

# Bethany Retreat Center



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## 2017 – 2018 PROGRAMS

### Becoming Love—

#### The Spiritual Canticle of St. John of the Cross

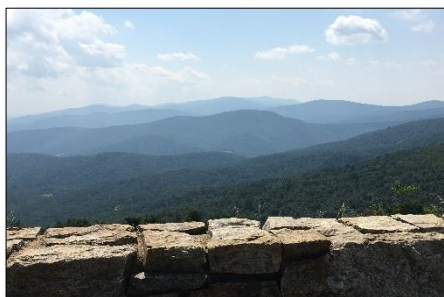
9:00AM – 10:30AM 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays Oct. - May

Our whole life is a journey of love—a journey that calls us to respond to God’s invitation to live ever more deeply in the life and love of the Trinity. But how do we ‘navigate’ this journey? We can open ourselves to the experience and wisdom of the saints who share with us their journey of prayer: Teresa of Avila invites us into the *Interior Castle*; Therese of Lisieux teaches us her *Little Way*; and John of the Cross offers us his *Spiritual Canticle*.



Join us as we explore *The Spiritual Canticle*—a passionate love story between God and the soul—amazingly penned during John’s tortuous imprisonment in Toledo. Our experience is not far from John’s as we reflect on our own relationship with God: *How did my relationship with God begin? How does God reveal God’s self to me? How has God’s grace unfolded in my life? How do I grow in my desire for God? How do I love others in God? Am I really called to be a mystic?* Let us together discover how we can all **BECOME LOVE...**

Facilitated by Sister M. Jennifer Kramer, SND  
Donation: \$5.00 per session or \$35.00 for the series.



*My Beloved,  
the mountains,  
and lonely  
wooded  
valleys...*

The Spiritual Canticle

### Lecture Series:

♦ *The Jesus of Scriptures* DVD presentations  
by Fr. Donald Senior, CP, followed by group sharing

9:00AM – 10:15AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Oct. – March



In these lectures, Father Donald Senior, CP, presents the key and distinctive dimensions of Jesus and his mission portrayed by the evangelists. He invites us to encounter Jesus, the one alive in the Church and in the world today—the Jesus of Scripture.

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### ♦ *Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives*

DVD presentations by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI  
followed by group sharing 9:00AM – 10:30AM  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays Oct./Nov./Jan./Feb./March



In these presentations, Father Rolheiser helps us see Sabbath as the First Retreat, as Solitude and Reconciliation, as the Rest in God. He also addresses the obstacles to Sabbath as he invites us to “create Sabbath space in our lives.”

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registration information on page 2...*

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**Quiet Day of Prayer** 9:30AM – 2:30PM

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017      Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018  
Tuesday, Mar. 13, 2018      Wednesday, May 2, 2018



Bethany Retreat Center and God's beauty in the seasons of nature provide a peaceful and welcome setting in which to pause for a few hours to be attentive and reflective—to meet God as you gently come away and slow down. The time begins and ends with prayer together and in-between you are free to

create your own day: take a walk, read, relax with a cup of tea, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, write, draw or paint. Enter into the silence and emerge refreshed and more aware of God's presence in your life. Stay all day or an hour or two. Lunch is available.

Donation is \$5.00 or \$10.00 includes a box lunch

**Book Sharing:**

*Becoming Wise: An Inquiry Into the Mystery and Art of Living* by Krista Tippett

10:30AM – 11:30AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Oct. – March

In *Becoming Wise*, Krista Tippett writes about the enduring question of what it means to be human and the challenge of who we are to one another. She insists on the possibility of personal depth and common life for this century. Accompanied by a cross-disciplinary dream team of a teaching faculty, she shows us how. This book is a New York Times Bestseller. (We will be sharing one chapter of the book at each meeting beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>.)

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Please register at least one week before the program begins.

**Special Events for the Liturgical Seasons:**

**Advent Afternoon of Quiet**

1:00PM – 4:00PM Saturday, December 9, 2017

Need a little quiet time and space away from the hustle and bustle of 'Christmas in the Malls'? The hectic pace and busyness of the season often pulls us away from our desire to enter into the Advent season and peacefully prepare our hearts for Christ's coming once again. Give yourself the gift of an afternoon of quiet prayer—alone with God. Come and enter into the silence. (Bethany will be open and quiet for you to come and pray as you wish.)

Donation is \$5.00 for the afternoon

**Lenten Day of Prayer**

*Embracing Trust* 2 CD Lectures by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI with time for reflection/sharing

10:00AM – 3:00PM Saturday, March 3, 2018

How difficult it is to put our whole trust in God! Many times we want to choose the immediate, the tangible, the seen rather than trust completely in



God whose wisdom and providence see far beyond our vision. We are invited to embrace the call to trust.

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Donation is \$25.00 which includes lunch

**Easter Day of Prayer**

10:00AM – 3:00PM Saturday, April 14, 2018

*From Death to Life: What Can Death Teach Us About Fullness of Life?*

*I have come that you may have life in all its fullness...* The Easter Season is a time to engage the Living Christ whose resurrection teaches us that new life emerges from death. What is the essential wisdom that dying has to impart to all of us? Enjoy an opportunity for renewed encounter with the Living Christ. Includes input/prayer/quiet.

Facilitated by: Martha Campbell

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