

ADVENT DAY RETREAT

"Advent: Waiting Expectantly"

Join us Saturday, Dec. 2nd for a morning of reflection with Sister Marilyn Shea! Spend a few hours to begin your Advent in spiritual retreat. Advent is a season of anticipation, of holy waiting. It is a waiting, characterized not by idleness or even contented peace, but by prophetic yieldedness and active hope. Perhaps more than any other season in the Christian calendar, Advent acknowledges the already-and-not-yet nature of the Kingdom of God. In remembering the anticipation of Christ's first coming, we acknowledge and nurture our anticipation of Christ's second coming. Advent is a season for the prophets, for the dreamers, for the poets. A great light has shown, but there is still so much darkness to pierce, so much gloom to overcome.

Advent should be a season of surprises too, of God showing up when and where we least expect Emmanuel: in a womb, in a barn, as a poor minority in an oppressive empire, at the soup kitchen, at that church service you resisted attending, in that family member with whom you disagree, in every corner of this world from Charlottesville, Virginia, to Palestine, to your kitchen. It a season to slow down and pay attention, to listen to the prophets, to look for God in God's distressing disguises. Women's Ministry has opened this event to all, by registration. Bring your friends your spouse, your neighbor. **[Click here to sign up!](#)** Or call the parish office at 426-1588 or just stop in the Office to sign up! Breakfast is provided. The event is free.