

BELLARMINE BROADCAST



news, stories, and photos from Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House

SUMMER 2017, VOLUME 53, NO. 2



A Place of Spiritual Comfort

By Executive Director
Fr. Michael Class, SJ

Greetings! Let me begin by introducing myself. I am Fr. Michael Class, SJ, the new Executive Director at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House. I am a member of the United States Midwest Province of the Jesuits (made up of the former Chicago, Detroit, and Wisconsin provinces) and a native Chicagoan. For the past ten years I taught at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I would like to begin by thanking my predecessor, Fr. Paul Macke. Fr. Macke has done a wonderful job here at Bellarmine and the folks in Cincinnati are really lucky to have him.

Bellarmino has been a place of spiritual comfort and growth for me virtually all of my Jesuit life. In my training years, all of us in studies would gather for a three-day period at the end of the year for prayer and spiritual development. We would alternate between Bellarmine and our retreat house in Milford, Ohio for those gatherings, so

"Bellarmine has been a place of spiritual comfort and growth for me virtually all of my Jesuit life."

Bellarmino became a regular venue for my own formation for priesthood. Fr. John Dillon, one of my predecessors as Executive Director, has been my spiritual director most of my Jesuit life, and I regularly visited him here. Bellarmine's halls and grounds were a familiar place to return to each visit, an experience I am sure most of you share.

A few years ago I made a pilgrimage to Spain to visit sites important in the life of St. Ignatius Loyola as part of my tertianship (preparation for final vows). I visited the castle where he was born and places where he studied and worked, to gain a deeper appreciation of him as I prepared to profess my final vows.

I concluded the pilgrimage in Manresa, Spain in the basilica built over the cave Ignatius lived in while on his own pilgrimage. It was in that cave where Ignatius began writing the *Spiritual Exercises*. Having made my second 30-day retreat during tertianship, the power of the *Spiritual Exercises* was vivid for me there.

Those same *Spiritual Exercises* are the mission and ministry of Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House. Our weekend silent retreats, individually directed retreats, and the Kairos student retreats all flow from the *Exercises* Ignatius practiced in that cave. I, and each of you, share this experience with St. Ignatius, and it has been transformational for each of us. I am writing this in mid-July looking forward to celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius on July 31st. I will be praying for you that day. I ask you to remember all of us at Bellarmine in your daily prayers. ✠



Shepherd and Host

By Associate Director

Erin Maiorca

We say so long and thank you to Fr. Paul Macke this summer. He has been a wonderful Executive Director. Fr. Paul exemplifies Ignatius' teaching that "love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by words." He is a true contemplative in action, with an emphasis on *action*. Setting meetings, approving agendas, discerning and implementing - this is all in a day's work for Fr. Paul. He was in constant motion, moving from one end of the house to the other with an eagle eye for detail, ensuring that hospitality and safety were at the forefront.

Over the years, Fr. Paul helped us set a vision for the ministry, create a strategic plan to achieve the vision, and articulate and bring to life our core values. This may not surprise you, as so often we hear that the place is looking better than ever. But our team wondered from time to time... how did he do it?

I believe Fr. Paul was motivated by one of his favorite Scripture passages, Psalm 23: The Lord, Shepherd and Host. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.* I invite you to focus for a moment on the title, Shepherd and Host.

Fr. Paul is a great priest, spiritual director, and homilist. But he is also an outstanding administrator, tuned into the importance of hosting, welcoming, and caring for all who come to Bellarmine. He knew that part of hospitality is ensuring the retreat house and grounds are cared for as sacred and holy. There has been, as the Psalm says, care for the *green pastures* as our Lord *restores our strength*. *We set the table* as God *overflows our cups*. We strive for only *goodness and love* as we *dwell in the house of the Lord*.

We are grateful for Fr. Paul, who poured his love of Christ into his work, team, and the sacred place of Bellarmine. Blessings on your journey, Fr. Paul. ✕



The Bellarmine staff gathers for a farewell Mass for Fr. Macke.



A New Space for Prayer

This summer, we have added a garden on the northwest lawn near the St. Joseph Gazebo Shrine in loving memory of Suzi Jo Hanson. While you are here on retreat, we invite you to visit Suzi's Memorial Garden to pray, meditate, and reflect in this new sacred space in the beauty of God's creation. ✕



St. Ignatius Says...

"He who carries God in his heart bears heaven with him wherever he goes."

