

ADVISORY BOARD AND INSTRUCTORS

Daniel Brown, Ph.D., a licensed clinical psychologist, is a trained spiritual director. He is currently doing clinical work with nursing home residents.

Kay Gentile Johnson, Ph.D. is a retired college professor and a trained spiritual director. Katie is also a professional musician and composer and has worked with both children and adults in music therapy.

Bob Grinewich has a Master of Divinity Degree from Niagara University, he is a part time Pastoral Associate at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Williamsville and has focused his ministry on Marriage and the Family as well as Spiritual Direction.

Bill McCurdy, SJ, has done retreat ministry and spiritual direction since the 1960's. His ministry includes retreats in the U.S., Ireland, and Great Britain. Bill has also served in parish ministry as a college campus minister and high school guidance counselor.

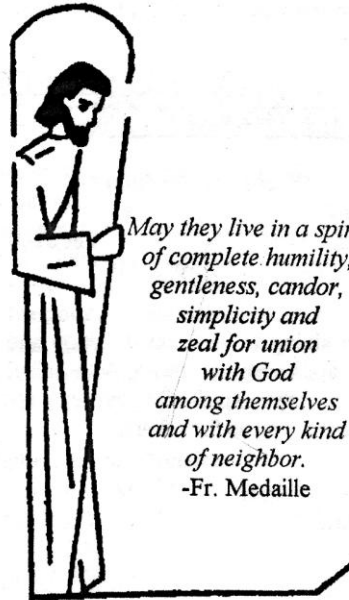
Dianne Riordan is a family advocate with the Mental Health Association of Erie County. Trained in spiritual direction, she is married and has 7 children and 5 grandchildren.

Jan Sheridan, Director of the Center, is a professional writer, journalist, and hospital chaplain. She has been a spiritual director and instructor at the center for 11 years. Jan has a Masters degree in Religious Studies.

Pat Van Verth, Ph.D., is a retired professor from Canisius College. She is married and has two children and one granddaughter. Pat is a trained spiritual director with a particular interest in Ignatian Spirituality.

Joan Wagner, SSJ, offers a wealth of experience in spiritual direction, retreat work, graduate teaching in theology, and work with the founding charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

*St. Joseph Center
for Spirituality*



*May they live in a spirit
of complete humility,
gentleness, candor,
simplicity and
zeal for union
with God
among themselves
and with every kind
of neighbor.
-Fr. Medaille*

OUR MISSION

*To foster unity and reconciliation
with God, others, self, and all
creation*

- ❖ *By providing formation for those
cal/ed to the Ministry of Spiritual
Direction*
- ❖ *By ministering through spiritual
direction, retreats, courses, and
programs.*

St. Joseph Center for Spirituality

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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual directors assist directees to recognize and integrate God's presence and direction in all aspects of life and prayer experiences. The director is a listener who helps people notice, discern and respond to God's action.

WHERE AND HOW OFTEN DO I MEET MY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?

Generally you meet once a month or as needed at our Clarence address or at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora.

WHO ARE THE DIRECTORS?

Staff members and associate directors are available. You may choose from single or married people, Catholic or Protestant.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Center offers two training programs: a one year Prayer Guide for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and a second year Spiritual Director Training Program that includes 5 to 12 week courses which meet Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm throughout the year.

SCHEDULED ON REQUEST

The 19th Annotation applies the Exercises of St. Ignatius to the spiritual lives of the busy person over an eight-month period of weekly meetings with your director. \$20. per session

DIRECTED RETREATS \$50 per night includes room, meals and daily spiritual direction.

For Information/Reservations

Call (716) 759-6893 ext. 408

Visit our website at www.wnyreligion.net

CLASSES

Sept. 2, 1010 --June 9, 2011

Spiritual Direction II

8 classes 9/2 – 10/21 \$120.

A special opportunity for independent reading, role playing, sharing, and peer supervision, this course is geared for those guiding others in their life journey.

Methods of Prayer

6 classes 10/28 – 12/9 (except 11/25) \$90.

We explore various ways of becoming more aware of God's loving presence in our lives by means of meditation, contemplation, scripture, centering, mantras, music, and more.

Personality Typology - The Enneagram and Prayer

4 classes 1/6/2011 – 1/27 \$60.

We will study the 9 basic personality types and their patterns of thinking, feeling, and action in order that we may move from self knowledge to wholeness and assist others in their growth.

St. Teresa of Avila

9 classes 2/3 – 3/31 \$135.

Come to know the life and spirituality of this great woman of God and Doctor of the Church. Our own inner faith journeys will be enhanced through the study of her books - *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*.

St. John of the Cross

9 classes 4/7-6/9 (except 4/21) \$135.

We will study *The Spiritual Canticle*, *The Ascent of Mt. Carmel*, and *The Dark Night of the Soul* using original texts of John of the Cross supplemented with contemporary scholarship.

FALL PLAYSHOPS

All playshops will take place on Saturdays from 10-11:30 am at Sisters of St. Joseph Residence, St. Joseph Center for Spirituality, 4975 Strickler Rd., Clarence (just north of Main St.) Free will offering.

Please call 759-6893 x 408 **to register**

Sat., Sept. 11 **The Poetry of Rumi** with Dan Brown. Come spend a morning reading and discussing the poetry of Rumi, a 13th century Persian poet and Sufi mystic. His poetry seeks and celebrates union with the Beloved. Poetry will be provided or bring your own favorites.

Sat. Oct. 2 **The Wisdom of the Early Fathers and Mothers** with Joan Wagner, SSJ. Return to 3rd century Egypt and listen to the winds of the Arabian desert as we ponder the sacred secrets of our Desert Fathers and Mothers. Read, reflect, optional sharing or just be with the "winds".

Sat. Nov. 6 **Phantom of the Opera as Archetypal Good and Evil, Self and the Shadow** with Jan Sheridan This contemporary musical can be seen in terms of an allegory representing the Christian (Christina), the Tempter (Phantom), and a Christ figure (Raoul). After an introductory explanation of Jungian and Christian concepts, we will listen to segments of the musical, discuss key passages and relate them to our lives.

Sat, Dec. 4 **Soul Sisters**. Joan, Jan, Dianne, Pat and others will portray various women in Scripture as they speak to women today. Based on the book Soul Sisters by Edwina Gateley, we will recreate Mary of Magdala, Mary, Mother of Jesus, Martha of Bethany, and the Woman at the Well as if they were living now.