



# NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

SHRINE - WELCOME CENTER - RETREAT CENTER

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## JANUARY 2018

### MASSSES, RECONCILIATION, & ADORATION

| MASSSES                           | RECONCILIATION   | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION    | HEALING MASSES   |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Sunday<br>12:10pm                 | No Confessions Jan 1-5<br>Saturday & Sunday<br>1:00 - 4:00pm | Saturday<br>1:00 - 4:00pm | <b>Spanish</b><br>First Sunday of the Month at<br>2:30pm |
| Monday - Friday<br>12:10 & 6:30pm | Monday - Friday<br>1:00 - 2:00pm                             |                           | <b>Portuguese</b><br>Third Sunday of the Month<br>2:30pm |
| Saturday<br>12:10 & 4:30pm        | Wednesday<br>5:00 - 6:00pm                                   |                           | <b>English</b><br>Last Sunday of the Month at<br>2:00pm  |

"COME NEAR MY CHILDREN, DON'T BE AFRAID." -Our Lady at La Salette

Father Andre Patenaude, M.S. - Superior

Fr. Ted Brown, M.S. - Shrine Director

Father Bernie Baris, M.S. - Retreat Center Director

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By our cultural calendar, January is the time when we take down our Christmas trees and begin to look towards the winter months. However, the Church Calendar celebrates Christmas well into January.

The other day someone asked me to bless a "Christmas Nest" bought at the store. It began to make me think of the nest as a very appropriate image for the meaning of Christmas. Bird nests often resemble our lives. If you examine the nest, it is made up of broken twigs, scraps of paper, and old thrown out pieces of cloth. Yet, into this nest comes new life. It can resemble our own lives. Sometimes our lives can seem broken, ripped, and cast off, but into our nest-like life, the Christ comes. He finds a home and grows within us.

All these little scraps of our lives make up the place in which we will welcome Christ. The many things we think are worthless about ourselves can be the place Christ comes.

Christmas is not just remembering a Child born so long ago, but the welcoming of Christ into our lives as they are. God wants to be part of our lives no matter how well put together or how broken. God just wants to be among us.

During this "cold and bleak" mid-winter, we welcome the Christ into our hearts, souls, and home. Such a loving visit brings us warmth and joy stretching through every season.

Be assured of my prayers and the prayers of the La Salette Community.

*Merry Christmas!*

*Father Ted Brown, M.S.*

on behalf of the whole La Salette Community

# JANUARY CALENDAR

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## Epiphany Home Kit

This ceremony of the blessing of the home and inscribing of the initials of the three Kings in chalk above the main door of your house can be performed either by a priest or the head of the household. This is a very old European tradition.

Home Kits will be available at the  
4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, Jan 6th  
and the 12:10 PM Mass on Jan 7th

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## PRAYER GROUPS

Shrine Church & Chapel of Reconciliation

La Salette & Divine Mercy Devotions  
Wednesday at 7:15pm in Shrine Church

Intercessory Prayer Group  
2nd Thursday of the Month - 7:15pm  
Leader: Bev Noelte (La Salette Associate)

Padre Pio Prayer Group  
2nd Monday of the Month - 7:15pm.  
Lay Leader: Ron Mendes

La Salette Pax Christi  
3rd Tuesday of the Month - 7:30pm  
God the Father Apostolate  
3rd Sunday of the Month - 12:10 Mass

# MEXICAN HOUSE BUILDING

## DATES FOR 2018

August 11-18, 2018  
(Ages 16 to 90)

If you or someone you know would be interested in this service trip, there will be an informational session on January 21st at 1:15 PM. Please visit our website at:

[www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/pilgrims-of-hope-house-building-in-mexico](http://www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/pilgrims-of-hope-house-building-in-mexico)



2018 Theme

## "GLIMPSES of RADICAL INNER LANDSCAPES"

With the new year, the La Salette Film Festival is back. The theme for our upcoming season is "Glimpses of Radical Inner Landscapes". Once a month, starting from February and until November 2018, the La Salette 2018 Film Festival will present award winning films that pose the realities of our life journeys via artistic and visual portrayals, enhancing, and even exceeding what words alone can express.

