

# Review

*The* of Benet Hill Monastery



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*To be loved is to be illumined,  
purified and transformed*



*because love has the power of re-creation*

- Reuel L. Howe

# You have been neighbor to us

*A Message from Sister Anne Stedman, Prioress*



*In The Sayings of the Desert Fathers we hear Abba Anthony saying: "Our life and our death is with our neighbor." Abba Anthony, first of the great desert dwellers, understood that in the city no less than in the wilderness, our spiritual life, which encompasses and also transcends our physical life and death, is shaped by a double helix of self and neighbor, with God the space between.*

John S. Mogabgab

John Mogabgab has been editor of the magazine Weavings for years and is blessed with the unique gift of being able to paint an indepth picture of the chosen focus for each issue in words. The words written above are taken from his editorial on neighbors in 2006. Watching the double helix on my computer speaks to me of the illumining, purifying and transforming made possible by the love of the Cosmic Christ whose life, death and resurrection empowers our re-creation when our winter wonderland gives way to spring.

There is a strong yet gentle movement of the double helix which beckons us into the space -- the heart of God. And it is looking out from within the heart of God that we, as Community, give thanks for those we focus on in this issue of our *Benet Hill Review*.

We smile with Barbara Benish and give thanks for her gift of flowing dance as she prepared(s) our students, alumnae of Benet Hill Academy, and her dance group as they sing and dance their way into our hearts the first weekend of every August. We dream and pray with Sister Mary Colleen in her intense desire to share monastic life with all those women who may wish to 'come and see' and experience our lives.

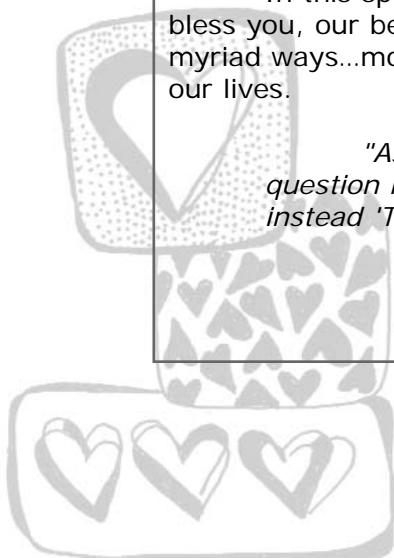
We join Terry Fairholm and Marty Alves with special expectation as they help us to enter into the second phase of our Capital Campaign. We thank Jule Belsh, Sister Virginia Vey's nephew, for making the first prize of our raffle -- a week's stay in a luxury condo in Costa Rica -- a reality for the winner. And we are grateful for the gentle loving presence of our Sister Olive Therese as she blesses our environment by caring for plants, creating lovely candles and bringing her special gifts to our Liturgy each day.

In this special issue of the *Review* we also give humble thanks and ask our God to bless you, our benefactors and friends, with every good gift. You minister to us in a myriad ways...monetarily, with your time and talent, and most of all by your presence in our lives.

*"As we discern more clearly the form of our true humanity, the question in our heart ceases to be 'And who is my neighbor?' And becomes instead 'To whom am I a neighbor?' "*

Ibid.

Truly, you have been neighbor to us over these many years.





# Nothing seems to stop Barbara

by Constance Gelvin

**BARBARA BENISH**, Benet Hill's nominee for the Assistance League's Silver Bell award for outstanding volunteer service, has been volunteering here since 1980. Annually we hold a Generation Celebration performance for our alumnae, supporters and the Colorado Springs community. Barbara has directed and produced this show with enthusiasm and the utmost professionalism.

Barbara not only selects most of the songs and music, but choreographs the dances and teaches the steps. Then she puts everything together so that the singing and dancing flow together in a cohesive performance. Needless to say, this involves a great deal of rehearsal time (3 - 4 times/week.) She is also involved in other aspects of the performances: publicity, the program and contacting former students.

She has produced this show despite several foot operations as well as other health concerns. As one performer said, "Nothing seems to stop her." She has volunteered at St. Mary's (also putting on performances) and at the Penrose Community Hospital Emergency Room. All this while raising five children!

The Generation Celebration performances that Barbara has produced for us have had a lasting effect on our alumnae. We've had countless alums state that coming to the show and performing in it has been a wonderful way to maintain high school friendships as well as keeping their music and dance skills current.

