

CORNERSTONE

WHAT IS CORNERSTONE?

Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat that provides you with the opportunity to reflect, renew and strengthen your faith while meeting other members of our community. The retreat is hosted at our Ministry Center by parishioners who have enjoyed the fruits of past Cornerstone retreats.

Cornerstone is...

- **An opportunity to step out of the hustle of daily life to pause and reflect.**
- **a welcoming, non-judgmental environment**
- **an outstanding opportunity to meet and interact with other members of the parish**

CORNERSTONE SCHEDULE Fri. March 2nd – Sat. March 3rd

Arrival: Friday evening with an overnight stay

Meals: All meals, including dinner on Friday's arrival, will be provided.

Departure: The Cornerstone retreat will conclude on Saturday evening (dinner included) after an 8:00pm Mass.

Prior to Cornerstone, you will receive a letter with details regarding the weekend. A \$75 offering is suggested.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT?

There's no big mystery to the Cornerstone weekend. It is simply ordinary people sharing stories and experiences of trying to live the Gospel amidst the challenges of the modern world. It's a simple but moving experience.

The retreat is facilitated by a team of parishioners who have previously experienced Cornerstone. During the weekend, some members of the Cornerstone team will give talks that you will have the opportunity to discuss with others in attendance. It is a very casual atmosphere and you may share in the discussion as much or as little as you'd like -- or not at all if that is your preference.

There will also be a number of opportunities during the weekend to examine your relationship with God, your family and others in your life. Most of all, it is an opportunity to step out of your daily routine to think about those things that matter the most to you, in an atmosphere that lends itself to reflection and contemplation.

QUESTIONS?

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“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17

**Friday, March 2nd –
Saturday, March 3rd**

Please tell us about yourself:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

What name would you like on your name badge?

Emergency Contact

Please provide us with an emergency contact (spouse or friend). Be sure to include their full name, relationship to you and contact numbers below.

Name _____

Relationship _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____



Christmas Gathering with Joe Rorro

“Cornerstone is “the gift that keeps on giving”. It’s a gift to me – 26 hours to unwind, relax a bit, and be witness to the Spirit working through the men that attend; it’s a gift to my wife and family – a chance to reflect on what a blessing they are to me and an opportunity to return to them recharged, a better husband and Dad; it’s a gift to St. Catharine’s – an opportunity to connect with others and build our faith community; and most importantly, it’s a gift to God – spending quality time in His presence, reflecting on the many graces He has given us and taking the opportunity to get closer to Him.

Plus, honestly, it’s a lot of fun! Great food, drink and fellowship. I hope you consider joining us this year.

Give the gift of Cornerstone to yourself – you are worth it!!”

Mark Evans

“So, it was with some curiosity I accepted an invitation from a couple of men in the parish to participate in a cornerstone weekend a couple years back. At the time, putting my busy life on hold for 24 hours seemed monumental, impossible even.

But what was nagging at me was the fear of the unknown. And as men, do we really want to share our feelings?

Let me say this, whatever your reservations, don’t worry. There is no pressure. Nobody is expecting you to do anything, except listen, open yourself up, and put the texting and emailing on hold for 26 hours.

Let the experience do the talking. I know it worked for me.”

Frank Scandale

“After watching my son return from a freshman/sophomore CYO retreat I took the plunge and signed up for the Men’s Cornerstone retreat and quite simply it was one of the most uplifting experiences of my life.

For those on the fence, do yourself and your family a favor and sign up immediately...you won’t regret it!”

Frank Testa

“I’m lazy. It’s true. I’m lazy when it comes to my faith. Between work, business travel, marriage and chasing four children God handed me good reason to lose focus of why I’m here.

Too boot, I’m no holy-roller so it took two years of pushing and prodding from friends before I succumbed and signed up for the St. Catharine Men’s Cornerstone Retreat.

During the week-end it became clear that many men were facing the same challenges and we were able to listen and participate in conversation that was long overdue. While I’m still no candidate for priesthood, I’m a better man because my faith was given focus and clarity”

Tom Harris, Glen Rock

