



Manresa Memos

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A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

In September, we formally brought the celebration of Manresa's 100th Anniversary to a close with an outdoor Mass on Sunday, Sept. 20. It's been quite a year! In this space, I wish to recall some of the joys of this past year and offer a challenge.

A hard-working Centennial Committee planned the events held during the year, co-led initially by Diane Neville and Lori Kneisler, and then by Madeline Bialecki. Staff members and other volunteers were active in carrying out the plans.

The committee chose a theme from a long list of suggestions and came to a consensus on "Sacred Encounters: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." What a blessing that has been! Signs were posted that could be seen from Woodward and Quarton. Since they went up, we have heard far fewer comments from people stating that they do not know what Manresa does.

Another blessing came from inviting people throughout the year to "Tell Your Story" about a sacred encounter they experienced at Manresa. We received dozens of responses and have shared some in our varied communications and publications. They illustrate very beautifully why Manresa is loved by many people.

A challenge I wish to offer is to encourage those who come to weekend retreats, classes, A Day to Call your Own, Individually Directed Retreats or any activity at Manresa to reach out to others who are less familiar with Manresa during the coming year. You could invite the person to come with you and tell the person why Manresa is important to you. (Remember that for weekend retreats, a \$50 deposit is paid upon registration and any additional amount paid is a free will donation to Manresa.)

Please consider what you could do to help Manresa continue to be a gift in people's lives into the future.

God's blessings,

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

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Executive Director

Our Mission is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection, guidance and teaching according to the Ignatian tradition.

JOIN US

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday
8:00 AM in the main chapel.

We remember all deceased retreatants the last Friday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Tuesday Prayer

Stay for 30 minutes of private Christian meditation following 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesdays.

Make a Note of It

The house will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Masses will resume on Monday, Nov. 30 at 8:00 AM.

Learn More

Visit manresa-sj.org/events for a full listing of our programs and retreats.



Manresa News

New staff member

We're happy to announce that David Hoffman has joined Manresa's communications staff as



Digital Media & Content Strategist. In this role, he is tasked with building Manresa's online presence via

social media platforms and our website.

Having relocated to Michigan several years ago from Washington, DC, David brings previous experience in digital marketing strategy and copywriting for small businesses, big brands and a handful of nonprofit organizations. He's "excited to help Manresa share a message of hope, peace and contemplation in turbulent times, and spark meaningful discussion along the way."

"This role is unique and special for me because it allows me to bring my faith into the content I create for both the spiritually curious and those mature in their faith," he said.

David would love to hear your Manresa story — what's made it special to you. Reach him at dhoffman@manresa-sj.org.

We're grateful for David's work expanding our reach to a younger generation of retreatants. Please extend a warm Manresa welcome when you see him.

Help us spread the word

Manresa is a special and sacred place — and we believe more people should know about it. That's why we're asking you to help us share its story with the world.



If you haven't already, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to stay connected to what's happening here — retreat updates, reflections and glimpses of the peace found on our grounds.

But we're asking for more than a follow. We're asking you to become an ambassador for Manresa. When a post moves you, share it. Send it to a friend who could use a moment of peace. Tag someone who's been thinking about stepping away from the noise of everyday life.

You know what makes Manresa special because you've experienced it. Your voice carries a trust no ad campaign ever could — and when you share our stories, you're inviting others into something that changed you.

Follow us. Share us. Talk about us. Thank you for helping us grow our reach, one story at a time.

Tree donations growing

Thanks to 56 generous donors, our "100 Trees for 100 More Years" campaign is up to 64 trees planted in celebration of Manresa's 100th Anniversary. Help us close out our centennial celebration this Fall by donating one of the remaining 36 trees. Go to manresa-sj.org/100trees today.



Job openings

We are recruiting for two full-time positions at Manresa.

