Contemplative Prayer: Opening to God’s Presence

Ministry in New York at St. Mary the Virgin

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Contemplative Prayer

The thirst for Presence from a dimension deeper than the ordinary mental state has led to rituals and meditation practices since the stone age. It has led to the founding of temples, mosques, churches, and religious orders. Even now in our increasingly secular western culture, people are seeking for inner stillness, a dimension beyond our understanding.

In Christian tradition, the early desert fathers and mothers, who retreated from towns and cities to seek this deep inner stillness taught ways of “constant prayer.” Over the centuries, contemplative prayer was practiced and taught, especially in the monasteries. Use of the rosary, taught to the laity, was another form of meditation. In Eastern Orthodoxy, prayer ropes were used.

Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556) developed the Spiritual Exercises, a way of prayer especially for people in ordinary life as a way to come closer to God through meditation on Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.

In the 20th century there began to be a growing awareness that teachings on meditation and contemplation should be available to everyone, not just those in monastic life.

Contemplative Prayer in the Twentieth Century

Many books have been written in the past 75 years on prayer and meditation that have been well-received by the public. Some favorite authors have been Thomas Merton and Thomas Keating of the Roman Catholic tradition; Douglas Steere and Thomas Kelly of the Quakers; Catherine Marshall and Evelyn Underhill in the Protestant/Anglican churches, and Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan.

In more recent years, due to international travel and trade, we are now much more aware of the great religions of the East, especially Hinduism and Buddhism. Eastern meditation was popularized in the 1960’s in the West through the Transcendental Meditation movement, popularly known as “TM.” It was this movement that led several Roman Catholic monks to revive silent meditation for prayer groups using a “mantra” (from Eastern tradition) or prayer word to help one “center.” Thomas Keating, a Cistercian monk, founded “Contemplative Outreach,” an organization that is international in scope and includes groups from Catholic and non-Catholic faiths.

Contemplative Prayer at the Convent of St. John Baptist

Centering Prayer groups have met at the Convent at different times. The earlier ones followed the pattern set by Thomas Keating, with three 20-minute prayer periods and readings or devotions in between. The present group has sought more silence, borrowing from the Quaker tradition, and the prayer practiced is Contemplative Prayer. The time for prayer begins with a meditative reading chosen by a group member. There is a half-hour silent period, after which a bell is rung. Members may take a silent break at this time, leaving and returning for the second half-hour “sit.” At the end there is a second reading, and then the opportunity for sharing. All are welcome.

Time and Place

Our Contemplative Prayer group meets on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:15, in the Chapter Room at the Convent. This is to be found by entering the front door and going down the stairs on the left. At the bottom turn right and follow the hall and a short flight of stairs to the Chapter room at the end.

Contemplative Prayer

O God you are my God; eagerly I seek you. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.” (Psalm 63:1)
Repairs and Reconstruction Planned

By Sr. Linda Clare

Several projects are planned for this summer. We hope to install a new boiler at St. Marguerite’s to replace our aging equipment. This work will also involve asbestos remediation. Also at the retreat house, plans are in the works for painting the window frames and trim and repairing any woodwork that needs replacing.

As we look ahead, our next project will be replacing the gutters and downspouts on the main chapel wing of the convent and improving the current underground drainage system. To aid in this work, we have applied for a preservation grant from the Morris County Historic Trust. A decision on our grant application will be made in June.

As ever, our goal is to improve our buildings and grounds for the enjoyment of all who come to find spiritual nourishment.

The Newark Boys Apprentice Chorus

The Newark Boys Apprentice Chorus performed here on March 6 under the direction of Dr. Brian Harlow, an Associate of CSJB. This group comprises the younger boys who are new to choral singing and are being prepared to join the main choral group when they are older. All agreed that these talented young men are already well prepared.

Their varied concert included works by Emma Lou Diemer, Antonio Vivaldi, Paul Bouman, Jim Papoulis, and the traditional hymn, “We Shall Overcome.” The concert focused mostly on American spirituals, old and new.

The concert was followed by a meal in the Convent refectory. Members of the Capital Campaign Committee volunteered their time and food offerings, and the proceeds were for the Capital Campaign.

