselves feeling "blue" this Christmas season.

Please join us for our
**"Blue Christmas" celebration on
 Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00
 in our chapel. Free will offering.**



Women Weaving Weaving Our Lives Together

an opportunity to
 share their faith and
 their spiritual journeys.
First Thursday of the month
 September - May
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Raffle Winners:

April Calvin Fries
 Laura Rueve
 Lou & Peggy Slapshak
 Sue Collins
May Michael Doll
 Charles Schmidt
 Carol Sykora
 Mary Ann Gentges
 Mary Ann Robinson
June Jeanne Puscian
 Tony Kuenstler
 Virginia Spier
 Ed Orleb
July Nancy Braun
 Mary Mertzluft
 Ruth Eaton
 Jane Friederich
 Shelby Counts
 Ed Janson
August Tammy Diener
 Marvin & Eva Winkeler
 Pat Hedemann
September Mary Kuenstler
 Margaret Conrad
 Colleen Geismann
 Marianne Kramer

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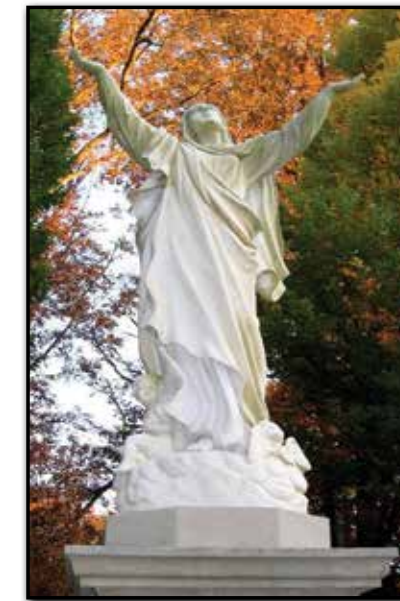


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THE NEWSLETTER OF KING'S HOUSE RETREAT & RENEWAL CENTER

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The Quiet Retreat Theme for 2017: Your Goodness is My Home



"Thank you, Holy Father, for your goodness, which from the first moment of your election, to every moment of my life here, has touched my heart," Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said to Pope Francis, in a public ceremony on the occasion of his 65th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. "The Vatican Gardens, even for all their beauty, are not my true home: my true home is your goodness. There, I feel protected."

Inspired by the relationship shared by Pope Francis and his predecessor, King's House is pleased to announce the theme for the 2017 Retreats: Your Goodness is My Home. Our quiet retreat series will reflect on this statement from several different perspectives. We will consider what it means to truly find our home and safety in God. We will also reflect on the great mystery that God chooses to make his home in us. We will conclude by looking at ways in which our abiding with God or God dwelling in us also finds its expression in the ways in which we create home with others. We look forward to welcoming you to our home here at King's House as we reflect and pray together on our 2017 theme.

For further information, check our website: KingsRetreatCenter.org



65 Years of King's House

Do any of these individuals look familiar? One face certainly does. Tom McCarty, a longtime friend of King's House, has made a retreat every year since we began. King's House is celebrating 65 years in 2016 and Tom has been here since the beginning! Although his 65th retreat was made in March, he was honored in April during our 35+ Retreats Luncheon. Tom has helped promote King's House in many ways. His vibrant personality and outgoing attitude to help and stay committed to King's House has been a true blessing. Thank you for celebrating 65 with us!





Transitions

Watching leaves fall is the perfect “lens” through which to write about letting go, saying good-bye, and moving on. These are regular human passages, even if we find them challenging to navigate!

In the midst of my seventh year here at King’s House, a pretty “seamless transition” took place: I was asked to prepare to become Director of Novices by my Oblate superiors, and Deacon Doug Boyer was named as Director of King’s House. Because of good work by our King’s House Advisory Council and the King’s House Staff, this transition is underway smoothly and efficiently.

I have requested a six-month period of sabbatical time for personal study and prayer as I prepare for my new ministry. In mid-December, I will move to St. Paul, Minnesota, for these six months, and then I will begin to move to our novitiate. Between now and then, I hope to remain available to help Doug and the staff, while at the same time “staying out of the way!”

The ministry of preaching and hospitality at King’s House will continue to flourish because it is a collaborative and team effort. My years here have been richly blessed, firstly by God’s grace, and then through associating with many of you who are friends of King’s House. We are all loved deeply by God, and with this assurance we can say, “carry on!”

God bless you,
Patrick M. McPhee, OMI

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Recycling

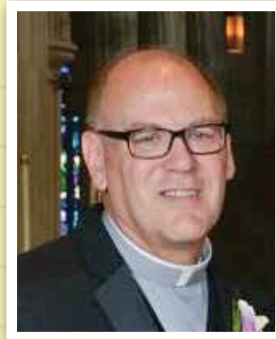
I was introducing myself to one of the sisters on a directed retreat this summer and I told her that I had recently retired and was just beginning as Director of the King’s House. She gently informed me that I wasn’t retired; only recycled. She was beginning her third “recycled” ministry since she retired, so I figured she knew what she was talking about. I am very grateful to the Oblate community and to Bishop Braxton for allowing me this opportunity to use my gifts and talents in new ways. I am hopeful that the many skills I acquired during three decades in industry can be recycled and renewed in my ministry here.

