

I N F O R M A T I O N

What: St. Paul's, Ivy Annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

Where: Shrine Mont –The Cathedral Shrine of the Diocese of Virginia in Orkney Springs, about 90 minutes from Charlottesville.

When: The first weekend in May *every year*. This year it is April 30-May2.

The retreat begins on **Friday evening** when you check into your room in the Shrine Mont cottages. Stroll to the hotel for dinner followed by fellowship and s'mores around the campfire. You might end the evening by attending Compline, rocking on your porch with friends or just by gazing at the stars in the clear country sky.

Saturday Only Option!

NEW in 2010! Join us for the day on Saturday for meals and program.

On **Saturday morning** if you like breakfast, you will *love* Shrine Mont. Meet at 8:00 for an amazing country breakfast served family-style in Tucker Dining Room. (Coffee is available in "The Birdcage" for the early-risers).

During the day on Saturday children get to play outside – some of the older ones will help out with the younger ones - while the adults are *enriched* by a stimulating presentation from our guest speaker. Or you can be on your own to read, or ride a bike, or sleep in and join a group for a hike in the afternoon. And don't forget lunch, which is just as delicious as the breakfast!

Saturday evening begins as we convene at the house of Will and Betsy Peyton in "downtown Orkney Springs," just a short walk from your cottage. Bring your own refreshments for yourself and children. Then we're off to dinner followed by "Saturday Night Live at Shrine Mont." What happens at Shrine Mont stays at Shrine Mont, so that's all that can be said about this memorable event.

On **Sunday morning** enjoy an unlimited supply of pancakes followed by a service of Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral of the Shrine. Like everything else on this Parish Retreat, attendance is optional, but you won't want to miss this unique experience in this truly divine outdoor setting.

Sunday afternoon our retreat ends as every weekend in the country should – with a lunch of fried chicken. You will say goodbye to old friends and new ones, then pack your bags and load your car to return to Charlottesville.

Sunday evening, after you return home refreshed and renewed, you will get out the calendar and reserve the first weekend of May next year because you will never want to miss the Parish Retreat again.

For more information about Shrine Mont, including a map of the facilities, visit their website at www.shrinemont.com.

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