



# In the Service of Mary

## Newsletter of the Gilmary Center

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### Welcome New Readers!

Up until this edition this newsletter was sent to our Prayer Partners, donors, and volunteers. But its worthwhile to spread the good news of Gilmary to a wider audience! Our hope is that this newsletter will keep you informed about what is happening in our apostolate and encourage you to pray for Gilmary—especially that we would be guided by the Holy Spirit in our work and that God would bless our guests by drawing them closer to Himself.

We send this newsletter as an email attachment and post it on our website. If you would like a copy sent by normal mail, let Lilli know at 412-264-8400.

—The Editors

### Blessed One-Day Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 14, 2015



Father Brian Welding, Rector of Saint Paul Seminary, directed our well-attended Lenten retreat. His theme was “Christ the Bridegroom.”

Below are some of the responses from attendees to the question “What was most helpful?”

- The Christ centeredness of the retreat with Mass, Confession, Adoration, and talks.
- Father Brian’s presentation especially his remarks on God’s mercy and love and forgiveness.
- How Father spoke about Jesus being the Bridegroom was very enlightening!

*[Mark your calendar to attend the 2016 Lenten retreat on Saturday, February 27th directed by Fr. Brian Noel, Spiritual Director at St. Paul Seminary.]*

### Ignatian Retreats

Forty-two men—a record number for Gilmary and one of the largest groups of men attending any of the retreats directed by Miles Christi across the

country—attended the silent Ignatian retreat from March 6–8, 2015. That number was made possible by those who attended the 2014 retreat inviting other men to attend this year’s retreat. One man alone brought four other men with him.

Please consider attending one of the Ignatian retreats in 2016 and bring someone with you. You will be blessed and do a work of evangelization!

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Retreatants at women’s silent retreat, June 2015

### Record Number of Guests in 2014

During 2014, **5679** guests used Gilmary. About 20% of them—almost exclusively groups of young people—received discounts making it possible for them to attend retreats. Students from 21 colleges and universities, seven high schools (including the new Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic high school), and various grade schools and parish youth groups have used Gilmary for retreats and spiritual programs. Our ability to serve so many young Catholics is only possible because of the commitment and support of Maronda Foundation and our other donors.



Students from Cardinal Wuerl North Side Catholic HS

## Marriage Enrichment Program (Regis Flaherty)

The World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia in September and the Synod of Bishops will discuss marriage and family in Rome in October. I'm hoping that Gilmary can do its part in the effort to encourage Catholic families. To that end I'm developing a very practical presentation entitled "Living in the Grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony."

Some talks are tedious to prepare. That has not been my experience with this presentation. Indeed I've been feeling the rush and the anointing of the Holy Spirit in formulating this presentation. Unless I am mistaken, I believe this talk can help married couples.

I'm taking a new approach in facilitating the presentations. I'm asking friends of Gilmary and interested parties to gather a minimum group of 10 people, call Gilmary, and schedule a dinner event on a date and at a time convenient to your group. We will charge \$13 a person or \$25 a couple. I'll give the 1/2 hour presentation after dinner. Married couples, engaged couples, and individuals hoping to marry at some time in the future would all be welcome.

By asking you to gather individuals and schedule the dinner, we are providing you with the opportunity to do some practical evangelization—bringing your friends or family to an event that will help them understand and, hopefully, embrace God's plan for married couples.

I may be able to do a few presentations at other venues, but my time is limited and my night vision deteriorating. And it's difficult to find a better bargain than the price of the good dinner [and presentation] that we are offering at Gilmary! So I hope that most people will schedule the dinner event here.

Call Lilli or me for additional information at 412-264-8400.

**Needs:** (We welcome donations of items or money designated for purchase of items.)

- Gently used sofa for chaplain's quarters.
- New albs in various sizes for use by visiting priests and deacons.
- New chasers for candles in chapel
- Box fans for use in the dorms during the summer.
- Outdoor sport games: Croquet set, Bocce balls, target toss, etc. We can always use more basket balls, volley balls, and soccer balls.

## Upcoming Events

### One-day Confirmation retreat

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2015

### The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola 2016

For Men: February 26-28, 2016

For women: June 10-12, 2016

### One-day Confirmation retreats 2016

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Saturday, September 17, 2016

### Lenten one-day retreat 2016

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016

Retreat director: **Father Brian Noel**, Spiritual Director at St. Paul Seminary

### RCIA retreat 2016

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016

For additional information visit our website

([www.gilmarycenter.org](http://www.gilmarycenter.org)) or call Lilli at 412-264-8400

## Gilmary Prayer Partner Daily Prayer

Holy Spirit, guardian of truth and giver of virtue, you bless your people and build up the Church. With confidence in your love and mercy, I ask that you guide the apostolic work of Gilmary Center, meet its material needs, and guide those who labor there as they seek to hear and respond to your call. Grant them the virtues and wisdom they need to serve you and those whom you send.

Bless the guests at Gilmary Center. Draw them, especially young people, closer to their heavenly Father and to the Church. May the work of Gilmary Center always be pleasing in your sight and give glory to you, the Father, and the Son. Amen

Mary, our Mother, prayer for us.

### Would you like to support the Gilmary Center as a Prayer Partner?

Call (412-264-8400) or email ([info@gilmarycenter.org](mailto:info@gilmarycenter.org))  
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