

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH RETREAT

A TIME OF GRACE

Join us for our Parish Retreat!

**Sunday, December 4th
through
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM each evening**

**SAINT FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH
325 SOUTH OXFORD VALLEY ROAD, FAIRLESS HILLS**

***Led by*
Augustinian Father Michael Sullivan**

*Father Sullivan will also preach at the
weekend Masses on December 3 and 4;
as well as at each of the 9:30 AM daily Masses.*

***This Retreat is free and open to all...
...all evenings or whichever you can make!***
*A free-will offering will be accepted on Wednesday evening.
Transportation and childcare for the evening services are available.*

For further information, please contact JoAnn Holden at
215-946-4040 or at jholden@saintfrancescabrini.net



Father Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A.

About Father Sullivan

Father Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., was born in New York City in March, 1940. He received his bachelor's degree from Villanova University and his master's in theology from Augustinian College. Father Sullivan did graduate work at the Catholic University of America and also received a master's degree in counseling from St. John's University. Ordained in 1967, he spent eight years in parish ministry. Father Sullivan served as pastor in the Albany Diocese and as pastor of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, the parish of his youth in New York. He has been a member of the executive board of Worldwide Marriage Encounter; and in this capacity he has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia. In 1980 he was appointed to full-time retreat work and parish renewal preaching. In March 2006, Father received the 2006 St. Thomas of Villanova Alumni Medal, the highest award granted by the Alumni Association, in recognition of his support of the Villanova mission.

AN OVERVIEW

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Sunday Evening

To Be Born Again

The love of God is the heart of Christ's proclamation to the world—a proclamation that mirrors the Almighty in all our relationships, in our love of those around us. Reflecting on our baptisms, Father points out that most of us were carried into the church by someone else who promised to instill the Faith within us. Now as a mature Christian, do you carry about within you the Lord Jesus? To be born again does not simply mean to be baptized, but to accept the Lord Jesus in one's own name as the Lord and Savior of one's life.

Monday Evening

The Healing Love of Jesus

Father Sullivan begins with a prayer for healings to take place that evening within the congregation and then will speak about the healing love of Jesus operating within us, leading us to forgiveness which leads us to the healing of mind, heart, and body. This evening concludes with a meditative Healing of Memories prayer.

Tuesday Evening

The Call to be Church

The Church was built on Peter "and his kind" - that is, equally imperfect men and women through the centuries. The Church survives and flourishes because the Lord Jesus is within us all—saint and sinner alike. You and all of us are the Church. The Church as "us" is best exemplified in the relationship of marriage. The remainder of this night's talk will be Father Sullivan sharing his years of marriage and family counseling experience.

Wednesday Evening

Our Response to the Call

Beginning with the example of the Blessed Mother's response to the angel, Father Sullivan leads us to an understanding of our response to the call of Christ to be his Church. While we are a sacramental Church, the sacraments do not touch us if we do not "enflesh" them with our relationships—person to person—which create the sacrament that is the "Church." This final talk concludes with a period of silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us for a reception in Monsignor Woods Hall following the Wednesday Evening Service.

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