This sentence that we've heard many times from Barbara: "I'm happy to be of help" sums up her attitude on volunteerism. ✂



*Congratulations to Barbara Benish, Benet Hill's nomination for the Assistance League's Silver Bell award for outstanding volunteer service.*

*Front l-r: Barbara, Jane Sheehan, Sr. Lucile Hartmann.*

*Back l-r: John Benish, Sr. Helen Zecha*



# Each life vocation starts with a dream

by Sister Mary Colleen Schwarz

When I give the Vocation Awareness Presentation for Iowa City's Regina Senior High School, Middle School and Religious Education Program, I am always touched by the questions the young adults and children ask of us religious. One frequently asked question is: what is the purpose of religious life in today's society? My answer resonates with what Anamarie Sanders, IHM, said in her article in Horizon journal, "Our journey through life in this world is one of coming back to God and becoming more deeply one with God. I see religious life as making the purpose of that journey explicit. Religious are called to assist the world to make the journey with open eyes and a compassionate heart."

Our future as religious depends on collectively dreaming to move forward without fear into the realm of possibilities as profound seekers of God. The monastic way of life is a beacon of hope giving light to those that choose to live the gospel with compassionate hearts. Each life vocation starts with a dream...religious life is no different. The call is to discern without fear, but dwell in hope and the grace of God. ✂

# Capital Campaign update

by Constance Gelvin



We are delighted to announce that Terry Fairholm, president of Advancement Partners Inc. (API) and Marty Alves of Alumen, Consultants in Philanthropy, will be joining our **Create a Benedictine Future with Us** Capital Campaign as consultants. Over the last 14 years, API has managed over 150 capital campaigns with cumulative results exceeding \$300 million. Both API and Alumen are based in Ohio.

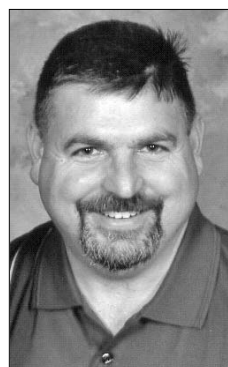
Advancement Partners specializes in development consulting and capital campaign management for Catholic secondary education, Catholic colleges and parishes. Terry, a Notre Dame graduate, served as Regional Director of Development at Notre Dame prior to his consulting career.

Terry is married to Dana, an accountant, and they have three sons: Mark, 20, is a sophomore at Miami (Ohio); Bryan, 19, is a freshman at Ohio State and Curt, 13, is a student at their parish school: St. Brigid of Kildare. All three are hockey players and Terry coaches.



*Terry Fairholm*

Marty and his wife Paula, a homemaker and independent sales rep for XanGo and At Home America, have two children: Vincenza, 3, and Gianna, 6 months. Marty graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, TX. ✕



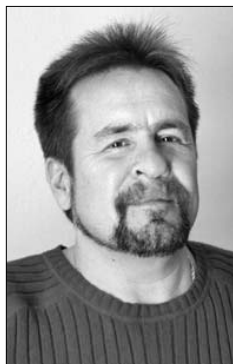
*Marty Alves*

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## 1st place raffle prize: Costa Rica condo stay

Surfing, scuba diving, horseback riding, sea kayaking and sunning beside a private pool...all these activities and more will be available to the first place winner of a 7-day luxury condo stay for our **Create a Benedictine Future with Us** Capital Campaign raffle. The condo is a five minute walk to the beach and only twenty minutes from the airport.



*Jule Belsh*

Sister Virginia Vey's nephew Jule Belsh generously donated the 7-day stay at his Playas Del Coco condo. Jule, who is in real estate in Pittsburgh, says, "I was taking a vacation get away with a friend in Costa Rica when I saw a sign on a vacant, wooded lot. I bought it and designed the 2-unit home that was supposed to take 10 months to build but ended up taking 1 ½ years."

Jule notes, "The Costan Rican people are very friendly, laid back and, though they don't have much, are very happy. There's very little crime and most of the professional people speak English. They are proud of the beauty of their country."

