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Mission Statement:

St. Francis Retreat House in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, is committed to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of God's love for all people.

In this Franciscan environment of hospitality and compassionate concern, we seek:

To respond to contemporary needs by working under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

To provide an affordable, peaceful oasis for those seeking spiritual nourishment and renewal.

To serve those in need by providing programs that support human and spiritual growth.

About Saint Francis Retreat House ...

Once quietly tucked away in the Lehigh Valley not even half an hour south of the Pocono Mountains, St Francis Retreat House sat upon a sloping hill far enough away from a quiet country road where it claimed its silence for peace seekers. There would be an occasional car rumble by and travelers might notice the chapel's white steeple or the red brick façade of the friary, home to over 15 Franciscan Friars.

But now the recently expanded St Francis Retreat House has become a sought after refuge and conference center in the midst of busy expressways and in the lives of even busier people. Folks still seek after that peace which they manage to find even after 50 years.

The always popular and timeless message of St Francis of Assisi, the Italian saint who lived from 1182-1226, beckons people to the chapel. The chapel crowns the center point of the retreat house. It is flanked by meditation gardens, Stations of the Cross and quiet pathways for meditation and quiet.

It was St Francis who asked God to make him an instrument of His peace. He looked into his 13th century warring world and asked God to make him aware that whenever he saw hatred or despair he would bring love and hope. The young troubadour was convinced this happened not only through his simple words of encouragement, but by a loving witness of virtuous example and compassion for his fellow human being. The world remembers how, through the grace of his conversion, he quickly rode past a leper, turned around in humility, dismounted his horse, kissed the leper and saw Christ. He realized God lived in all people and he welcomed them.

Since 1961 the retreat house has become a "retiro" (retreat) for laymen and women of all ages and faith persuasions, for priests and religious, for lay Franciscans and many youth who know that to be truly free in the gospel of Christ one first must be grounded in finding that still quiet center hidden deep within the heart and soul.

St Francis Retreat House is now staffed, not only by Franciscan friars and sisters, but also by professional lay people who administer and tend to the constant financial and physical needs of the ministries.



As our fund raising efforts reach out further and further to people like you who give generously, be assured of the daily prayerful remembrances of the Franciscans who hold up your needs to God in their daily prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours and the Eucharist.

We invite you to come for a tour or to visit the chapel, meditation garden, pieta or walk the grounds.

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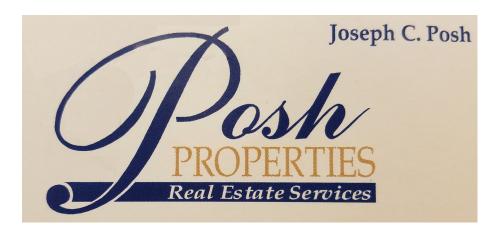
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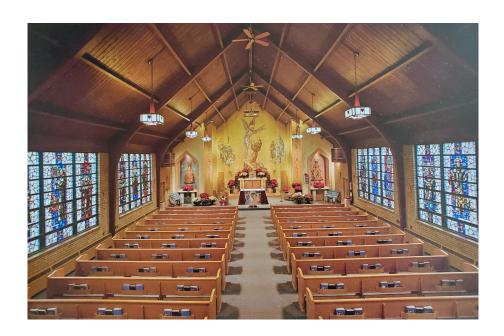
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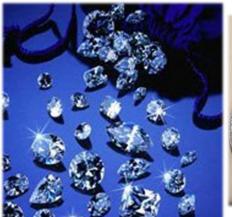


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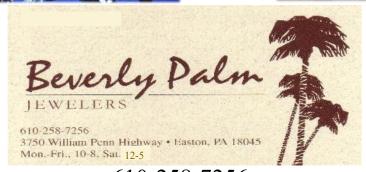


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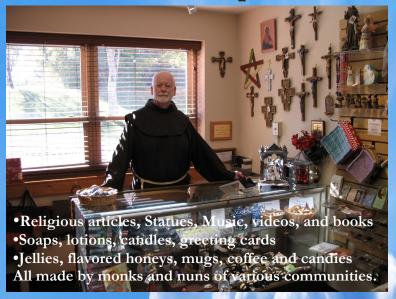


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On August 18, we will celebrate our annual Polka Mass at 1 p.m. and host our **Franciscan Family Picnic** outside afterwards. Save the date!

On October 4-6, Pat McCloskey, OFM will lead a retreat entitled "Why Is Forgiveness so Difficult? Help from St. Francis of Assisi." St. Francis offers a path beyond two mistaken and related approaches to forgiveness. Individual - \$295, Couple - \$495, Commuter - \$140, and Virtual - \$95.

On November 8-10, Charlie Smiech, OFM will lead the "Living a Life of Gratitude in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi" retreat. Individual - \$295, Couple - \$495, Commuter - \$140, and Virtual - \$95.

November 8-10 is the new date for the **Heart of Compassion** retreat led by Joan Doherty and her team. Boundless Compassion by Joyce Rupp (The book and journal needed for this retreat can be purchased at the SFRH Gift Shop for a combined price of \$25.00. Shipping and handling charge extra if sent by mail).

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