Cracking buttresses show water damage to the walls

The Face of God?

A Lecture on the Shroud of Turin

A lecture was held on April 3 about the mystery surrounding the shroud, and the limitations of the scientific testing on it due to its fragility. The lecturer was Dr. Corrado Altomare, a collector of icons and other artifacts. He has done extensive research on the science behind the shroud.

He brought a beautiful and comprehensive set of slides. A question and answer session followed the lecture. About 50 people attended, and a light supper was served afterward for those who stayed. The event greatly benefitted the Capital Campaign. The Sisters are grateful to volunteers who brought food and helped serve.
COMMUNITY NEWS

The February Search Program

Four women attended our February Search Program this year. The Search Program is for those who are considering a vocation as an Associate, an Alongside or a Sister. During the Search Program, the participants learn about community life, prayer, and the work of the Sisters.

In April, Sr. Eleanor Francis and Sr. Barbara Jean attended the annual meeting of CAROA in Racine, Wisconsin. This organization partners with NAECC, the National Association of Episcopal Christian Communities. The five-day meeting gives opportunity for inter-community sharing about our various works and mutual support between community members with their peers.

Sister Anne CSJB visits from England

Sr. Anne visited here from Cuddesdon, England in May. During her time with us, the Sisters took her to the Amish country near Lancaster, PA, a unique experience found only in North America. She also attended St. Mark’s in Mendham and the Church of the Messiah in Chester with Sisters Barbara Jean and Victoria Michelle.

Sr. Anne had the opportunity to spend a day in New York, visiting the Sisters at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. While there, she had the opportunity to go to East 17th Street to see the Community’s original convent, now divided into condominiums. The Community left there after the Mendham Convent was built in 1915. The architecture still shows the church connection.

Sr. Anne is a priest of the Church of England and has served in a number of parishes. She participates in activities at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, an Anglican seminary where the Sisters now reside.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Ministry in New York

Our Sisters at St. Mary the Virgin in New York have been active in many ministries. Both assist in church as lectors and chalice bearers. They also sometimes lead Morning or Evening Prayer. Sr. Laura Katharine is part of the “glue” that holds the various responsibilities of the sacristy together. She works with the clergy, employees and volunteers who arrange for Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Eucharist and Evening Prayer seven days a week.

Sr. Monica Clare’s work is in the office and on the street. She and one of the parishioners have greatly expanded St. Mary’s outreach to the homeless. The church is connected with the Breaking Ground Initiative, which regularly assists the homeless in Times Square. The church now has a Clothes Closet, stocked with donations from local parishes. Local businesses have given hygiene bags and supplies to go in them. Breaking Ground has given Sr. Monica “street sheets” offering addresses of soup kitchens, shelters and mental health services so that she can have them on hand for the needy.

Sr. Monica also has been re-vamping St. Mary’s website, which is due to be launched on July 1.

The Community of St. John Baptist is grateful for the opportunity to serve in New York and for Fr. Stephen Gerth, the Rector, for inviting us to be a part of this vibrant ministry.

Sr. Monica Clare reads a lesson in church, and Sr. Laura Katharine prepares the altar.

Churches in Manhattan are a safe place for the homeless to rest. This photo is from an Observer newspaper article on homelessness.

Alina Gonzalez is Received as an Oblate

On April 30, at Noonday Prayer, Alina Gonzalez made her first Oblate Promise. This Promise is a commitment to live by a plan of prayer and spiritual life according to the Oblate Rule.

The Oblate Promise includes:
+ One prayer service a day (said privately or with others)
+ Regular spiritual reading and study
+ Service to the Community of St. John Baptist and the Church
+ An annual retreat
+ Meeting with a spiritual director

The Community of St. John Baptist has 20 Oblates who meet every other month at the Convent. During the meetings, there are discussions on their mutual and individual ministries, as well as other topics of interest. They also break up into small sharing groups for mutual support.

Oblate meetings include Noonday Prayer with the Sisters and lunch afterward. Anyone interested in the Oblate program please contact Sr. Eleanor Francis at sref@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 3.