Many thanks to Jule for donating this wonderful vacation to our lucky first place winner. ✕

# 10 chances to win!



We're busy selling raffle tickets for our **CREATE A BENEDICTINE FUTURE WITH US** Capital Campaign raffle. The drawing will be held March 4, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Center auditorium as part of our annual Donor/Volunteer Appreciation reception.

A limited amount of tickets will be sold (great odds!) and our raffle gives you 10 chances to win wonderful prizes. Tickets are \$20.00 (1 ticket), \$50.00 (3 tickets) and \$100.00 (7 tickets.) This is a fun way to help support our Capital Campaign and perhaps, get lucky!

**1st PRIZE** 7-day stay in luxury Costa Rica condo + \$1,000 toward airfare (\$2,150 value)

**2nd PRIZE** Garden package #1: Gift certificates: C & C Sand & Garden + We Can do That! Landscaping and More + Praying Angel statue from Good Earth Garden Center (\$362 value)

**3rd PRIZE** Garden package #2: Lawn Doctor gift certificate + Angel statue (\$350 value)

**4th PRIZE** Serenity package: 1-night stay for two at Benet Pines Retreat Center + Garden of the Gods private nature tour & movie (up to 30 people) + Whickerbill Gifts Serenity Sphere (\$275 value)

**5th PRIZE** Downtowner's package: 1-night stay for two at Antlers Hilton Hotel + \$25 gift certificates: Rico's, The Famous Steakhouse, Panera Bread + 2 Kimball's movie passes (\$264 value)

**6th PRIZE** Framed photograph by nationally known artist/photographer Charlotte Redpath (\$300 value)

**7th PRIZE** Hand-quilted Dresden Plate Star quilt (60 x 60) (\$250 value)

**8th PRIZE** \$100 American Furniture Warehouse gift card

**9th PRIZE** \$100 Briargate Shops at the Promenade shopping and/or dining gift certificate

**10th PRIZE** As Time Goes By: WW II Cookbook by JoAnn Schuh and Barbara Lynette (\$20 value)

For your convenience you may fill out the form below and mail it to

**Benet Hill Monastery  
c/o Constance  
2577 N. Chelton Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-1362**

and we will send you your tickets:



YES! I want to support the Benet Hill **Create a Benedictine Future with Us** Capital Campaign

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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*Check (make payable to Benet Hill Monastery) enclosed for:*

1 ticket \$20.00

3 tickets \$50.00

7 tickets \$100.00

# Olive Therese Geiger, OSB

## SISTER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

by Gina Berger

*"O God, you search me and you know me; you know my resting and my rising; you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you."*

Psalm 139:1-2



Sister Olive Therese was born in McCook, Nebraska and is one of eight children. Her father was a traveling salesman and later owned a grocery store. Her mother labored in love at home raising the children. All of her six brothers and one sister have been quite successful in their lives. Sister Olive Therese has lost one brother, Bob, from injuries sustained from a car accident and her older sister, Sister Eucharistia, O.P. a Dominican, died from Hodgkins Disease. One of her older brothers is a Franciscan priest, Fr. Bernard Geiger, O.F.M. Conv.

Sister Olive Therese was inspired on her spiritual journey and deeply influenced by her patron saint, Therese of Lisieux. After reading an autobiography of Saint Therese's life, Sr. Olive Therese decided at the young age of 13 that she, too, could live in a contemplative way. And the way Sr. Olive Therese lives is reflected in a quote from Saint Therese, "You know well enough that Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them." Anyone who knows Sr. Olive Therese knows that she carries out all her tasks with love.

Her journey to the Benedictine way of life began in Atchison, Kansas in January, 1951. Sister's ministry was education and music to small communities in Kansas and Colorado. She has known the pain of illness in her own life and was dispensed from her monastic vows for ten years while living in Lafayette, Colorado. In 1980, she remembers one special moment while sweeping her kitchen floor when she heard the gentle, still voice calling from within, "It is time for you to go back." Sister Olive Therese then entered Benet Hill Monastery, a daughter house of Atchison.

