



# Tidings *from*

## St. Joseph Retreat Center, Cohasset, MA

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### **New Beginnings at St. Joseph Retreat Center**

I am very aware of the sureness with which one season succeeds another, moving forward in a sequence long established and in its own time. Here at St. Joseph Retreat Center, we are in the midst of many changes and transitions. The greening spring with its vibrancy and life-giving hope has already transitioned into the brightness of summer light, warmth and delight in all of life.

Change is one of the great dreams of every human heart. New beginnings of the seasons of our life are an invitation to open toward the undiscovered gifts stored up in our hearts by our Creator.

There have been recent changes in staff positions at the Retreat Center. We gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Eileen Moran, our Co-Director, and the many ways she furthered our Mission. On June 1, we welcomed our two Support Services Coordinators, Jennifer Talbot and Maria Puno-D'Antonio. May the Blessings of New Beginnings be ours as we continue to offer the gifts of hospitality and welcome to all who come to the Retreat Center.

*Joan Duffy, CSJ*

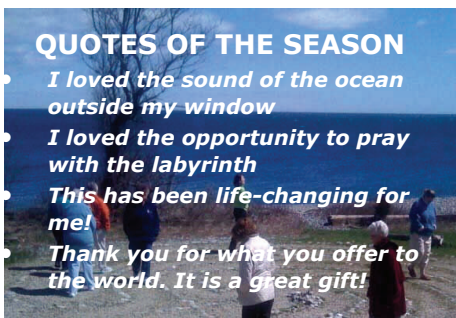
### **QUOTES OF THE SEASON**

*I loved the sound of the ocean outside my window*

*I loved the opportunity to pray with the labyrinth*

*This has been life-changing for me!*

*Thank you for what you offer to the world. It is a great gift!*



### **RETREAT CENTER STAFF**

Joan M. McCarthy, CSJ, *Director*  
Joan Duffy, CSJ, *Program Assistant*  
Jean Martin, *Administrative Assistant*  
Maria Puno-D'Antonio, *Support Services for Finances & Food*  
Jenny Talbot, *Support Services for Facility, Volunteers & Contemporary Technological Communication.*



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### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER**

#### **30-DAY CONTEMPLATIVE SABBATICAL PROGRAM**

January 30 - March 2, 2011

#### **SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS**

July 14 - August 16, 2011

#### **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

September 7, 2010 - April 12, 2011  
31 Tuesdays in Brighton, MA and  
3 Weekends at St. Joseph Retreat Center

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROUP RETREATS:**

parishes, faculties, staffs, chaplains, pastoral ministers, priests, women's prayer groups, etc.

#### **GROUP HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS**

*What more gorgeous site could you find?  
And you have use of the living room, dining room and chapel, all of which are beautifully decorated*  
December & January

#### **ONE WITH LOVE'S OUT-POURING: A RETREAT FOR SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH AND CSSJ ASSOCIATES**

May 17 - 23, 2011 (6 days)  
Dolores Clerico, SSJ

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE,  
WWW.CSSJRETREATCENTER.ORG  
FOR A COMPLETE LIST  
OF UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES  
AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**

### **The Graces of Summer**

Summer is upon us with the blazing glory of the sun and cool breezes off the sea, as we welcome retreatants from far and wide who fill the house week after week with their own particular blessings and graces. We are now able to welcome more visitors than ever to our haven of hospitality with the division of Room 9 into Rooms 9A and 9B, both with an ocean view, closets and ceiling fans.



In early March our beloved



gazebo succumbed to ferocious winds in the dark of night. With congregation leadership we continue to discern how to rebuild from the loss. Toward this

end, we are excited by the prospect of renovating Euphrasia Hall at the end of the driveway to further enhance the Retreat Center and to be of greater service to you and the world.

Thanks to a very generous donor, we are in the process of installing a chairlift to make the chapel corridor bedrooms and the chapel more accessible to retreatants who experience difficulty with the stairs.

After much deliberation, we decided to cancel our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration which had been scheduled for June. We are grateful for a sizeable donation we received for the anniversary celebration, which the donor has graciously allowed us to use for general operating expenses. Please notice the beautiful aerial view of the Retreat Center in this centerfold which also graces our brochure cover. It, too, is a generous gift from a local photographer. All your donations are gratefully received, whether restricted for specific projects such as Euphrasia Hall renovations, ceiling fans and their installation, fireplace upgrading, scholarships, or general operating expenses.

Look for our Facebook page in the near future! Come see all that is new at the Retreat Center and revel in the ageless beauty of our special haven beside the sea. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

*Jean Martin & Joan McCarthy, CSJ*