Front row: Janet Thomas, Alina Gonzalez, Cathy Brunson. Back: Barbara Harriman, Sr. Eleanor Francis, Susan Negrotto
COMMUNITY NEWS

Sisters Offer Workshop and Quiet Day in Toms River

Sisters Barbara Jean and Victoria Michelle responded to a call from the Rector of Christ Church in Toms River, our Associate Joan Mason, to come to the church and offer a program. In early June they arrived to present a Prayer Bead Workshop on Friday evening and a Quiet Day on Saturday. In the photo above, Sr. Barbara Jean led prayer and praise while Sr. Victoria Michelle helped members to finish their beads on Friday evening.

Daytop Residents Help Build a House For a Needy Family

On the lawn of Daytop, a small house was recently constructed by residents and volunteers for Habitat For Humanity. Habitat has a program in which some structures can be built and then transported to a new site. This house was intended to go to a needy family in southern Ocean County, NJ. More than 50 young people were involved in this project, which brought them the sense of accomplishing something important for those in need. Some had never handled tools before and were hesitant to try. Mary, an 18-year old resident, was smiling broadly. “I just put a wall up!” she said. “I never thought we could do it!”

Many local organizations provided assistance for this project, and grants were raised for the building materials. The team from Habitat worked closely with the residents, who will always remember the joy that comes from helping others. The future owners of a Habitat house participate in its construction and purchase it at an affordable price. The house started by Daytop has now gone to Ocean County for completion, including plumbing and electricity.
It was a misty drizzly day, especially at 8.30 am that Monday morning, when the volunteer team arrived at Spring Brook Country Club for the second Golf Outing.

May 2nd, 2016

It was really a lovely day, especially for the players who always predict that ‘it never rains on a golf course!’ All finished the round of 18 holes in good time for the Reception & Dinner, where 70 people enjoyed a sumptuous meal, during which prizes were awarded.

We plan to repeat the outing next year and hope you will join us for a wonderful day of fun and comradery!

Despite the weather all golfers arrived and by 1 pm tee off the rain had stopped and the mist began to clear!

All money raised from the event will go towards the repairs on the Main Chapel.

Coming soon …

The Book You Have Been Waiting For!

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Report from Good Shepherd Home

Sr. Jane Mankaa, the founder of Good Shepherd Home has written recently with news. She reported that there are now 45 children in Batibo, the small home some distance away from the main one in Bamenda. The well project there has been delayed due to a large boulder that the drill has struck. It has been decided that they will purchase some land near the stream and try to dig a well there.

The new work in Kuflu is going very well, and the dormitory is due to be finished soon. Young women will be staying there while receiving education in religious studies and attending school, with the possibility of serving the Church when they are older. An American sister from the Community of Jesus in Cape Cod, MA is there now, learning the “ropes” of African community life. She expects to be working with them when the building is ready.

Twelve of the children in Batibo and Bamenda will start secondary school in the fall, and some of those presently in university will be finishing this year.

Alumnae News

1940  Joan Leffingwell Blank  passed away in 2013. We recently received a call from her son Chris. She lived in Scarsdale, New York. In earlier years she had served on the Westchester County Historical Society. May she rest in peace.

1941  Catherine (Kit) King Rockwell  attended our Oblate retreat in March. She is well and continues to live in her own apartment. She enjoys cooking for guests that she invites to dinner, and she stays active in her church.

1960  Jane Bramhall Carter  sent Christmas greetings. She sent a beautiful photo of herself and husband Dick. They spent another season on the Camino de Santiago, cooking for hikers at hostels along the Camino in southern Spain.

1960  Marilla (Holly) Holland Savage  sent Christmas greetings.

1960  Christine Crystal  , during a February trip to New York City, stopped by St. Mary the Virgin and visited with Sr. Laura Katharine and Sr. Monica Clare, pictured here. She returned to the east in May to travel once again to Ireland with Sr. Margo’s Celtic Journey group. She also continued her project cleaning the headstones in the cemetery. Thank you, Chris!

1961  Joyce Bearden McGirr  sent a lovely photo of a mini-reunion at Christmastime including Mary Ann Lewis Renn’ 61, Fran Bramhall Wittgens, Jane Bramhall Carter and herself.

1961  Mary Ann Lewis Renn  sent a Christmas letter that included photos of her family. She and her husband Wade are frequently at the Convent when he is invited to preach.