Sr. Olive Therese loves creating simple, beautiful candles for Community celebrations and prayer services. Sister has a passion for God's creation and often spends sunny days gardening to enhance the beauty of Benet Hill. She also has a special love of Liturgy, because she sees it "as such a basic part of our lives." Serving on the Worship Team, she plays the organ and sings in the Schola. I have been witness to the number of tireless hours she puts in to create inclusivity for the Community's worship songs. When one encounters Sister Olive Therese, one comes closer to knowing patience, gentleness and a compassionate servant. ✠

*If you judge people, you have  
no time to love them*

*-Mother Teresa*

## A Day In the Life

by Gina Berger

**SISTER BERNICE SIEMANN** visited with her cousins, Vera and Cecil Siemann in November. Greg Siemann brought Sister Bernice to Boulder so she could visit with Cecil who is in the hospital recovering from surgery. Sister Bernice says it is always difficult to visit family when dealing with an illness.



**SISTER MARY JOHN THOMAS** had a wonderful time visiting with family in Kansas the last week in December. She also had a powerful experience at a "Living in the Shadow of Grief" workshop on December 12 in Denver. "I'm amazed at the various forms of grief and the experiences of pain that people encounter in their journey of life and death."



# Journey with Us

toward SPIRITUAL wholeness

www.BenetHillMonastery.org

January - May 2007

## BENET HILL CENTER

2577 N Chelton Rd  
Colorado Springs, CO  
80909  
(719) 633-0655

The mission of the Center at Benet Hill Monastery is to offer individuals the experience of Benedictine hospitality, community and spirituality. **CENTER GOALS:** offer ecumenical programs, invite cross-cultural participation, enable creativity, and work at creating a just and compassionate society through our teaching.

## Pull Out and Save!

## BENET PINES RETREAT CENTER

15880 Highway 83  
Colorado Springs, CO  
80921  
(719) 495-2574

The Benedictine faith community at Benet Pines promotes a prayerful, hospitable and quiet environment in a wooded mountain setting where persons of many religious persuasions may gather to discover more fully their God, themselves and each other.



## CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Program Coordinator & Instructor: Therese O'Grady, OSB

### Introductory Workshop

Introduces the practice of Centering Prayer and is designed for those who hunger for a stronger contemplative dimension in their lives. **Cost:** \$30

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007  
1:15 pm - 5:15 pm

**Place:** Trinity Methodist Church  
701 N 20th Street  
Colorado Springs

(Call Benet Hill Center to register)

### FOLLOW UP SESSIONS FOR CENTERING PRAYER

In the **SPIRITUAL JOURNEY SERIES** there are five courses of 6-week classes. Participants may sign up at the beginning of each course. The required texts can be purchased at Benet Hill Center office. They are: Open Mind, Open Heart, Invitation to Love and Intimacy with God, all by Thomas Keating, OSB.

#### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - COURSE 1:

Provides basic instruction and a deeper understanding of this prayer in Christian tradition and support in making this prayer a daily practice. **Prerequisite:** Introductory Workshop **Cost:** \$70

Thursdays, Mar. 1 - Apr. 12  
9:00 - 11:00 am - Benet Hill Chapel  
6:30 - 8:30 pm - room to be announced

#### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - COURSE 2:

Models of the Human Condition.

**Prerequisite:** Course 1 **Cost:** \$70

Thursdays, April 19 - May 24  
9:00 - 11:00 am - Benet Hill Chapel  
6:30 - 8:30 pm - room to be announced

#### 2006 FALL/WINTER SESSIONS continued:

#### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - COURSE 4:

Contemplation: The Divine Therapy

**Prerequisite:** Course 1,2,3 **Cost:** \$70

Mondays, Feb. 19 - Mar. 26  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Reception Room

Tuesdays, Feb. 20 - Mar. 27  
9:00 am - 11:00 am - Benet Hill Chapel

**Alternate Place:** Trinity Methodist Church  
701 N 20th Street  
Thurs. 6:30 - 8:30 pm / Feb. 22 - Mar. 29

#### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - COURSE 5:

Divine Love: The Heart of the Christian  
Spiritual Journey

**Prerequisite:** Course 1,2,3,4 **Cost:** \$70

Mondays, April 2 - May 7  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Reception Room

Tuesdays, April 3 - May 8  
9:00 am - 11:00 am - Benet Hill Chapel

**Alternate Place:** Trinity Methodist Church  
701 N 20th Street  
Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
April 5 - May 10

*If you would like this program to be brought to your church or spiritual community, please call the program co-ordinator or director.*



# BENEDICTINE SPIRITUAL FORMATION PROGRAM

(BSFP) Program Director: Anne Stedman, OSB

**THIS TWO-YEAR PROGRAM**, open to people of all faith traditions, is rooted in the Benedictine tradition and focuses on personal transformation and spiritual growth. BSFP was created to deepen each participant's inner journey and to open new pathways of spiritual service including the ministry of Spiritual Direction. Academic credit is available. Colorado Springs and Denver day or evening classes meet September through April.