Ambassadors for Bellarmine

You can help support Bellarmine's ministry by becoming an Ambassador for Bellarmine: inviting loved ones to join you on retreat and talking about your experiences here.

In our 2017-2018 Program Guide, we included a postcard retreat invitation. Please help us invite new people to Bellarmine.

We want to enrich the lives of as many people as possible through our silent retreats.

If you wish to share information about Bellarmine with your friends and family, please contact the office at 847-381-1261. We would be happy to send you materials about our retreats and programs. ✕

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship... with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ."

- I John 1:3



Welcoming the Stranger

By Development Director

Kathy Caudill

Jesus teaches us how we should live and love:
“I was ... a stranger and you welcomed me.”

The Oxford English Dictionary seems to take into account Jesus’ wise words, defining “hospitality” as: “the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.”

Bellarmino’s retreat ministry is blessed with the generosity of many individuals who follow St. Ignatius’ call “to love that manifests itself in deeds rather than words.” We appreciate the prayers of our friends and benefactors for this retreat ministry. We are grateful for the volunteers who serve at Mass while on retreat. We are thankful for the captains and retreatants who invite others to join them on retreat, and then warmly welcome these new retreatants and help them feel “at home” when they first arrive here.

Each day at Bellarmino, we see evidence of the ripple effect of the hospitality and generosity of our retreatants. Some deeds undertaken may seem small (such as seeking a retreat room without a private bathroom so that others with special medical needs can have one) but play an important role in welcoming a stranger to this sacred place. Other actions (like donating to the Fr. Fussner Fund or remembering Bellarmino’s endowment fund in a will or trust) help Bellarmino to continue welcoming strangers for years to come. In each instance, great and small, individuals who were once strangers feel the warm welcome of God, His people, and His creation. Truly, finding God in all things. ✠

Pope Francis on Hospitality

“A guest doesn’t need to be merely served, fed, and cared for in every way. Above all it is necessary that he is listened to - recall well this word - to listen. That the guest might be welcomed as a person, with his history, his heart rich in sentiments and thoughts, so that he might feel truly that he is among family.”

- Sunday Angelus given in St. Peter’s Square, July 17, 2016



Photo from the Canonization of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II in St. Peter’s Square on April 27, 2014

In Memoriam

We remember our deceased retreatants, their spouses, and loved ones whose passing we have learned of since the Winter 2017 Newsletter.

- Peggy Asma - 1/9/2017
- Joseph F. Brodner, Jr. - 7/14/2017
- Bill Burke - 3/2017
- Peter J. Byrne - 11/28/2016
- Rev. Lawrence Choate, OSM - 5/26/2017
- Richard A. Conrad - 1/20/2017
- Earl J. Cooney - 2/7/2017
- Edward G. Denten - 3/2016
- Al Eberhardt - 1/27/2017
- John F. Endres - 3/2017
- William D. Fairman - 4/2017
- Thomas E. Green - 2/3/2017
- William D. Hagerty, Jr. - 2/19/2017
- Thomas C. Halpin - 3/28/2017
- Karl Hansen - 3/2017
- Patrick J. Heenan - 4/6/2017
- Joseph Houlihan - 2/20/2017
- Robert Hutchings - 1/22/2017
- John Hyler - 2/5/2017
- James F. Kennedy - 2/6/2017
- Rev. Leonard Krzywda - 3/5/2017
- Henry A Logue - 2/15/2017
- Stephen B. Luzbetak - 1/13/2017
- Joseph Madden - 4/3/2017
- James McNeely - 3/2017
- Rev. John P. Murphy, SJ - 3/14/2017
- Deacon Robert O’Keefe - 2/20/2017
- Donald Patterson - 2/20/2017
- Bernard M. Pawloski - 12/2016
- Casimir A. Pudlo - 3/2017
- Joseph Reier - 1/10/2017
- James T. Ryan - 2/26/2017
- Josephine Samborski - 3/27/2017
- Jay J. Scherer - 4/25/2017
- George Shnitzius - 1/12/2017
- Robert C. Schrimpf - 3/20/2017
- Joseph P. Shannon - 3/2017
- Deacon James M. Temple - 7/29/2016
- Charles F. Thometz - 6/6/2017
- George Visk - 3/1/2017
- Catherine Wagner - 7/28/2016
- Robert S. Walsh - 4/20/2017

Please let us know of retreatants and loved ones who have passed away so that we may join you in prayer for the repose of their souls.