1964  Pamela White Hull  serves on the Capital Campaign Committee and also this year, on the Monastery in Mendham Committee, planning a tour, craft fair and concert to be held Oct. 9.

1965  Lynn Wilder Mullin  recently retired from the Capital Campaign Committee. She serves on the St. John Baptist School Corporation Board. And is head of the Alumnae Association.

1967  Margery (Margie) Watts Hopper  sent Christmas greetings and news. She and her husband John went on two cruises in 2015, traveling to the Caribbean, Bermuda and Canada. She keeps busy at St. Uriel’s, Sea Girt with Choir, Altar Guild and Vestry.

1969  Deborah Almy Ransom  and her husband the Rev. Jim Ransom have moved to New London, New Hampshire.

1970  Pamela Warntz  comes for Convent events and serves on the Capital Campaign Committee.

1972  Christine Brodeur MacClellan  serves as secretary on the Capital Campaign Committee. She recently lost her mom, Barbara Brodeur. Chris is active in her church. She and husband Don frequently travel.

1979  Christine Tucker  wrote about her Mom Norma, who with her husband Truman, was well-known by the students in the ’70’s when Chris and Daryl ’77 were boarding students. Norma is now in assisted living and as busy as ever!
Departed Associates

The Rev. Mary Willow
Mary Gregory Willow died on March 10, 2014. She was 87. Mary had been an Associate since 1970. She helped with Vacation Bible School and Saturday Church School in Jersey City for many years. After retiring to Florida with her husband, Mary became a deacon. She invited Sr. Barbara Jean and Lillian Cochran to her church to speak on Good Shepherd Home. Mary is remembered as a giving and helping minister of Christ. May she rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

Mary Bittrich Oldberg
Mary Bittrich Oldberg passed away in August of 2015. Her first husband was Gus Bittrich, our organist for many years. After his death she later remarried and moved to Colorado. Mary and Gus became Associates in 1985. Mary was known as an excellent cook and enjoyed helping us with catering at some of our events. She also was experienced with computers before any of us, and typed one of our documents for us, saving it on a floppy disk, an early way to save documents. Mary faithfully cared for Gus through his last bout with cancer.

Grace Terwilliger
Grace went to her eternal rest on January 12, 2016 at the age of 107. She had been an Associate of the Community since 1977. Her daughter Joan had been a student at St. John Baptist School. As an Associate, Grace was supportive of the Sisters’ activities, especially those at the School. When the time came to close the School in 1983, Grace volunteered to help the Sisters with the sale of furniture, books and other items from the School, including in the attic! She was a frequent visitor at Convent retreats and events. Grace also was a member of St. Peter’s Church in Morristown for 59 years, and she was an honorary trustee of Youth Consultation Services, a New Jersey organization that helps children with special needs. She will be missed by many. May she rest in peace.

Pamela Hazelden
Pamela Hazelden left this life on February 25, 2016. She was 83. She and her husband Peter resided in the US for several years while Peter was employed in New Jersey. They were faithful members of St. John’s Church in Dover, where they learned about the Sisters through our Associates who were parishioners. They became Associates themselves in 1988. After returning to the UK, Pam and Peter stayed in close touch with the Sisters in both the UK and USA. They attended St. Mary’s Church in Sulhamstead, and Pam’s funeral was there on March 18. She is survived by Peter and her children and grandchildren. May she now rest in the peace of Christ.

Julia Kolkebeck
Julia Patricia Corbett Kolkebeck, mother of Sr. Margo Elizabeth, passed away peacefully on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 in Fellowship Village, Basking Ridge, NJ. She had been an Associate since 1998. A memorial service was held at the Convent on April 10, attended by her family including four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. At the service, several people spoke of Julia’s spiritual approach to life. There were readings from her well-worn notebook of quotes by spiritual writers, especially from the Quaker tradition to which Julia and her husband had belonged. She will be remembered as a calm and caring person, and all of the Sisters felt her loss keenly. Her ashes were buried at the Convent cemetery. May she now rest in the peace of God’s presence.

