

CONTEMPLATIVE SPRING RETREAT 2018

Friday, May 4 through Sunday May 6

VILLA MARIA EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER

For GPS directions: 225 Villa Marie Road • Pulaski, PA 16143

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Retreat Presenter Martin Laird, O.S.A.

Father Martin Laird is Professor of Early Christian Studies at Villanova University. Fr. Laird's published works include *Into the Silent Land* and *A Sunlit Absence*.

By means of the practice of contemplation, the illusion of separation from God is dispelled. We become so silent before God in the present moment so that the "before" drops away and we rediscover the presence of God through us, with us, and in us – as we live our lives through God, with God, and in God.

Villa Maria



The retreat will be held at the beautiful Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center. The center is located approximately 40 minutes northwest of the Cranberry exit on the PA Turnpike. The woodlands, meadows, pond, outdoor shrines, nature walkways, indoor pool, herb garden, gift shop, working farm, and the lived faith of the resident Sisters of the Humility of Mary provide a setting where the whole person, body-mind-spirit, can be nourished. See this website for photos of the retreat facility and for driving directions (click "Contact Us," then click "Map and Directions.")

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Retreat Format and Times

This retreat offers time and space away from the busyness of daily life and allows the body, mind, and spirit to surrender to God's presence and action within each one of us.

This 3-day retreat with Fr. Martin Laird offers:

- Centering prayer as a group throughout the day.
- The observance of silence throughout the day, including during meals.
- An educational component with presentations by Fr. Laird.
- Optional Masses: Friday at 4:15 and "Sunday" Mass (time/day T.B.D.).
- Book sale table.

Friday, May 4

- Registration begins at 3 pm and continues until 6:45 pm.
- Dinner on Friday will be served at 5:30 pm.
- The first session begins at 7 pm and participants are encouraged to arrive in time to participate. After the opening, we will enter into silence.

Sunday - May 6

The retreat will officially end after lunch at approximately noon.

Optional Extended Silent Retreat

Retreat Extended through Tuesday, May 8

If desired, attendees have the an option to extend the retreat for two additional days after conclusion of the retreat led by Fr. Laird. There is an additional cost (\$175). This portion of the retreat will include:

- Continued observance of silence throughout the day.
- Facilitator Kay Powers from Contemplative Outreach.
- Option for soul-friending with Kay Powers.
- Four periods of centering prayer as a group throughout the day.
- One period of *Lectio Divina* per day.
- The extended silent retreat will end after lunch on Tuesday, May 8 at approximately noon.

Registration and Cost

To register, please fill out the registration form (page 2) and mail the form and payment by April 10. Costs and more details regarding payment are on the registration form.

Questions?

Please contact one of the Co-Coordinator of Contemplative Outreach Pittsburgh:

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REGISTRATION FORM – CONTEMPLATIVE SPRING RETREAT

MAY 4-6, 2018, with Extended Silent Retreat Option May 4-8, 2018

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The reservation cost is \$55 to hold your place on the retreat. Full payment by April 10 is encouraged.

Make check payable to: Contemplative Outreach Pittsburgh

Mail completed form with payment to:

Contemplative Outreach Pittsburgh
P. O. Box 111-291
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name(s)	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
E-mail address	
Phone number(s)	
Any dietary or other special needs?	

Please check applicable boxes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident	\$255	The fee includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All retreat presentations, prayer sessions, and informative materials. <i>See retreat flier for more details.</i> Meals, starting with dinner on Friday, May 4 and ending with lunch on Sunday, May 6. Lodging (private room with private bathroom).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commuter	\$155	Includes same benefits as resident except for lodging. To benefit the most from this retreat, attending as a resident is highly recommended. However, there is a commuter option for those who cannot stay overnight.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extended Silent Retreat	\$175	The \$430 total fee includes everything identified above for "Resident" plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lodging for two additional nights. Additional meals including lunch on Tuesday, May 8. Facilitator/soul-friending with Kay Powers of Contemplative Outreach.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared Room	- \$50	If you want to share a room with a specific attendee, the cost is \$50 less per person; please identify name of person you are sharing with. You may register both people using one form.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$55 for reservation only ➤ Full payment amount, or ➤ Balance due (subtract previous payment)

Please note:

1. A \$55 deposit or full payment may be paid at once to reserve your place on the retreat. **Rooms are limited; reserving early is recommended.**
2. Payment in full by April 10 is encouraged.
3. If preferred, your reservation and full payment may be made with one check and registration form submitted by April 10.
4. If a cancellation is made on or before April 18, 2018, the fees paid will be refunded in full.
5. If a cancellation is made **after April 18**, all but \$40 will be refunded if attending the 3-day retreat or all but \$80 will be refunded if attending the extended silent retreat (Friday-Tuesday).

Questions? Scholarship needed? Please contact one of the Co-Coordinator of Contemplative Outreach Pittsburgh:

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