

SHRINE MONT 2022



St. James' Shrine Mont Retreat Friday October 7 through Sunday October 9

Rest...Relax...Renew

Have you ever wished that you could connect with more people at St. James' Church in a restful setting so that you could foster new relationships and make new friends? Are you looking for a chance to escape from the daily grind so that you can unwind and relax? Have you ever wanted more time to renew your relationship with God as you enjoy God's created world?

If your answer to these questions is "yes!", then the St. James' Church Shrine Mont Retreat is for you! You have...

- Time to relax and slow down
- Time for yourself and your family
- Comfort food
- Naps
- Spiritual nourishment
- Hike up North Mountain
- Saturday night bonfire
- Fishing at the ponds
- Fresh air
- Rest
- Porches, rocking chairs, woods, and mountain air
- Re-creation
- Sunday morning Holy Eucharist at The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration (outdoors)

What is Shrine Mont?

Shrine Mont is the jewel in the crown of the Diocese of Virginia's retreat and conference centers. It's nestled in the Shenandoah Valley in Orkney Springs, Virginia, about an hour south of Winchester. Its bucolic setting features cabins and lodges, with plenty of woods, mountains, streams, and fresh air all around. It's literally at the end of the road, so there's no traffic, no noise, and no cell phone reception. Each spring, parishioners of St. James' Church gather at Shrine Mont to relax, refresh, and renew. Come and experience Shrine Mont for yourself—it's a marvelous place!

What do we do there?

Shrine Mont is a great place to foster new relationships and make new friends. It's a wonderful way to get to know one another in a more leisurely setting. And Shrine Mont is a lovely spot to deepen your relationship with God. We invite you to join us in this opportunity to unwind and come together as the St. James' Church family in a relaxed setting.

While there is a program for persons from Middle School age on up on Saturday morning and all kinds of activities throughout the weekend, participation in any activity is purely voluntary. You and your family members are welcome to join in or not. Perhaps you prefer to simply relax in the rustic environment and join others for meals. Some people just nap and read books. Others enjoy wandering trails, exploring the creeks, or browsing the book shop and candy store. There are plenty of porches and rocking chairs. Join any activity if you want, when you want. And if you are first-timer at Shrine Mont, we'll be happy to show you around so you can familiarize yourself with this very special place!

- ▶ The retreat begins on Friday evening by gathering for the welcome and a Dessert Bar after dinner.
- ▶ Saturday evening features a bonfire with s'mores and a singalong, Compline, and bingo and board games in the Chilton House.
- ▶ On Sunday morning we'll gather for Holy Eucharist at The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration (outdoors).

How do we register?

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Things to bring

- Snacks, appetizers and drinks for social events
- Flashlight
- Extra blankets and pillows
- Casual clothes and walking shoes
- Jackets and rain gear/warm hoodies
- Extra towels and washcloths
- Sports/fishing equipment
- Bug spray
- Your Bible, books and board games

Things to leave at home

- Pets (not allowed at Shrine Mont)
- Radios, boom boxes
- iPods, iPads, CD players, headphones
- Cell phones
(There is little to no cell phone reception at Shrine Mont—give it a rest!)
- Squirt guns, water balloons
- Skateboards, roller blades
- To-do lists
- Work-related materials
- Fireworks

You can register by filling out the paper registration form copies of which are in the Church Office, or online at www.atjamesleesburg.org. Please fill out your registration form and return it with your check made out to St. James' Church, with "Shrine Mont" written on the memo line, to the Church Office. **Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. on September 16.** Bring your friends—we have plenty of space and welcome guests!

What about children?

Shrine Mont is a wonderful place for children. It is tucked in at the end of a cul-de-sac and is surrounded by mountains. There is plenty of time for finding salamanders, visiting the candy store, and just exploring God's creation in a free and unstructured way. A children's activity will be offered during Saturday morning's program for persons of Middle School age and older.

How's the food?

Delicious! The meals are good old-fashioned American comfort food, including scrambled eggs, pancakes, meat loaf, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, and green beans. There are vegetarian and gluten-free options, too.