Thomas Kerr
Tom died peacefully on May 29, 2016 after a long battle with dementia at Care One in Parsippany. Sr. Barbara Jean, his wife Judi, his daughter Madeleine and her husband John came to his bedside at the end. He and Judi had been Associates since 1978. We knew them through St. Mark’s Church in Mendham, where we worked with him in the Sunday School, in church activities, and also in his role as Senior Warden. He, with Judi, was a frequent volunteer at Convent functions and served on our first Capital Campaign Committee. In later life, Tom and Judi were also members of St. Mary the Virgin in New York and sometimes saw the Sisters there. He will be greatly missed.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, in the name of Jesus, you have revived us again that your people may rejoice in you. Thank you that your great promises are ours. With our whole hearts, we seek you, inquiring of you. Please guide us into the future. This is our comfort and consolation, that you have said you will never leave or forsake us. We are constantly being renewed in the spirit of our minds. Our inner self is being renewed day by day. Hallelujah! Amen.

by Sr. Victoria Michelle
A word from Jennie

Hello Everyone,
It seems such a long time since I last wrote to you all, I am having difficulty in remembering what I have been up to! Life HAS been busy, I do know that. I have spent most of my time protecting my Sisters and looking after the house and grounds – those outside critters know now not to come too close to the Convent. As you all probably know the Second Nun Better Golf Outing was held at the beginning of May. This time I was allowed to attend! Sr. Mary Lynn took me to the lunch cookout and much to my joy I met my friend who I visit in the nursing home. He was in his wheel chair and it was so good to see him enjoying the day with others (he actually said I made his day.) I left when the golfers went off in their small cars – they seemed very strange to me as MY car is enclosed and I feel safe! Now the summer is here, I hope you all have a lovely one!

With love and licks, Jennie

A WORD FROM BOB

Hello everybody! BOB here. Warm weather has finally arrived and the grass is tall and flowers are blooming. I caught my first mole and put it on the front porch mat for the Sisters! One of the cat Sisters found it and exclaimed "oh, look -- a present for Sr Linda on her birthday! What a good cat you are BOB!" I felt so proud. Later in the week I caught a bird. It was bigger and so hard to keep a hold of with all that flapping and it got away from me and flew off. Those birdies, they are really quick! I love being outside and going for my walks with Jennie-dog. I greet everyone I meet, even Mrs. Fox who I met one day when I was out. We were having a conversation when Ryan, one of our employees came along and rescued me. I didn't know I was in any danger, but I was told later on that Mrs. Fox could harm me! I'm still learning, I guess, who is friend and who is not. Hope everyone has a great summer. BOB

PONY’S POINT OF VIEW

May the Blessings of Spring/Summer be with you all! It’s difficult to recall anything about this past winter. Actually, it was rather forgiving, don’t you think? Certainly compared to the previous two winters, it seems we really didn’t have much of winter to speak of. Not too much ice or snow... Yet, each season has some sort of challenge. If it's not the ice in winter, it’s those little gnats in Spring and the dreaded horse flies in Summer. I actually spend more time in my shed in the summer months than the colder ones. And the scent of the fresh pine bedding smells so good! I am well cared for, by the Sisters as well as Ken and his son Ryan. It's the life of Riley back here! As long as I have plenty to eat and am protected from the flies, I have no complaints. God is good. All the time...

Love, PONY

GREETINGS FROM NYC

I have a question for you. My humans say that I live 'the of life of Riley. Who is Riley? A person perhaps, a rabbit or a bird?? Though they know felines sleep a lot; that’s not a help. Here’s a typical day: morning naps, snacks in between. In the afternoon 2 long naps, maybe awake a few minutes to get some attention, + snack. Then sleep from 5-8 p.m. or so, then wide awake & treats after Compline. Then if at all possible, a bed-time nap on a human before a few hours of sleep. Somewhere in the wee hours I have my entertainment and back for another nap. Breakfast is at 6:30 & by 7:00 it’s off to another day. Exercise is not my thing; I might occasionally chase a ball or bat at my yarn wand. I love my food, excellent upkeep on the water fountain & box. When awake, getting attention is fine tuned. You see, running this house is hard work, so sleep is necessary. Let me know your answer. slkw@csjb.org. Love to all, Kookie
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CENTERING PRAYER Thursdays 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Join us for a quiet hour and learn a new way to pray. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God’s presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. For info, call Sr. Barbara Jean 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or srbj@csjb.org.