2017-2018 RETREATS AND SPIRITUALITY PROGRAMS

MEN ONLY
 = WOMEN ONLY
 = MEN & WOMEN

Sept 8-10, 2017	Matt Carpenter Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Peter Etzel, SJ
Sept 22-24	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ
Sept 25	Caregivers' Day of Reflection for Men & Women	Mary McKeon
Sept 29 - Oct 1	Women's Weekend Retreat	Carol Ackels
October 3-5	Women's Midweek Retreat (Tues - Thurs)	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
October 6-8	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. William Blazek, SJ, MD
October 8	"Coming Home" Retreat for Military Veterans & Families	Veterans Committee
Oct 13-15	Men's Weekend Retreat - <i>Optional 4-Day Begins on Thursday, October 12</i>	Fr. Mike Marco, SJ
Oct 27-29	Men's Bill W 12-Step Weekend Retreat	Fr. Jim Harbaugh, SJ
Nov 3-5	Women's Bill W 12-Step Weekend Retreat	Sr. Linda Fischer, ASC
Nov 10-12	Men's Bill W 12-Step Weekend Retreat	Fr. Tom O'Neill, SJ
November 21	Men & Women's Day of Reflection: Transforming Grief	Mary McKeon
Dec 1-3	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. David Shields, SJ
December 5	Women's Advent Day of Reflection: <i>Three Wise Women of the Nativity Story</i>	Mary McKeon & Rachel (Fitzgibbon) Forton
Dec 8-10	Men's Bill W 12-Step Weekend Retreat	Fr. Tom Weston, SJ
December 12	Men & Women's Advent Day of Reflection: <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Jan 5-7, 2018	Four Shepherds Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ
Jan 12-14	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Jan 19-21	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ
Jan 26-28	Roche/Zera Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Bob Flack, SJ
February 2-4	Women's Weekend Retreat	Carol Ackels
Feb 9-11	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. David Meconi, SJ
February 14	Men & Women's Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection	Fr. Michael Class, SJ
February 19	Men & Women's Day of Reflection: <i>Discerning Your Decisions</i>	Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
Feb 23-25	Men's Weekend Retreat	Keith Maczkiewicz, SJ & Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
February 25	"Coming Home" Retreat for Military Veterans & Families	Veterans Committee
March 1-4	Men & Women's 4-Day Retreat (Thurs - Sun)	Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ
March 9-11	Friends/Family of Bill W 12-Step Retreat	Fr. Tom Weston, SJ
March 23-25	Men's Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat	Fr. David Shields, SJ
March 27	Women's Evening of Reflection: <i>The Way of the Cross through Mary's Eyes</i>	Mary McKeon
March 29-31	Men & Women's Holy Week Retreat	Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ
April 6-8	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. Brad Held, SJ
April 10	Women's Day of Reflection: <i>Women Doctors of the Church</i>	Mary McKeon & Rachel (Fitzgibbon) Forton
April 13-14	Women's Overnight Retreat (Fri - Sat)	Sr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ
April 15	Day of Prayer in Spanish for Men & Women: <i>Orando la Liturgia, Orando con la Iglesia</i>	Fr. Esequiel Sanchez
April 20-22	Men's Weekend Retreat	Fr. George Drance, SJ
April 27-29	Sacramentally Married Couples' Weekend Retreat	Tom & GERALYN Sparough & Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
May 4-6	Women's Weekend Retreat - <i>Optional 4-Day Begins on Thursday, May 3</i>	Mary McKeon

Welcome, Teresa!

Next time you come to Bellarmine, a new face will greet you! Meet Teresa Larson, our new Weekend Retreat & Spirituality Program Coordinator. Teresa has over 20 years of administrative experience, parish ministry, and volunteer work with veterans. Rachel Fitzgibbon now serves as Bellarmine's Marketing & Retreat Coordinator.



Celebrating 50 Years

This summer, Fr. Rick McGurn, SJ of our Ministry staff and the Superior of the Bellarmine Jesuit Community is celebrating 50 years as a Jesuit.

Fr. McGurn brings much wisdom and good humor to the Bellarmine family. We are grateful that our retreat ministry benefits from his prayerful discernment, and our retreatants enjoy his spiritual direction and outstanding homilies.

Join all of us in remembering Fr. McGurn in your prayers this summer as he celebrates this Jubilee! ✠





BELLARMINE

Jesuit Retreat House

420 West County Line Road
Barrington, IL 60010

847.381.1261 | www.JesuitRetreat.org

  @bellarminejrh