



Institute of Religious Teachers Filippini
400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, N.J. 08738

Address Service Requested

September 2020 - June 2021

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Staff

Our Mission

St. Lucy Filippini, the foundress of the Religious Teachers Filippini, dedicated her life to education, particularly for women. She founded schools of Christian doctrine, gave Spiritual Exercises to women preparing for marriage, and taught the Word of God through instruction and retreat experiences. Her charismatic gift was “the wisdom of the Word” and she made every effort to spread the Word of God to everyone. She was a contemplative in action; all her actions stemmed from her union with God.

It is this spirit that the Religious Teachers Filippini wish to enliven at St. Joseph By the Sea. It is our aim to provide the atmosphere and means for the individual who comes here to “Let the Word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you.” (Col. 3:16). Having experienced quiet and solitude, one goes forward renewed and refreshed to incarnate God’s love and Word.

Programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one’s interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative space.

Our Facilities

Fully air-conditioned, twenty-two private bedrooms, with full bath accommodations between rooms, and a handicapped accessible lift are available for retreatants.

The facilities also include a dining room with accommodations for forty people, a chapel, and a solarium. A large conference room, overlooking the ocean, is located on the second floor. There is also a Library for use during one’s stay. The Loft on the third floor overlooks the bay and invites one to “Come to the Quiet” to pray and reflect. There is direct access to the ocean from the house and easy access to Barnegat Bay.

St. Joseph by the Sea is the summer residence of the Religious Teachers Filippini.

Optional Service: Care Through Touch Ministry is offered by Marie Tuohy, LMT and Maxine M. Bodson, SCMT/PT throughout the year. Call the office for more information.

Directions to our Retreat House

FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY SOUTH BOUND:

- Take **Exit 98** to **Route 34 SOUTH**.
- Follow **Route 34 SOUTH** thru **one traffic circle**.
- At Intersection of **Route 35** and **Route 70**, follow signs for **Route 35 SOUTH**
- Follow signs for **35 SOUTH - Seaside Heights, Point Pleasant**.
- Continue thru Point Pleasant, Bay Head, Mantoloking.
- At end of Mantoloking, Route 35 divides **continue** for **1.7 miles**.
- Turn **LEFT** at Sanderling St. (1st street after Brick Beach parking lot).
- Turn **LEFT** onto **35 NORTH** to #400 St. Joseph By the Sea is 1/2 mile on **RIGHT** side past Ocean Club Condos

FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY NORTH BOUND:

- Take **Exit 82** to **Route 37 EAST**.
- After the bridge follow **35 NORTH** and **Pt. Pleasant** Signs.
- Go past Ocean Club Condos and Brick Beach.
- St. Joseph By The Sea is on the right #400.

FROM THE WEST:

- Take **195 EAST**.
- Get off at **Route 34 SOUTH**.
- Follow **Route 34 SOUTH** thru **one traffic circle**.
- Follow directions above, as if traveling **SOUTH** from Garden State Parkway.

**Our retreat program ends on June 12, 2021
and resumes on September 7, 2021.
There are no retreats offered in the summer.**

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