Welcome!
The Carmelite Spiritual Center extends the Carmelite tradition of hospitality to men and women who search for God and spiritual meaning in their lives.

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We offer:
- retreats, workshops, renewal days
- 30 twin-bedded rooms with private baths
- air conditioned comfort
- smoke free environment
- delicious home-cooked meals
- multi-purpose meeting rooms for 10 to 150
 (Groups may bring their own facilitator or ask for one of our staff.)
- 40 acres of lovely grounds with lake
 -- Book and Gift Shop

National Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, Eucharist Monday-Friday at 11:30am

Pilgrimages to the National Shrine of St. Therese
The Carmelite Spiritual Center is next door to the National Shrine of St. Therese, with its beautiful chapel and the largest collection of Little Flower relics and memorabilia, outside of Lisieux, France.

Guided pilgrimages are available for groups of twenty or more. We now have five options for pilgrimage groups, which include day or night programs, and three options with overnights here at the retreat center. Organize a special day or overnight experience of the Little Flower’s spirituality.
Call Fr. Bernhard Bauerle, O.Carm., at 630-969-3311 for more information or call Darlene at 630-969-4141 to schedule your tour.

In order to avoid disappointment, please register by the date listed for each program. Deposits are non-refundable and are due at time of registration.
Our Staff

Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M.
offers programs at the center and off-site. She holds an MA in Religious Education and a Doctorate in Ministry, and is a Spiritual Director.

Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.
is the Director of the Spiritual Center and the Society of the Little Flower. He holds degrees in Religious Education and Medieval History. Watch for the many pilgrimages he directs.

Fr. Glenn Snow, O.Carm.
specializes in conflict engagement, training, and resolution. He holds an MA in Theology and is completing his MS in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution.

Guest Speakers

Fr. Bernhard Bauerle, O.Carm., is the Director of the National Shrine of St. Therese.
Fr. Donald Buggert, O.Carm., is a longtime professor of Systematic Theology and frequent lecturer.

Pilgrimages Abroad

with Father Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.

The Holy Land, November 10-21, 2013
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Turkey (Asia Minor) in the footsteps of St. Paul
April 22-May 4, 2014
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Ireland: July 2014
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Holy Land: November 2014

For detailed brochures, call Darlene at 630-969-4141 or email: retreats@CarmeliteSpiritualCenter.org
There is No Place Like Home!

Monday, September 16 - 9:30am - 2:00pm

Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M.

This year Sr. Jane and Fr. Bob will be looking at mountains in Scripture. We begin by looking at the Theology of Place and Looking at Mt. Gerizim: the mountain where Jesus meets the Samaritan woman and changes her life forever.

Cost: $40, includes Eucharist and lunch. Register by Monday, September 9, 2013

Ministry of Care – Preparation

Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M.

Tuesdays and Thursdays
September 17, 19, 24, 26
9:00am - 11:30am

OR

Tuesdays and Thursdays
October 8, 10, 15, 17
9:00am - 11:30am

Renewal Date: Monday, November 4

9:30am-11:30am

Or

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Biblical Mountain Climbing

Monday, September 23. 9:30am - 2:00pm

Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.

Mountains are metaphors for the journey to God and holiness -- journeying to the God of the heights and depths of our soul. Fr. Bob will reflect on the biblical mountains and their meaning, as well as St. John of the Cross’s Ascent of Mount Carmel.

Cost: $40, includes Eucharist and lunch. Register by Monday, September 16, 2013

The Rosary: Living Prayer

Monday, October 7 - 9:30am - 2:00pm


This traditional Catholic Marian prayer invites us to a deeper contemplation of the mystery of God’s presence in our lives. How do we pray it as a fuller expression of our faith and not allow it to become just words?

Cost: $40, includes Eucharist and lunch, Register by Monday, October 1, 2013
A Key to Understanding Pope Francis?

The Spirituality of Latin American Liberation Theology

Tuesday, November 5 - 9:30am - 2:30pm

Fr. Donald Buggert, O.Carm.

We are all fascinated by our new Pope Francis. We enjoy and look forward to his impact on the Church during his Petrine service. Fr. Donald Buggert will explore the background of our first Latin American Pope – the Church experience he comes out of – the spirituality of Latin American liberation theology, the centrality of Christ, the preferential option for the poor, and the need to transform structures and systems of dis-grace into structures and systems of grace. He will show how this prophetic spirituality has formed Pope Francis and his call for the Church to be a poor Church as well as a Church for the poor, a Church which moves out of the sacristy in order to bring Christ to the margins of society. Let Fr. Don expand our minds and hearts with his passion and insight.

Cost: $40, includes Eucharist and lunch

Register by Tuesday, October 29, 2013
Gal Pals!
Monday, November 11, 2013, 9:30am-1:30pm OR 6:00pm-8:30pm
Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M.

It’s time for Thanksgiving to the women in your life who stand by you, the women who put the ‘merry’ back in the merry-go-round! Bring a friend look at how your gal pals keep you going through the ups and downs of life!

Cost: $40 - Laughter included!. Morning Session includes Eucharist and lunch.
Evening Session includes wine reception followed by dinner.
Register by Monday, November 4, 2013

A Retreat for Women
Gift From the Sea Returns!
November 22-24, 2013, Begins Friday 7:00pm. Concludes with Sunday Brunch, 10:00am

Eucharist is included. Cost: $250, Register at least two weeks in advance

This classic book looks at the one and only moments in a woman’s life: The need for solitude; the importance of relationships; the need for de-cluttering our lives.

An Advent Day of Reflection: Bethlehem
Wednesday, December 4, 2013 - 9:30am - 2:30pm
Fr. Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.

Looking forward to the celebration of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, Fr. Bob will lead us through a reflection on the rich Biblical images and memories of Bethlehem, focusing on the Bethlehem stories of Rachel, Ruth, David, Micah, and Jesus, to the Bethlehem of our heart and life experience where Jesus is born anew. Reflect on the manger, expectancy, virginity, pregnancy and motherhood, light and darkness, a baby’s finger, and the outstretched hand of God.

Cost: $40, includes Eucharist and lunch. Register by Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Christmas Dinner and Concert (Madrigal)
Sunday, December 8, 2013 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M. & Mrs. Julie McKee

Join Sr. Jane and Julie with her a-capella choir of Mother McAuley High School for a festive program that is sure to touch your hearts as you prepare for Christmas. Our culinary staff, headed by Chef Ela, will present a meal designed to re-create a Medieval banquet. The program begins with a wine reception.

Cost: $45—Register early, as seating is limited!
**Christmas Brunch**

*Monday, December 9, 2013 - 9:00am - 12:00pm*

*Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M.*

We begin the morning by being serenaded by the Mother McAuley High School *a capella* choir led by Mrs. Julie McKee. A festive brunch will be followed by a presentation considering “why shepherds” and other facts about who was invited to the very first Christmas!

**Cost:** $45 - Eucharist in the Shrine of St. Therese follows.

Register by Monday, December 2, 2013.

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**Coming Home to Family**

*The Heart of Christmas at the Crib*

*Saturday, December 14   3:00pm-5:30pm*

Gather your family at the manger for a heart-warming and faith-filled Christmas celebration! Begins with a “Christmas at the Crib” presentation - gathered around Fontanini life-sized manger figures. Presentation is followed by Mass and then refreshments.

Free-will offerings accepted

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**Spiritual Direction**

*Spiritual Direction is available at the Carmelite Retreat Center. Please contact Sr. Jane Schlosser, R.S.M. at 630-969-4141 for information.*