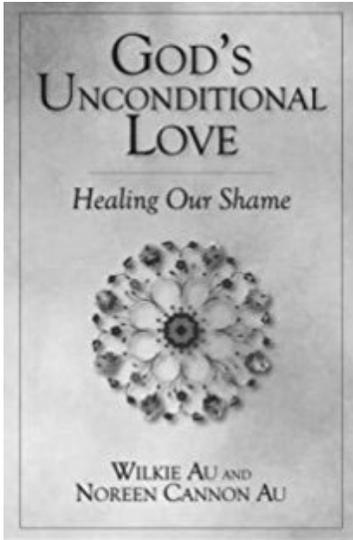
Probing the depths of the heart, the La Salette 2018 Film Festival will explore fleeting but provocative glimpses of our common human hopes, desires, and struggles as lived out in the lives of the protagonists. These unique stories demand transformative decisions and actions.

The La Salette 2018 Film Festival promises cinematic experiences that will not leave us unmoved as we ponder and reflect together on their enduring themes and lasting impressions. *Stay tuned for the 2018 Screening Calendar which will be in the next issue of our bulletin.*

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### **GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE: HEALING OUR SHAME**

By Father Wilkie Au, SJ



*God's Unconditional Love* shows how we meet God's love in our places of shame and darkness and how distorted images of God such as the judging God, the indifferent God, the demanding God-keep us from approaching the God revealed by Jesus.

Now available at the Shrine Bookstore!

Preparing for the 2018  
Synod on Young People...

### **FIVE MINUTES WITH THE POPE** Sunday, February 11, 2018 An afternoon event.



"If you had 5 minutes with Pope Francis, what would you want him to know about the lives of people your age?" We are inviting young adults (ages 17-35) to the Shrine for discussion about their lives.

This information will be gathered and sent to the Vatican for the Synod on Youth in October of 2018. Watch for more details.

## **WALKING IN HOPE**

### **SUPPORT GROUP:**

Bereavement Group for those who have  
lost loved ones from drug use

#### **OUR NEXT MEETING**

**WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 25  
AT 7:30 PM IN THE WELCOME CENTER**



The epidemic of drug use has hit this area hard. There have been many deaths from drug use and for parents, siblings and friends the loss is devastating. We have a support group for those who have lost someone to this horrible disease.

### **THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH FATHERS**

*A six week series*

February 12 - March 19, 2018  
from 7:15pm to 8:30pm  
in the Welcome Center

Jon and Denise Swedberg will be presenting the series from The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

Pope Benedict states "The Church Fathers present a theology that still has great value today because at its heart is the study of sacred scripture as a whole. Indeed, the Fathers are primarily and essentially commentators on sacred Scripture"

Over the six weeks we will be looking at who the Church Fathers were and how their ideas have shaped the way the Church understands Scripture today. We will encounter "great teachers and cranky old men, hotheads and pacifists as well as monks and poets". We will read some of their writings and hear some of their stories as well as meet some of the heretics and heresies they battled. What we will find is that, even in today's world, the Church Fathers have so much to say to us and so much to teach us.

**A full schedule of this course's meetings  
will be published in the February Bulletin.**

# CANDLE NOTICE



Due to several changes of staff over the past few years, our annual candle database has not been properly kept up to date. Please be patient with us as we attempt to resolve this matter. If you have any questions regarding your candle plaques, please call 508-236-9068.



on the Feast of the Presentation  
February 2, 2017

Mark your calendar for the Solemnity of the Presentation of Jesus. You may know it as "Candlemas". This is the traditional day for the blessing of candles.

Bring your home candles to Mass for a blessing. (Dining candles, birthday candles, & emergency candles are welcome!)

Mass will begin in the Chapel of Light.

# YD:21

Young Adults between the ages of 18-35 are invited to join our YD:21 (Young Disciples in the 21st Century) for fellowship, spirituality and service.

The group will meet in the lobby of the Church on Sunday, January 14, 2018 after the Youth Mass at approximately 1:15 PM.

Join Eric Birch and Stephanie De La Bruere  
as we make our plans for 2018.

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**LENT BEGINS ON  
ASH WEDNESDAY:**  
February 14, 2018



Ashes will be distributed  
at the 12:10 PM  
& 6:30 PM Masses.

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We at the Shrine are grateful for the generosity of so many who make our work possible. We depend upon your goodness.

Please make donations to the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Inc. at the address below.

IN YOUR WILL:

As you do your estate planning, remembering us in your will is a way of creating a lasting legacy of your life and helping to continue our good work. Our legal title is:

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## CLEAR THE INNER CLUTTER DAY OF PRAYER

Presented by Dorothy J. Levesque  
January 13 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
COST: \$40 (Includes lunch and materials)

One's senses are on overload when filled with the minutia of life. Begin 2018 by cutting through the stresses that can diminish one's quality of life. Rediscover the "light of calm" that puts everything in its proper perspective. Be one with the God of serenity. One of the focuses of this day will be to itemize what we have to do, what we need to do, and what we want to do. Praying about these lists is very instrumental in diminishing the amount of useless and unneeded stuff.