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS** typically begins in early spring in order to allow enough time for an in-depth interview to determine each applicant's readiness and commitment to spiritual service. If you are interested in more information about this program, you may visit our Benet Hill website and go to "Educational Offerings" or contact:

**Colorado Springs / South Site Coordinator**  
Patty Degen, Certified Spiritual Director  
Phone: (719) 528-5303  
Email: patty@bsfp.org

**Denver / North Site Coordinator**  
Sister Marilyn Carpenter, OSB  
Phone: (719) 429-7500 Cell  
Email: smarilync@juno.com

**One on one Spiritual Direction/Retreats are available** with the Benet Hill sisters and staff. Our graduates are also available for directee/retreat referrals through the Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program. Group spiritual direction may be available through our graduates.

Sisters and staff available for direction/retreats are: Sister Therese O'Grady, Sister Francine Stallbaumer, Sister Mary Colleen Schwarz, Sister Susan Matarrese, Patty Degen. Call Benet Hill Center for scheduling or additional information. For graduate referral, contact Patty Degen in Colorado Springs or Sister Marilyn Carpenter in Denver.

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*"My role as a Spiritual Director is to help you come to know, hear and see how God is moving in your life and to find God's voice. Spiritual Direction is not counseling. It is a sacred time for us to come together to listen to God. The goal is to be present to each other for the purpose of your spiritual growth."* Patty Degen, Spiritual Director

## BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

**Saturday, February 24, 2007**  
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**Benet Hill Center**  
**Facilitator: Sister Marilyn Carpenter, OSB**

The Bereavement Workshop is for all Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program Year I class participants. **IT IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR A COST OF \$50 PER PERSON.**

**It is essential** that you register, prepay and pick up a packet of material in the Center office by February 16th. The material is to be completed before the actual workshop. Please call Benet Hill Center for additional information.

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## CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF COLORADO SPRINGS

*(continued from front page of insert)*

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Time will include two Centering Prayer sessions and a meditative walk.

**EVERY TUESDAY:** 7:30 - 8:30 PM and

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Call Sister Therese at (719) 473-6184 for the times and places of other Centering Prayer groups in the area. (Walk-ins welcome.)

### MONTHLY PRAYER DAYS

A quiet morning scheduled for the first Saturday of every month to deepen one's Centering Prayer practice and on-going education. (Walk-ins welcome.)

9:30 am - 12:30 pm in Our Lady of Peace Chapel



# SCRIPTURE STUDIES: CELEBRATING ITS 23RD YEAR

Program Coordinator & Instructor: Diane Liston, OSB

**SCRIPTURE CLASSES** will give you the tools to interpret Scripture in light of the author's purpose, in light of the context, in light of the cultural and historical background, and in light of the literary form.

### CLASS LOCATIONS:

Benet Hill Center  
and  
Holy Trinity Hope House  
3101 Poinsetta Dr  
Colorado Springs

**UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT** from Benedictine College, Atchison, KS is available for an additional fee of \$30 per credit hour, plus \$25 registration.

**TUITION:** \$130 for 10-week session plus cost of books (partial scholarships available.) A 10%

discount will be given to couples and participants 65 and over.

Ongoing classes continue, Year I, II, III and IV. **The following open trimesters are for newcomers to join our classes.**

### Genesis & Psalms

Feb. 13/14 - May 1/2  
Tues. 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Benet Hill Center

Wed. 9:15 - 11:15 am  
Holy Trinity Hope House

### John's Gospel

Mar. 9 - May 4  
Fri. 9:15 - 11:15 am  
Holy Trinity Hope House

### Pastoral Letters/Mark's Gospel

Feb 28 - May 2  
Wed. 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Benet Hill Center  
Library & Lecture Hall

Call Sister Diane Liston at Benet Hill Center to register. For additional information visit the Scripture Studies page on the web at [www.BENETHILLMONASTERY.ORG](http://www.BENETHILLMONASTERY.ORG) under "Spiritual & Educational Offerings."