Our Sunday worship will be at the open-air Shrine of the Transfiguration



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Schedule

Friday October 7

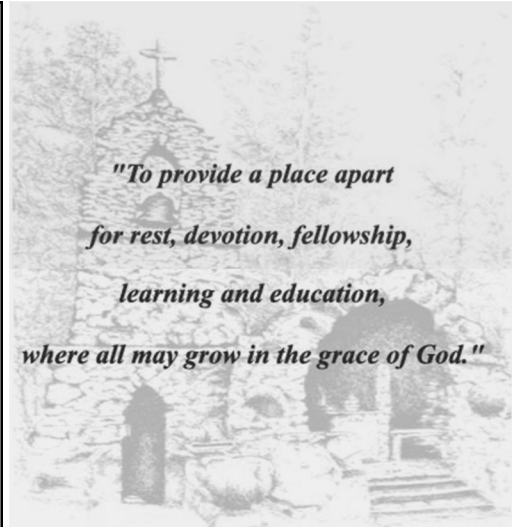
- ◆ Welcome and Check-in (Bird Cage)
- ◆ Dinner (Tucker Dining Hall), followed by a Dessert Bar and Activity (Chilton)
- ◆ Compline

Saturday October 8

- ◆ Full Breakfast (Tucker Dining Hall)
- ◆ Program led by Fr Chad (Chilton)
- ◆ Lunch (Tucker Dining Hall)
- ◆ Activities—all optional:
 - ◇ Hiking for families, individuals, and small groups of all ages
 - ◇ Kickball and croquet
 - ◇ Other sports and fishing
 - ◇ Rainy-day activities, if necessary
- ◆ Informal Social Hour (Chilton)
- ◆ Dinner (Tucker Dining Hall)
- ◆ Bonfire, s'mores, singalong
- ◆ Compline
- ◆ Film (TBD)
- ◆ Bingo and board games (Chilton)

Sunday October 9

- ◆ Full Breakfast
- ◆ Town Hall
- ◆ 11:00 am Holy Eucharist at The Shrine of the Transfiguration (outdoors)
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Departure



A St. James' Church Shrine Mont Retreat is not to be missed—and it's a great deal!

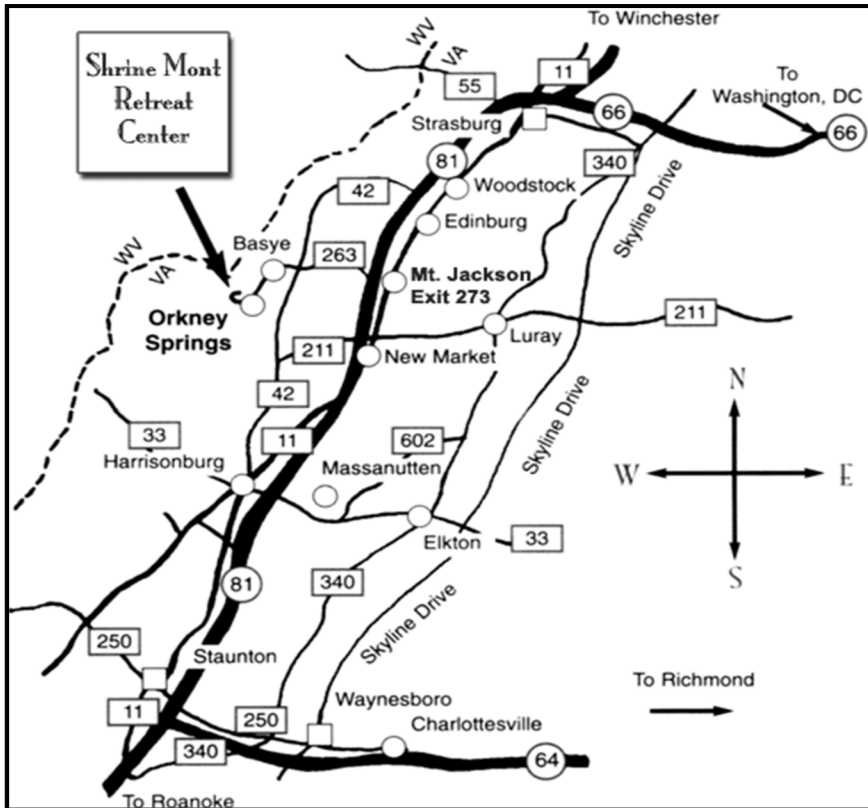
How much will it cost to stay Friday and Saturday nights and enjoy old-fashioned comfort food?

For example, Friday's dinner (from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm) features:

- ◆ Pork BBQ
- ◆ Baked beans
- ◆ Coleslaw, pasta salad
- ◆ Chips
- ◆ Apple crunch
- ◆ Unsweetened iced tea, water, coffee

Take a look at the registration form!

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When do I find out where I am staying?

Housing assignments change up to arrival time, so you'll learn where you are staying when you get to Shrine Mont.

For safety reasons, we ask that you not change your room assignment.

You will be given a registration packet once you check in up the hill in the Bird Cage between 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday. Please let us know in advance if you expect to arrive after that time.

Directions to Shrine Mont:

Take Rte 7 West to I-81 South. Follow I-81 South to Exit 273 (Mt. Jackson). Turn left and cross over I-81. Turn right onto Rte 11 South. Follow Rte.11 South to Rte. 263 West. Follow Rte 263 West to the end of the road. Drive time is approximately one hour and 45 minutes from Leesburg.

