



St. Marguerite's Retreat House

St. Marguerite's welcomes groups for retreats, conferences and meetings. The Sisters provide hospitality and offer spiritual direction. Our building and grounds give a sense of "sacred space" to those who come to visit. We also welcome guests to the convent for individual retreats and visits. For groups, email [guestministry@csjb.org](mailto:guestministry@csjb.org) For individuals, email [sr-pamela@csjb.org](mailto:sr-pamela@csjb.org)



Oblates and Associates

Our Oblates and Associates answer a call to prayer and service, while remaining at home and work. Oblates live by a Rule of Life designed with the approval of the Community. Associates pledge to support the Community in any way they can, and to pray for the Community and serve their individual church communities. If you'd like to learn more, email Sister Monica Clare at [srmc@csjb.org](mailto:srmc@csjb.org).



Vocation

All Christians are called to a life of prayer and service. A religious vocation is a call from God to devote oneself to this life in a particular community. The bond of community life strengthens our offering and our ministry. If you think you might be called to the religious life, it is important to consult and discern with others. Email Sister Pamela at [sr-pamela@csjb.org](mailto:sr-pamela@csjb.org) for more info.

# The Community of St. John Baptist



Garden of Hope

The Garden of Hope at the Convent produces over 1,000 pounds of fresh vegetables per year for local food pantries and senior housing. The Garden is maintained by dedicated volunteers of all ages. If you'd like to help, please email Sister Linda Clare at [srlc@csjb.org](mailto:srlc@csjb.org).



Good Shepherd Home

Our outreach includes work with the Sisters of Bethany and the Good Shepherd Home in Bamenda, Cameroon, to further their mission of caring for children orphaned by AIDS. If you'd like to learn more, or donate to the Home, go to [www.goodshepherdhome.org](http://www.goodshepherdhome.org)



Celtic Journeys

Celtic Journeys, led by Sister Margo Elizabeth, is a ministry where groups visit holy places in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Cornwall, and the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. If you'd like to learn more, go to: [www.celticjourneys.org](http://www.celticjourneys.org)



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**The motto of the Sisters comes from the words of John the Baptist:**



**“This my joy is now fulfilled:  
He must increase, I must decrease.”  
(John 3:29-30)**

The Community of St. John Baptist was founded in Windsor, England, in 1852 and began work in New York City in 1874. The Sisters moved from New York to Mendham, New Jersey, in 1915.

Since its foundation, the community has combined the monastic focus on the Eucharist and Divine Office with active ministry to those in need. Ministries vary, but the call to respond to the world remains. We live by an Augustinian Rule, which allows flexibility of work within a framework of daily prayer.

Our ministries include hospitality, spiritual direction, retreats and pilgrimages, chaplaincy and parish work. We also volunteer at shelters and food pantries.

In all that we do, we seek to “prepare the way of the Lord” and reveal Christ in our midst.

Living by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, we strive to build community among ourselves and share our gifts with the world.



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