*If you would like this program to be brought to your church or spiritual community, please call the program co-ordinator or director.*

## SCRIPTURE RENEWAL DAY

**Benet Hill Center - March 3, 2007 - 9:30 am until noon**

A special offering designed to give students from the Scripture classes opportunities to reflect on Scripture outside their more academic study, but **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** for a suggested donation of \$10.00. All are asked to bring their Bibles. Snacks and drinks will be provided. To register, call Benet Hill Center.

### **"LEARNING TO LOVE THE JOURNEY"**

*For much of our lives, we expect that in any moment we will arrive at some grand destination at maturity, at spiritual wholeness, perhaps even at enlightenment. Using the Gospel of Luke and the traditions of both Western and Eastern Christianity, we will explore our journey embracing the process as our fundamental human heritage. We will spend the day in reflection, learning to love the journey itself as the ultimate objective.*

#### **Presenter: Julie Wilmot**

Julie has a doctorate in Ministry from Graduate Theological Foundation with a specialty in adult formation and spirituality. She has recently been awarded an MA In Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing. In her work as a psychotherapist, Julie integrates both spirituality and Jungian psychodynamics to guide the healing process.

# SENIOR DAYS OF ENRICHMENT

A special speaker series designed for those 55 and older, but open to all interested participants.

Second Friday of the month  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
\$10.00 per person  
includes noon meal with Benet Hill Sisters

**Reservations recommended!** Call the Center office at (719) 473-6184 by noon on the Wednesday before you wish to attend. Office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

## A Father and Son's Walk Across Ireland

March 9, 2007

Kent Taylor and his son Nick walked 500 miles across the emerald isle over the course of two months from mid-April to mid-June. Explore Ireland's back roads and discover the friendly Irish people and gorgeous landscapes most travelers do not get to experience.

**Presenter:** *Kent Taylor, professional photographer, is the Executive Director of the National Park Society as well as an interpreter and tour guide for the national parks of the United States and Canada.*

## "19th Century Romanticism"

April 13, 2007

Piano music and art history slides from Early Romantics - German

L. van Beethoven: Sonata in C Minor C.D. Friedrich (1744-1840), Op. 13 (Pathetique) 1799, 6 Variations on an Original Theme, OP.34 1802, Sonata, Op.110,1822

Classical Romantics - Felix Mendelssohn: Andante and Rondo, Capriccioso, Op.14 - Andante and Variations in E flat major. Song Without Words, Op. 3 - No. 3

**Presenter:** *Mary Ann Turner Gipson majored in Psychology and Art History and graduated from Regent's College with a B.S. in Psychology. She has given numerous private recitals and piano performances at nursing homes and has participated in international piano competitions in Salzburg and Edinbrough. Mary Ann is a mother of 7, Grandmother of 7 and Great-Grandmother of 1.*

# SATURDAY SEMINARS

Saturday mornings: 9:30 am - Noon  
in the Center Reception Room  
Cost: \$15.00 per person

**Reservations recommended!** Please call the Center office at (719) 473-6184 by noon on the Wednesday before you wish to attend. Walk-ins are always welcome, but a class may be cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

## "Lightening Up with Heaven's Help"

April 14, 2007

"Lightening Up with Heaven's Help" presents a spiritual solution for emotional eating, appetite suppression, weight loss and weight maintenance. Facilitator Barbara Royal, a certified Spiritual Director and Angel Therapy© Practitioner, will help you learn to align consciously with the spirit wisdom of your body to achieve your desired outcome. The seminar uses both interactive discussion and experiential activities. Attendees should wear comfortable clothes.

## "Intimacy, the Heart Beat of Love in Relationships"

May 23, 2007

Your relationship with God reflects the type of relationships you have with your spouse, children, family, friends and community. Discover the ways to unlock the mystery of intimacy in relationships with God and others.

Facilitators: Sue Cox, R.N., Patty Degen R.N. and Sister Mary Colleen Schwarz, OSB, R.N.



GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION  
ON ALL CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS.  
[WWW.BENETHILLMONASTERY.ORG](http://WWW.BENETHILLMONASTERY.ORG)

# To our Benefactors and Friends

Benet Hill Monastery gratefully recognizes the individuals, businesses, foundations, churches and organizations that contributed to our Community from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. Our heartfelt thanks to you, our dear friends, for your generous inkind gifts and financial support.

With your help we are able to live out our Benedictine Charism of seeking God in the daily celebration of life through prayer and life-giving service. You are remembered with affection and gratitude as we gather daily.

Every effort has been made to list all donors accurately; however, if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please contact the Benet Hill Development Office (719) 633-0655 x 31. Corrections will appear in the next issue of the *Review*. ✕

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to the blessing of the Lord your God."*

*Deuteronomy 16:17*

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*Proverbs 18:16*

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*1 Chronicles 29:14*

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*In the Spring issue of the Review we will be naming and honoring our dedicated volunteers and donors of professional services, along with those additional men and women who make our ministries possible.*

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# News from the Academy Alumnae

Dear Alumnae,

Thanks to each of you who sent Christmas and New Year greetings and for your generous donations and prayers for a great year in 2007. You are each remembered in our prayers daily and we do love to hear from you about what you are doing in your lives today. Please keep in touch even if it is just a short e-mail to [benethill@juno.com](mailto:benethill@juno.com).

Sister Lucile

## Sympathy and Prayers to:

**JULES AGUIRRE IRWIN '81** on the death of her father Manuel R. Ortega and her brother Adrian Ortega.

Rudy and Donna Perez on the death of their daughter **LISA PEREZ GREEN '81** November 30, 2006.

## Congratulations to:

**MARIE NUVOLINI WOLFF '82** and husband Matt on the birth of their baby girl, Sarah Marie, 10 lbs and 3 oz. October 10, 2006.

## Greetings from:

**LORI LUSTIG McCORD '84** writes for her transcript as she will be attending Valencia Community College for a foreign language credit. Good luck, Lori.

**DEBBIE PEAKE HUMPHREY '75** graduated last December and is now converting her hobby into a business. Just check out her pottery and ceramic website at [www.rollerrest.com](http://www.rollerrest.com)

**MAUREEN SHEEHAN KUKLENSKI '80** writes about her twins now being sophomores at St. Mary's High School and their busy schedules. Maureen continues to work for Dennis at the dealership and for St. Mary's as the Coordinator for Parent Volunteers, as well as being the Chairwoman for the annual school auction. In her free time she still plays bunco, does Communion Services at a local nursing home and does her own volunteering around the girls' school.

**PAT DICE WALKER '70** sends blessed holiday greetings and hope for a prosperous 2007.

**DEBRA ZORN GREEN '70** also sends greetings for 2007 to all.

**CATHY WATTERS '77** writes "It really has been a year of discovery for me, and how I really need to have faith that my life is on the right track. No idea what the future holds, and not knowing is okay with me. Life is a journey. We all need to enjoy the ride!"

## New Addresses:

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**PATRICE BROE COUCHE '80** shares her latest picture of daughters Emma, Evan and Elise

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## A Day in the Life. . .

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**SISTER THERESE O'GRADY** is enjoying an advanced Enneagram class taught by Kristin Tussey of Boulder, Colorado. Sister Therese says she is coming "to a new understanding" as she learns and delves deeper into the nine different personality types of the Enneagram.

**SISTER NAOMI** writes, "I send a reflection on Jamaica while I struggle with images that bombard my soul. War abounds in the ghettos of Jamaica and individuals lose their lives because of gunmen. Children go to bed hungry at night. A lack of shelter and educational opportunities abound. Who would believe this exists in a country less than 600 miles from our shores? Yet, to a smaller extent, similar events exist within my own country. Why should we care?"



Because we all need to develop hearts filled with compassion, and the more we are exposed to the sufferings of the poor, the deeper and more lasting becomes our compassion. We need to become more compassionate because that leads to action.

What are you personally doing to become a more compassionate and caring Christian? Each day I spend in Jamaica challenges me to strive for systemic change. Thus, we work to enable individuals, particularly women and children, to transform their own lives. We call upon others to assist us with these efforts. We thank the many of you who have responded to the invitation to join with us in these efforts. God bless you!" ✕