

19th ANNUAL EPISCOPAL MEN'S PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

Friday, Feb. 7th ~ Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2020

DEKOVEN CENTER 600 21st STREET RACINE, WISCONSIN



Very Reverend Patrick Raymond



Friday Night Movie

Coco is a fanciful story which centers on Miguel, a young Mexican boy who yearns to become a celebrated musician like his idol, the late singing star Ernesto de la Cruz. That's quite the challenge since his family hates music and has prohibited anyone within its ranks to ever pick up a guitar or a microphone. (The disdain traces back generations, to when Miguel's great-great-grandmother was abandoned by her husband, who left to pursue his musical career.) Undeterred, Miguel goes against his family's wishes, a decision that, through supernatural means, catapults him into the Land of the Dead. Once there, the movie deepens in satisfying and even unexpected ways. Interpersonal relationships take some surprising turns, and the story's metaphysical slant lends the proceedings a haunting and ruminative air. *Adapted from a review by Matt Brunson for [Film Frenzy](#).*

Our 2020 Retreat Theme:

REMEMBERING AS A SACRED ACT: Exploring family mythology, our legacies and how we remember those who have gone before us.

We are delighted to announce that the Very Reverend Patrick Raymond, Rector of Church of the Ascension, Chicago, will serve as Retreat Leader for our 19th Annual Episcopal Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat in February, 2020. Exploring memories and core values within congregations in times of change has been a key feature of his ministry in six parishes over thirty years. During a 2005 sabbatical in Mexico, he learned of *El Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead), central to the movie *Coco*. In Mexico, he also began and now continues a personal and artistic exploration of home altars and shrines, another means of sustaining faith through remembering.

Come and experience what is sure to be a meaningful and memorable time together, including opportunities to participate in small- and large-group discussions on issues crucial to our lives and our faith. We will learn more about remembering (in ways that are true and/or deceptive, enriching or impoverishing) those who have gone before us – all themes that have particular weight in particular ways for men. Rediscover the sacred act, duty and discipline of remembering, to which we are so often called in Scripture.

The Registration form (attached) is to be completed and enclosed with your check for \$145, payable to James Massie, and mailed to him at 215 North Washington Street, Hinsdale, IL, 60521. Reservations will be confirmed using postmark dates to determine the order in which the checks were sent.

Driving instructions will be sent prior to the retreat. Depending upon weather, allow about two hours driving time from the Chicago area to arrive at De Koven between 5:00 and 5:30 pm on Friday afternoon for check-in and a short welcoming reception. Dinner will be served *promptly* at 6 pm, followed by our evening program.

REGISTRATION FORM – 2020 EPISCOPAL MEN’S PRE-LENTEN RETREAT
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NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PARISH _____

ROOM CHOICE: SINGLE @ \$145 _____ SHARED DOUBLE @ 135 _____

IF SHARING, NAME OF ROOMMATE _____

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK MADE OUT TO:

James Massie
215 N. Washington St.
Hinsdale, Illinois, 60521

CONFIRMATION OF CHECKS RECEIVED AND REGISTRATIONS WILL BE SENT

QUESTIONS: CALL JIM @ (630) 267-7688 (mobile) or
e-mail him at: jmassie@ameritech.net

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO REGISTRANTS. DEKOVEN IS JUST
72 MILES FROM CENTRAL CHICAGO. CARPOOLING IS A GOOD IDEA.

DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER. “FIRST COME – FIRST REGISTERED”, BASED
ON REGISTRATION PAYMENT POST MARK DATE WILL BE USED TO
DETERMINE IF ROOM IS AVAILABLE.