Come, be with others who gather to pray, listen, share, meditate and enjoy this "community for a day!"

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## SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

Meets bi-weekly on January 9 & 23  
7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Retreat Center  
Led by Dorothy Levesque

Come join us for this new support group for those in our community who are touched directly or indirectly by divorce and/or separation. The group meets bi-weekly. Please visit our website at [www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com](http://www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com) or call 508-642-1928 for more information.

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

January 16th at 1:15 PM  
Led by Dottie Levesque

The prayer shawl ministry is an integral component of ministry in the universal Church. It is an outreach to individuals at significant times of their lives and it becomes a spiritual hug from God when it is worn. Because the ministry is deeply rooted in prayer, the shawl creators lovingly encircle the lives of the shawl wearers. You are welcome to join us each month!

## GRIEF EDUCATION & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The loss of a loved one in death is the greatest loss one faces, and the most piercing pain one will ever experience. Grief Education is a safe, compassionate, and confidential forum where you will be given the opportunity to learn, share, explore feelings, and find ways to accept and to cope. The next meeting will be on January 22nd from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Cost: \$10 per session

Pre-registration required.

To register please call Sr. Judith Costa at 508-345-2660

The Bereavement Support Group meets on alternating Tuesdays from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. They will meet next on January 2nd, 16th, & 30th. Check our website at [www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com](http://www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com) under "Brochures & Flyers" for a complete list of dates. For more information, please contact the Retreat Center.

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## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Meeting with a spiritual director or spiritual companion can often help you discover God's movement within your life journey and encourage you to draw closer to God. It can help you integrate spirituality into your daily life, discern and make difficult choices, and share your hopes, struggles and losses. Spiritual companions include ordained, religious and lay people trained in helping you discover what God has been waiting for you to seek in a closer relationship. Here is a list of the Spiritual Directors available at the Retreat Center:

- Fr. Ted Brown, MS - 508-222-5410
- Fr. Flavio Gillio, MS - 508-222-5410
- Carissa A. Kane, CSD - 617-755-4028
- Sr. Annette Langlois, SASV - 508-236-9093
- Dottie Levesque, CSD - 508-642-1928
- Anna Rae-Kelly, M. Th., Cert. RE - 508-236-9000

To make an appointment, please contact any of the above directors at the number provided.

For more information or to register for any of the above programs/retreats, please call us at 508-222-8530 or visit our website at [www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com](http://www.lasaletterretreatcenter.com)

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR SINGERS!

Music is an essential part of worship. After Vatican II, the style of music at Mass began to change as "folk Masses" became popular. In the past 20 years, this liturgical style has grown from small, folk music ministry to a more contemporary liturgical ensemble which commonly includes a full choir and several musical instruments.

With the addition of Mr. Stephen Higgins as our music director, we are now looking to expand our music offerings to this fuller musical style. We are seeking singers (all ranges), violinists, cellists, wind instruments, guitarists, bassists, and other such musicians. If you are interested in helping to form this new musical group, please contact Stephen at:

*lasalettemusicedirector@gmail.com*

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS WANTED

Is God calling you to be an active volunteer in the Shrine community? We are looking for volunteers to be lectors, hospitality ministers, eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and altar servers.

Please contact Brother David Eubank, MS at  
508-236-9069 to inquire.

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## SNACK BAR

OPEN YEAR ROUND

Wednesday to Sunday - 12:00 - 4:30PM

The Snack Bar in the foyer of the Welcome Center is a great place to stop when visiting the Shrine. It serves fresh sandwiches, small meat pies, pizza, and soup as well as ice cream, chips, and candy!

Brother Roger Moreau, M.S.  
Snack Bar Manager

# RELIGIOUS ARTICLE BOOKSTORE



The La Salette Religious Article Bookstore is the perfect place to find a gift for every occasion! Our selection includes rosaries, crucifixes, medals, statues, Willow Tree Angels, jewelry and music boxes. Books include a variety of Bibles, missals and prayer books, spiritual reading and self-help books. With first communions & confirmations quickly approaching, we're getting new items in every day! Come visit us in the La Salette Welcome Center!

For what occasion do you need a special gift,  
book, or greeting card?

YOU'LL FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING  
FOR AT LA SALETTE.

