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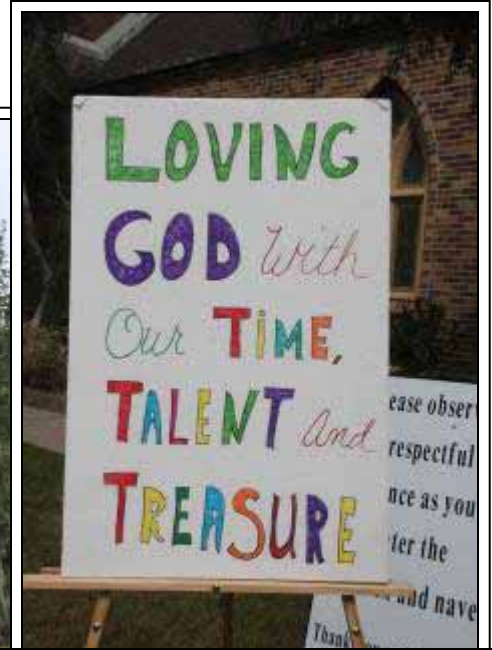
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*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy Works Shall Praise Thy Name
In Earth, and Sky, and Sea ...*

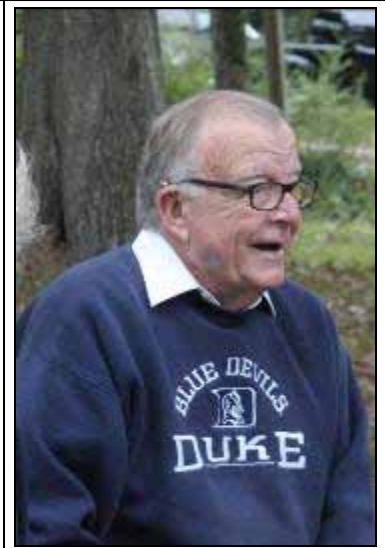
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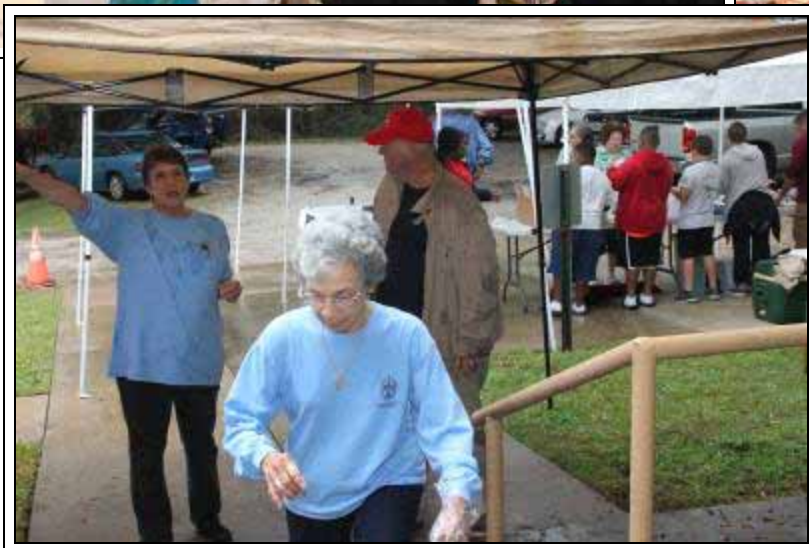
Blessing of the Animals