FABRIC OF FAITH 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10-3. Learn about ecclesiastical embroidery and the preservation of church vestments. $10 includes lunch. Contact Sr. Suzanne Elizabeth at srse@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 5.

LABYRINTH WALKS Aug. 13, 27; Sept. 10, 24; Oct. 15, 29; Nov. 5, 19; 2-4 p.m. Walk our labyrinth and learn about this ancient way of prayer. Phone Sr. Barbara Jean at 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or e-mail srbj@csjb.org Meet at the white Convent building.

YOGA AT THE CONVENT at St. Marguerite’s Retreat House. Join us Mondays from 4:45 - 6:00 pm for gentle Yoga. Experience how Yoga can benefit your overall well-being. $12.00 per class ~ Classes are subject to change. Contact: Jean Marie at 908-850-6475. Send us your email address and we will add you to the class update list.

COMMEMORATION DAY Sat. June 25 at 10:30 a.m. Mark the date now for our Community’s annual celebration with Associates and friends. Solemn Eucharist, Lunch and fellowship on the cloister. RSVP-Sr. Eleanor Francis 973-543-4641x3, sref@csjb.org

AUGUST SEARCH PROGRAM For those seeking God’s call in their lives August 15-26. A live-in with the Sisters to experience the Religious Life. Write or e-mail Sr. Barbara Jean 973-543-4641 ext. 1 or srbj@csjb.org

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE- Harmony and Healing in Movement Sat. Sept. 10, 10 – 12. In the Convent Main Chapel. Rejuvenate your spirit and open your heart with sacred circle dancing and joyous group singing honoring the world’s mystical traditions. Participation, not presentation, is the focus. No musical or dance experience of any kind required. Led by Andre Bernard, a Certified Leader of the Dances of Universal Peace. Info at 908-277-2120 or www.interweave.org


ASSOCIATES’ RETREAT “Be Still and Know: A Contemplative Prayer Workshop” Sat. Sept. 24, 9-3. Conducted by the Rev. Bernard Poppe, Associate and Rector of St. George’s Church, Maplewood Contact Sr. Eleanor Francis, sref@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 3.

MONASTERY IN MENDHAM - Guided Tours, Craft Fair, Concert: At the Convent, October 9, 1-5. Optional Concert following. Open to the Public. Volunteers needed. Info and offers to help, contact Sr. Barbara Jean 973-543-3531 ext. 1. Entry Fee for guests-$20. Concert following-$25. Event to benefit the Sisters’ Reconstruction projects.

CONCERT IN CONVENT MAIN CHAPEL – Adelphi Chamber Ensemble October 9, 5 p.m. Open to the public. After Monastery in Mendham, above. Info: Contact Sr. Pamela at sr-pamela@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 9.

A WEEKEND WITH FR. MICHAEL RODGERS, Spiritual Director and Author Fri. Oct 14 - Sun. Oct. 16 at St. Marguerite’s Retreat House. Fr. Rodgers leads pilgrimages in Glendalough, Ireland and is the co-author of A Celtic Pilgrimage and A Celtic Soul Journey. Contact Sr. Margo at srmargo@gmail.com or 973-543-4641 ext. 4.

THE PATH OF LOVE: A Workshop with Rabbi Shefa Gold Sunday, Nov. 6, 2-5 pm at Retreat House. Rabbi Shefa Gold develops and leads Hebrew chants for transformative spiritual growth. She also offers spiritual coaching. Rabbi Shefa’s workshops offer a message of healing to persons of all faiths. Contact Sr. Eleanor Francis at sref@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 3.

HARMONIUM OUTREACH CHORUS CONCERT: “Peace on Earth” Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m. Conducted by Anne Matlack, Artistic Director. Enjoy music for the holiday season. Proceeds for the Sisters’ reconstruction fund. Contact Sr. Pamela at sr-pamela@csjb.org or 973-543-4641 ext. 9.

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Donation: $20

Concert at 5:00 PM
Adelphi Chamber Orchestra Donations: $25

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