For those of you that I haven’t met, let me tell you a little about myself. I have been married to another member of the preaching team, Geri Boyer, for 35 years. We have two adult children, Matt and Becca. We have one grandson, Connor, who is a little over a year old and we have another grandchild on the way. I have been a deacon of the Diocese of Belleville for nineteen years. In addition to my ministry at King’s House, I also have some duties at St. Mary parish in Belleville and also serve as Chancellor of the Diocese. I have been on the preaching team at King’s House for three years and have helped lead Taizé Prayer for nearly fifteen.

There is a great team at the King’s House. I am so grateful to Brother Pat for his guidance during the transition. I have had the good fortune to work with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI for the past several years and he is not only a great co-worker but a treasure to have as a friend. I am not the only new face around here. I am excited to have Fr. Salvador (Chava) Gonzalez, OMI joining our ministry team. He is already adding so much to our work. After a few stressful months without a groundskeeper (Thanks to Rich and Sarah for mowing, weeding and planting this spring in their spare time!), I was ecstatic to find Robyn Davis had been hired and was here whipping the grounds into great shape when I arrived.

I will look forward to meeting many of you in the months ahead during quiet retreats or at our Advent Vespers service.

Deacon Doug Boyer



King’s House Gala! By Doug Boyer

Many of you have heard about and have contributed towards our Sustaining Friends campaign. We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to those who responded and are continuing to help us. We are very gracious for your generosity. Raising money to support our operating expenses and necessary maintenance is an ongoing process. While we continue with the Sustaining Friends campaign, we have designed a No Attend Gala.

The theme of our No-Attend Gala on November 12 will be, “Raise the Roof.” Our chapel roof is 40 years old and is not in good shape. It will cost roughly \$45,000 to replace it. The advisory council considered having a traditional gala to fund the repair, but we realized that most people are tired of galas. So much of the money goes to a meal that you don’t really want to eat and then you have to buy baskets of stuff you don’t need. We are inviting you to stay home instead! You will be soon getting an invitation to our stay at home gala. We will be asking you to do two things – send a donation (no amount is too large) and then send us pictures of you not attending that night. We thank you in advance for your generosity and we look forward to sharing pictures of everyone having a good time **not** having to attend that night.

We Remember in Prayer

*A Memorial has been placed in the lobby
of King’s House in memory of:*

*Denis Hackett
Norb Albenesius
Jonathan Curry
Donald Lohman
Robert L Jennings*

Insure the Future

*Please remember King’s House Retreat
and Renewal Center in your Wills,
bequests and gifts. Occasionally,
someone remembers us in their Will.
These gifts are added to our long-term
fund that is invested through our
religious order, the Missionary Oblates
of Mary Immaculate. This fund
will help insure retreat ministry for
years to come.*

Annual 12-Step Retreat at King’s House

“To Thine Own Self Be True!”

November 18-20, 2016

Join us to reflect together on living our lives as recovering people, using the Steps and the Traditions. Enjoy the fellowship of men and women in 12-Step Programs on the beautiful grounds and facilities of King’s House.

Start: November 18, 2016 4:00 p.m. check-in; Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Concludes: November 20, 2016 12 noon lunch

Cost: \$170 Lodging/\$130 Commuter

New Year’s Eve Retreat

“Peering into the Well:
Conversations with Jesus
about Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow”
with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

December 31, 2016-January 1, 2017

Start: December 31, 2016 4:00 p.m. check-in; Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Concludes: January 1, 2017 5:30 p.m. dinner then departure

Cost: \$100 (extra overnight 1/1/17 for additional \$50)

**To register: send registration form
and deposit of \$25 to:**

King’s House, 700 N 66th St., Belleville, IL 62223
OR e-mail with credit card information to
info@KingsRetreatCenter.org



Congratulations!

Recognizing milestones within our Journey is important. Fr. Mark recently celebrated his 40th Jubilee of religious life in 2016. A mass and dinner to mark the commemorative event was held at The National Shrine of our Lady of Snows on September 12, 2016. Among those attending were Deacon Doug & Geri Boyer, Richard & Nancy Dahm and several other oblates priest and brothers, some of whom also celebrated Jubilees.

Advent Candlelight Vespers Service and Open House

December 9, 2016

Open House 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Vespers Service 6:30 p.m.

Our prayer service will be held in our chapel, and the open house will be in the large conference room.

Please RSVP to
King’s House:

618-397-0584
(Metro East)

800-779-7909
(outside Metro East)

info@KingsRetreatCenter.org



Hispanic Recovery Retreat

“To Thine Own Self Be True”
with Fr. Sal Gonzalez, OMI
(Preached In Spanish)

February 17-19, 2017

Start: February 17, 2017 4:00 p.m. check-in;
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Concludes: February 19, 2017
12:00 p.m. lunch then departure

Watch for more details

Hispanic Quiet Retreat

(Preached In Spanish)

May 19-21, 2017

Start: May 19, 2017 4:00 p.m. check-in;
Dinner 6:15pm

Conclude: May 21, 2017
12 p.m. lunch then departure