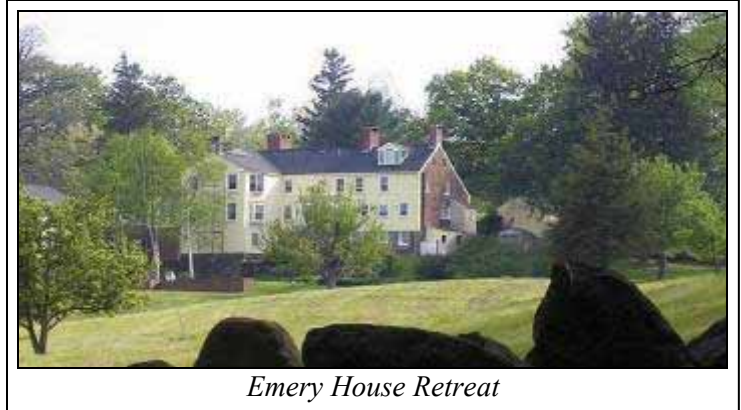
Dinner on the Grounds





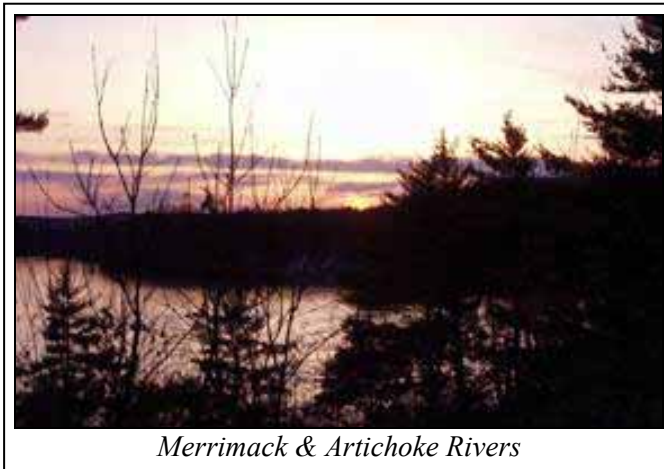
† Billie's Corner

Months ago when I called the Guest Master to make retreat reservations at the Monastery of Saint John the Evangelist in Cambridge, I was told that the monastery was full. The Guest Master asked if I would be interested in making a retreat at their rural monastery in West Newbury, Massachusetts, that is located about 40 miles north of Boston.



Emery House Retreat

The first retreat I made with the Brothers of SSJE was about 10 years ago at their rural monastery. I was delighted with the prospects of returning. The



Merrimack & Artichoke Rivers

countryside monastery is called Emery House, named after the family that left the property to the Brothers.

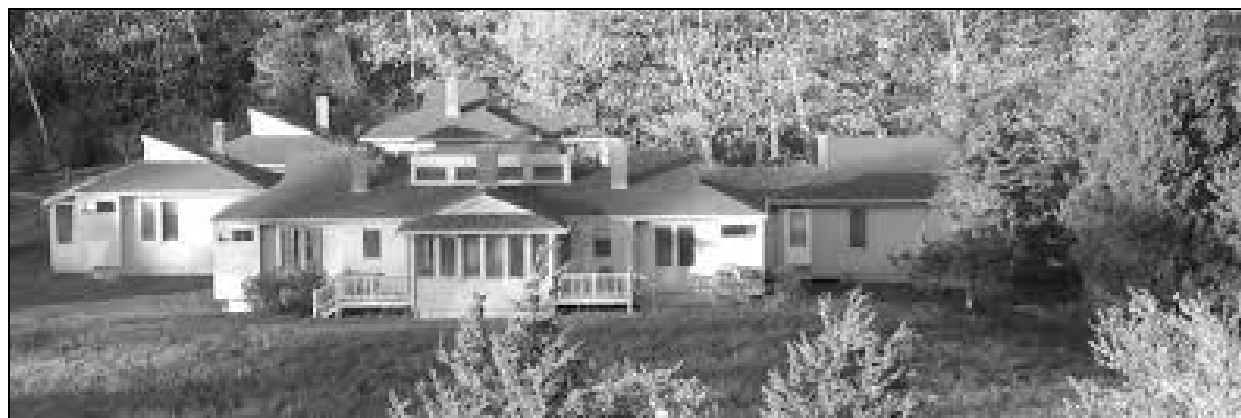
The landscape is made up of rolling pastures, bordered on two sides by rivers and two sides by forests. The road that stretches from the entrance of the monastery property to the river's edge is lined by a traditional New England stacked stone fence. The scenery is simply magnificent.

The Brother's residence, Emery

Chapel, and the dining area are housed in the Emery House—a farmhouse that was original to the property. Guests lodge in the hermitages that are clustered together just below the main house.