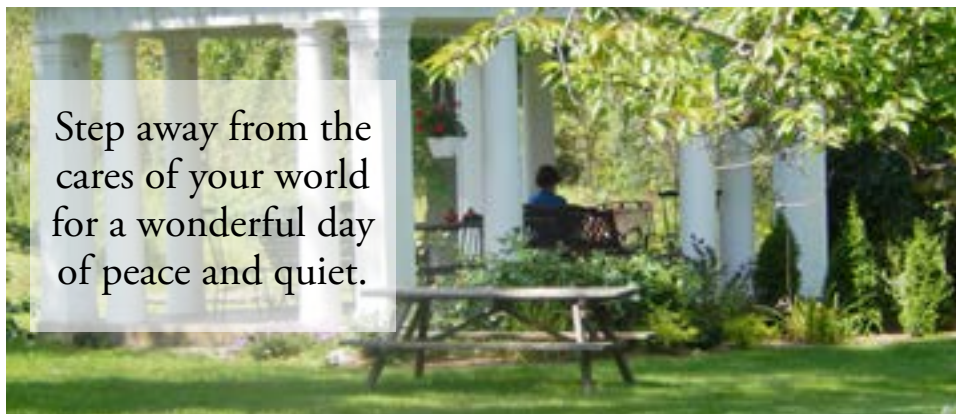
- Front Office Coordinator
- Housekeeping Associate

To learn more and apply, please go to aod.org/careers or contact Mike Rhadigan at mrhadigan@manresa-sj.org or 248.644.4933 Ext 105.

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A Day to Call Your Own



Step away from the cares of your world for a wonderful day of peace and quiet.

What could be better than a day all to yourself? A day to do something good for your soul. A day to relax, refresh and reflect in a beautiful setting. There's no better place to spend a day like that than at Manresa. **Enjoy the quiet, away from the busyness of everyday life.** We provide you with a private room and a simple lunch; you decide how you want to spend the day: **reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE.** (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some time to be alone with God.

Fee: \$60/day, due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.) To register, go to the links shown or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

8:00 AM–3:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026
manresa-sj.org/102826-day

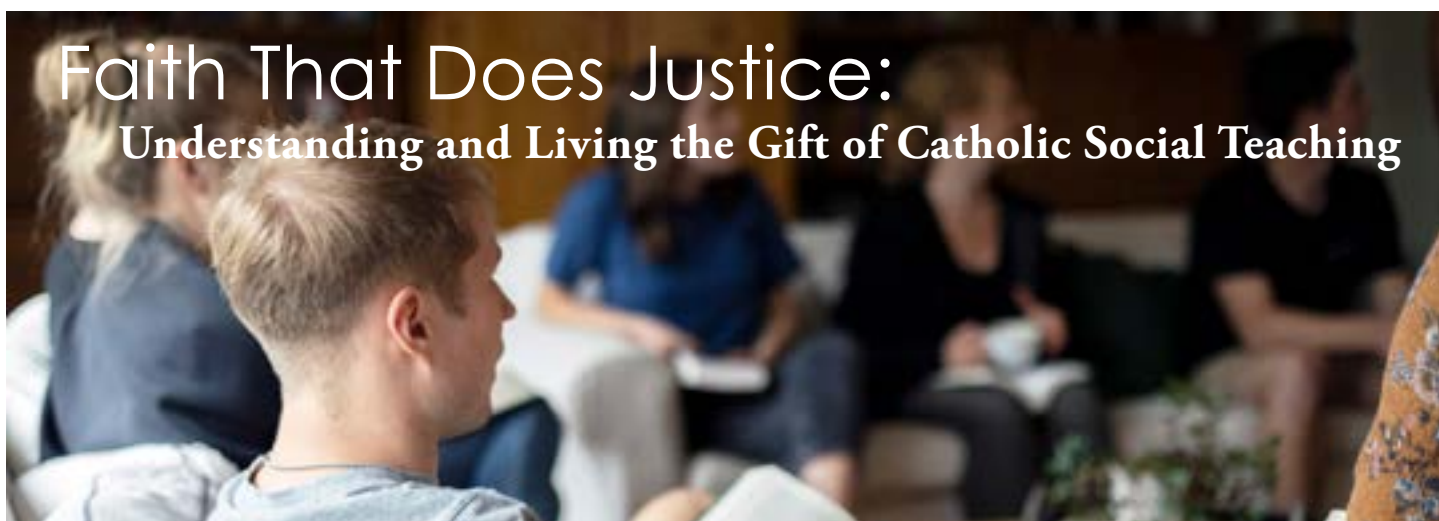
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2026
manresa-sj.org/112426-day

