



Closed Men's Retreat Weekend for Recovering Alcoholics

November 18, 2019

Greetings Gentlemen,

The Matt Talbot 19 Retreat Committee is privileged to announce the details for the 2020 Winter Retreat. Joe Chelowski, Bob Palen, Jim Toland and Rocky DeVivo have been chosen to facilitate the retreat scheduled for February 14-16, 2020.

The 19th chapter of the Matt Talbot Retreat Movement took its first retreat with twelve original members from the South Jersey area in 1974. Since that time, our chapter has awarded over 2000 Medallions to first time participants and has grown to over 400 active members, helping the movement become an international success. This retreat is a special celebration of our rich history and tradition of helping alcoholic men expand their spiritual growth. If this is your first retreat in some time, you can be assured that we will give you a great opportunity to indulge your spirituality and expand your fellowship in The Matt Talbot Retreat Movement. Our retreat will be held at Malvern Retreat House, a full service, world-renowned retreat facility situated on 125 woodland acres in Malvern, PA. Malvern Retreat House has served millions of people, including Bill Wilson, over its 100 years of existence.

Due to prudent stewardship of Matt 19 funds, we were able to fund eight scholarships during the Fall 2019 Retreat! These funds covered the registration cost of men who would otherwise had been unable to receive the benefits of the Spiritual Retreat. Also, despite cost increases, your Matt Talbot Executive Board has voted unanimously to HOLD THE LINE on registration fees for this retreat. Therefore, the registration cost will remain at \$200 as before.

**CHANGE FOR THIS RETREAT** - Raffle tickets are not being sold – we will award two raffle tickets for anyone who registers in advance, and one ticket for those who choose to register on the day of the retreat. Please make every effort to register early – it greatly simplifies the process for the registrars.

**Please note:**

- Check-in and room assignments will take place in Memorial Hall, beginning at 5:00pm. We are unable to accommodate early registration. Admittance to buildings on the premises (other than Memorial Hall) is not permitted before 5:00pm.
- The road around the grounds is one way. (Continue from the entrance past Corrigan, St. Joseph's, Memorial (the Dining Hall) and McShain Halls. Park in the large lot outside the new Gift Shop)

We are excited to announce that our Retreat Leader• this Winter will be Sister Anita Constance, SC. We will be sharing this weekend with another Matt Talbot group, but we will have our Matt 19 Retreat Master and group separately from the other Matt Talbot Group. Our housing arrangements will be in Our Lady's Hall, consisting of both the Immaculate Conception and Assumption Halls. They are single room accommodations with dormitory-style bathrooms. All meals will be served "Family Style" in the Memorial Hall dining room. Our meeting areas will be in the Upper McShain Hall and the Chapel of Our Lady's Hall (final schedule will be given to all retreat participants upon check in). We hope you will continue to find many opportunities to develop or expand your spirituality. You always have the option to participate in as many offerings as you like during the course of the weekend. Bring a newcomer, and show him what this fellowship can offer.

Put these dates on your calendar now (February 14-16, 2020). Download a registration form at our website [www.matttalbotgroup19.org](http://www.matttalbotgroup19.org). Fill it out and mail it to the address listed. Feel free to announce the retreat and dates at meetings you may attend, and to print additional forms to distribute to those who may be interested. YOU HAVE TO FILL IT OUT AND SEND IT IN! LET'S MAKE THIS RETREAT A SUCCESS!

Please remember - the purpose of Matt 19 is to promote among alcoholics the Laymen's Retreat Movement, and to assist recovering alcoholics in their spiritual rehabilitation under the name of Matt Talbot Retreat Group 19 of South Jersey, Inc. We promote the same good works as our patron, Matt Talbot.

Thanks for your support.  
Pat Font, Recording and Correspondence Secretary