The Brothers are committed to being good stewards of the land. They maintain an organic garden as well as raising bees and tending to the chickens and geese. They honor nature's rule of life. Brother James Koester oversees the farming. He recently wrote in the SSJE quarterly publication regarding the lessons that farming has taught him:

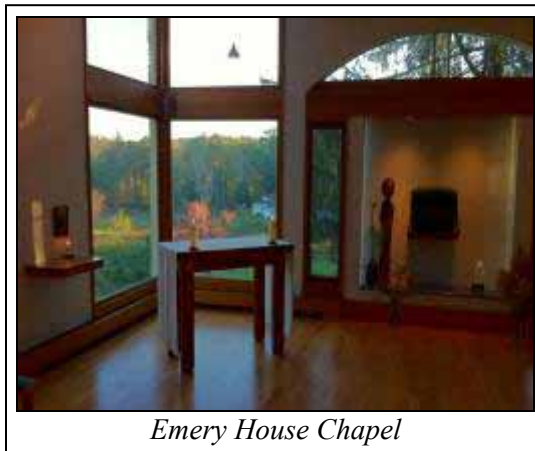




Guest Hermitages

“The more I listened and learned from my surroundings, the more I began to suspect that, in living more closely in touch with nature at Emery House, I wasn’t just becoming a better gardener, a better goherd and a better beekeeper. I realized that, perhaps, I was also becoming a better monk, a better Christian—even, a better human being.”

For me this rural retreat setting will offer an experience that will be entirely different from the monastery located in the heart of Harvard Square in Cambridge. The rhythm of daily prayer in the chapel will be punctuated with the sights and sounds of creation. My daily walks will be on the pathways in the woods. There will be no street lights at night— only stars. For one week, I will step into the rhythm of monastic daily prayer in harmony with creation and with God.



Emery House Chapel

*Let the earth glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him forever.*

A Song of Creation, Morning Prayer Canticle, Number 12

In Peace
Billie+

✝ Josie's Journal

Being Well: Our Journey To Wholeness

*"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you,
whom you have received from God?" 1 Corinthians 6:19*

Clergy Conference, required by the diocese, was held at Gray Center on October 12–15. The annual conference brings the clergy in communion with one another.

Monday, October 12

- I was assigned to Cabin 4 at Camp Bratton Green.
- The conference opened with the Bishop's Dinner. Convocation deans introduced new clergy members in the diocese. The dinner was served by the staff of Gray Center and the dessert by the diocesan staff and convocational deans. The day closed at 9:00 PM after Evening Prayer & Healing Service.

Tuesday October 13

- Breakfast at 8:00 AM. Liturgy at 9:15 AM followed by the presentation, "My Journey to Wellness." A Church Pension Group meeting followed.
- Midday Office at 11:15 AM—a time to pause and reflect— followed by lunch.
- Afternoon: church pension plan presentations and rest period.
- Dinner 6:00 PM. Presentations 7:00-8:00 PM. Liturgy in the chapel at 8:15 PM.

Wednesday October 14

- Breakfast 8:00 AM. Head and neck massage, 9:15. Afternoon free.

Thursday October 15

- Breakfast 8:30 AM. Diocesan matters 9:15—10:30. Recommendations to each clergy member before leaving the conference: 1) annual physicals, 2) hold regular group meetings, 3) work with others to promote a health and wellness ministry within parish and 4) honor sacred time. I have met most of these recommendations yearly and plan to introduce a wellness ministry to the parish.
- Closing Eucharist with renewal of ordination vows. I was honored to serve as deacon for this service.

Yearly, I look forward to Clergy Conference as a time for worship, renewal, and rest. Where one of these is found, the other two are close at hand.

In Peace
Josie+

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM

Tuesday

Create & Carry, Parish House, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Choir Practice following the Healing Service

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Sunday, November 1—Feast of All Saints, Special Children’s Eucharist, 11:00 AM

Wednesday, November 4—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 8—Second Sundays at St. Mary’s, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Holy Eucharist featuring Mississippi Girlchoir

Thursday, November 12—Book Signing, *Katrina’s Grace, Wind, Water & Wisdom*, by Sandra Lynn Price, Lorelei Books, 1103 Washington Street, 5:00 PM

Monday, November 16–Sunday, November 29—Rev. Billie will travel to Massachusetts to make a week-long retreat under the direction of The Brothers of St. John the Evangelist followed by a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Amy & Scott Burr, in New York the week of Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 19—The Church of the Holy Trinity, Turkey Dinner. Contact Josephine Peterson, 601-638-2288, to purchase tickets

Sunday, November 22 and Sunday, November 29—The Rev. Charlie Deaton will celebrate the Eucharist at the 8:30 & 11:00 AM services.