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2027
manresa-sj.org/012027-day

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2027
manresa-sj.org/021827-day

Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2027
manresa-sj.org/032327-day

Wednesday, May 26, 2027
manresa-sj.org/052627-day



Faith That Does Justice: Understanding and Living the Gift of Catholic Social Teaching

What does the Church call us to—and how do we live it? Join Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ and Fr. David Buersmeyer for three fall evenings exploring Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. Together we'll build a grounded understanding of the Church's social vision, discover how contemplation in action brings this teaching to life and wrestle with today's hardest questions—from military force and immigration to Pope Leo's landmark encyclical on artificial intelligence.

Whether you're new to Catholic Social Teaching or deepening a lifelong commitment, this series offers space to learn, question and discern how faith calls you to act. **This series is FREE; donations accepted. All are welcome.**

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 2026

Facilitators: **Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ** is president and CEO of the Pope Francis Center. A native of Ferndale, MI, Fr. Tim has advocated for the poor and marginalized for more than 40 years. **Fr. David Buersmeyer**, an ordained senior priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, serves as ombudsman for the Archdiocese as well as chaplain for Strangers No Longer, an immigration support and advocacy group.



Oración Contemplativa

Domingo de 1:30 a 5:00 PM

**18 de octubre | 22 de noviembre, 2026
21 de febrero | 21 de marzo | 18 de abril, 2027**

Costo: Tu donativo es bienvenido

Se alienta a los participantes a donar a Manresa Jesuit Retreat House en apoyo de su Misión.

**Para registrarse, llame al 248.644.4933 Ext. 128
o correo electrónico
ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.**

Pase una tarde de domingo en Manresa escuchando y reflexionando sobre aspectos de la espiritualidad ignaciana mientras disfruta de la tranquilidad y la belleza de nuestras instalaciones y jardines. Las sesiones son guiadas por un equipo de acompañantes espirituales con experiencia en la tradición ignaciana. Cada tarde le ayudará a profundizar su fe mediante la oración, la meditación de las escrituras y el discernimiento, a medida que aprende a conocer, amar y servir mejor a Dios en su vida diaria.

Contemplative Prayer for Spanish Speakers

Sundays, 1:30-5:00 PM

Oct. 18 | Nov. 22, 2026

Feb. 21 | Mar. 21 | Apr. 18, 2027

Fee: Donations gratefully accepted

Participants are encouraged to donate to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in support of its Mission.

**To register, phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 128 or email
ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.**



Spend a Sunday afternoon at Manresa listening and reflecting on aspects of Ignatian spirituality while enjoying the quiet and beauty of our facility and grounds. Sessions are guided by a team of Spanish-speaking spiritual companions with experience in the Ignatian tradition. Each afternoon will help you to deepen your faith through prayer, Scripture meditation and discernment as you come to know, love and serve God better in your daily life.

Sunday Afternoon Reflections



**Sunday,
Oct. 11, 2026
2:00-7:00 PM**

**Fee: \$60 due at
registration.**

Fee is non-refundable,
non-transferable.

Register at
**[manresa-sj.org/
101126-SAR-fall](http://manresa-sj.org/101126-SAR-fall)**
or phone
248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

The worst school shooting in Pennsylvania history occurred on October 2, 2006 at a one-room Amish schoolhouse in the small town of Nickel Mines. Ten girls were shot, six were killed. The nation was mesmerized by the community's response to the tragedy. In a world that often resorts to revenge, the Amish chose the path of forgiveness.

During this afternoon of reflection, we will look at that response, which is at the very heart of Amish spirituality and which is rooted in the teachings of Jesus. In addition to speaker presentation, the afternoon will include the film *Amish Grace*, reflection and discussion, Sunday liturgy and dinner.

Facilitator: Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM graduated from Mundelein College with a Master's degree in Religious Studies and Spirituality and is currently the Director of Visitation North Spirituality Center in Bloomfield Hills, where she is also a presenter and facilitator.

A Time of Quiet Expectation

Advent is a time of expectation. When around small children it is hard not to experience their increasing excitement of the coming of Christmas and the gifts under the Christmas tree. But there is a deeper expectation during Advent. It is the expectation of experiencing the Lord Jesus' coming to us in new and more meaningful ways. Join us for an afternoon of reflection on the Lord's presence among us.

The afternoon includes two talks, time for private prayer/devotion, Sunday Mass and a delicious meal to round out the day. Your retreat begins at 2:00 PM; however, you may arrive any time after 1:30 PM for refreshments and fellowship.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026 | 2:00-7:00 PM



Fee: \$60 due at registration.

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at **manresa-sj.org/120626-SAR-advent**
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Facilitator: Fr. Robert Flack, SJ gives individually directed and conference retreats and offers spiritual direction at Manresa. A native of Chicago, he has served as a parish priest, a college professor and as a staff member at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL. He also served as a spiritual director at St. Joseph College Seminary in Chicago.

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Saturday: A Day for You

Step into stillness: a day just for you at Manresa.

After a long week filled with deadlines, distractions and demands, imagine a day that asks nothing of you—except to simply be. Come to Manresa for a day of quiet renewal, where peace meets purpose and your soul finds space to breathe.

Nestled in the heart of nature, our serene grounds invite you to leave the noise behind and rediscover your center. No schedule. No expectations. Just sacred space and silence. You'll have your own private room and a simple, nourishing lunch. How you spend the day is entirely up to you:

- Walk the peaceful wooded trails.
- Sit in quiet reflection in the library or chapels.
- Pray, journal or read without interruption.
- Or do nothing at all—and let that be enough.

There is no morning Mass, and spiritual directors are not available or required. This is your time. Your retreat. Your renewal.

Fee: \$60, due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.)

Please Note: Arrival and registration at Front Office: 8:15-8:45 AM. A silent retreat will be in progress on April 10; please be aware of the quiet as you enter. Checkout no later than 4:00 PM. **To register,** go to the links above or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026

manresa-sj.org/121226-saturday

Saturday, Apr. 10, 2027

manresa-sj.org/041027-saturday



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Make a retreat this Fall.

Conference Retreats

Our retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and are silent so that we may listen to God alone. Sometimes the best way to move ahead is to retreat.

Unless otherwise noted, a \$50 deposit is due at registration for all retreats. Register at manresa-sj.org/events or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



Retreats for Men

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 16-18 — Patron: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ **Theme:** Invitation to Discipleship **Director:** Fr. Robert Ytsen, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8 — Patron: Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ **Theme:** To Know Christ Jesus: The Life of Christ in Art **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6 — Patron: St. Francis Xavier, SJ **Theme:** Praying with Pope Leo's encyclical "Magnificent Humanity" **Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

For Women

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 8-11 (4-Days)
Patron: Blessed Dominic Collins, SJ
Theme: Praying Our Tears **Director:** Fr. Patrick Hyland, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15 — Patron: Blessed Miguel Pro **Theme:** God's Autumn Blessings **Director:** Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22 — Patron: Fr. Ed Dowling, SJ **Theme:** Joy of Recovery **Director:** Kathleen McCauley

Overnight Retreat for Men & Women

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31 — Patron: St. John Berchmans, SJ **Theme:** A Prayerful Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality **Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ **Fee:** \$125

Individually Directed Retreats (IDR)

IDRs provide a quiet space to pray and reflect on God's Word at your own pace and schedule. This is a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily life to listen to God and notice where God is moving in your life with the help of a trained spiritual director who will meet with you daily, offering guidance for the next day's prayer.

You may schedule four-to-eight day IDRs between September and April as space and staff allow. Register at manresa-sj.org/retreats.

\$115/day. Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$115 due at registration.