Thursday, November 26—Morning Prayer followed by a Pot Luck Thanksgiving Feast. Turkey & Dressing provided, 11:00.

Sunday, November 29, First Sunday in Advent—Advent Wreath Workshop, 10:00—11:00 AM and during Children’ Chapel. Workshop will continue after the 11:00 AM Eucharist. Wreaths and candles will be supplied. PLEASE BRING GREENERY.

Monday, November 30—Vestry Meeting, Rectory, 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 5—ECW Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange, All Saints’ School Rectory, more details forthcoming

Saturday, December 12—*St. Mary’s Heavenly Holiday Bake Sale*, Bolton, 10:00 – 2:00

Sunday, December 13—St. Alban’s Adult & Children’s Choirs will perform *Lessons & Carols* followed by Holy Communion, 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 13—Second Sundays at St. Mary’s, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Galloway Memorial Methodist Concordia Ensemble to perform “*Seasons and Holidays*”

Sunday, December 20—Children’s Christmas Pageant, 11:00 AM Eucharist. Parish Christmas Gathering, Refreshments & Greening of the Church between services

Sunday, December 20—Christmas Eucharist, St. Mary’s Church, Bolton, Congregational Christmas Carols, 5:45 PM, Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve Services. Early Eucharist, Christmas Carols, 5:45 PM, Eucharist, 6:00 PM; Late Eucharist, Christmas Carols, 9:45, Eucharist 10:00 PM.

Lurgical Schedule—Sundays in November

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i>	First Sunday of Advent
First Reading	Solomon 3:1-9	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	1 Samuel 1:4-20	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm	Psalm 24	Psalm 127	Psalm 16	Psalm 132:1-13	Psalm 25:1-9
Second Reading	Revelation 21:1-6a	Hebrews 9:24-28	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Revelation 1:4b-8	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel	John 11:32-44	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36
				Rev. Charlie Deaton	Rev. Charlie Deaton
					Advent Wreaths
Lay Worship Leader	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
8:30 a.m.	Ann Tompkins	David Pruett	Betsy Selby	Richard Price	Harvey Smith
11:00 a.m.	Ed Shelnut	Herb Jones		Susan Price	
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Shelnut	Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest
Lector 8:30 a.m.	Ed Shelnut	Herb Jones	Gloria Hall	Mary Carleton	Sharon Hanks
Lector 11:00 a.m.	Lawson Selby				
Epistle	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
Gospel Bearer	Sunny Faith		Lawson Selby		
Torch Bearers	Heaven Leigh		Peter Williams		
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Sharon Hanks	Harvey Smith	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Sunny Faith	Rymn Parsons	Lawson Selby	Mary Ruth Jones	Janice Harrington
	Heaven Leigh	Joan Parsons	Peter Williams	Herb Jones	Becky Drake
Ushers & Greeters	Josh Artman	Sara Porter	Josh Artman	Dan Carleton	Herb Jones
	Jonah Artman	Dalton Thames	Jonah Artman	Allen Leese	Rymn Parson
Our Father	Peter Williams		Heaven & Sunny		
Altar Guild	Sharon Hanks	Mary Ann Wright	Ann Tompkins	Kerri Williams	Cassandra Price
	Betty Rushing	Margo Massey	Beth Sojourner	Judy Morrissey	Beth Guynes
Coffee Host	Rev. Billie	Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parsons	Susan Price	Betty Rushing
	Betty Rushing,	Ann Tompkins	Joan Parsons	Mary Ruth Jones	Wilma Mitchell
	Deacon Josie		Sara Margret Porter		Bonnie Pruett
	Margo Massey		Dalton Thames		
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	Jennifer Normand	No Children's Chapel	Jennifer Normand	Advent Wreaths
		Ann Tompkins		Ann Tompkins	
Offertory Counters	Kristi Hall	Herb Jones	Theo Williams	Sharon Hanks	Janice Harrington
	Rymn Parsons	Rymn Parsons	Rymn Parsons	Rymn Parsons	Rymn Parsons
	Ann Tompkins	Ann Tompkins	Ann Tompkins	Ann Tompkins	Ann Tompkins
Healing Service	November 4	November 11	November 18	25-Nov	December 2
	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner