

NEW YEAR'S RETREAT

"That I Was Blessed And Could Bless"

DECEMBER 30, 2017 - JANUARY 1, 2018

Presented by Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM
and Br. Sam Nasada, OFM



On this special New Year's retreat, we will bring closure to 2017 as well as ask God's Blessings upon 2018. What is a Blessing? A Blessing is a circle of light drawn around a person to protect, heal and strengthen. When a blessing is invoked, a window opens in eternal time. This is where blessing invokes and awakens every gift the crossing has to offer.

W. B. Yeats short poem expresses this well:

"I sat, a solitary man,
In a crowded London shop,
An open book and empty cup
On the marble table top.
While on the shop and street I gazed
My body of a sudden blazed;
And twenty minutes more or less
It seemed, so great my happiness
That I was blessed and could bless."

As a special part of this retreat, we will celebrate Mass ending at Midnight New Years Eve with festive Champaign, wine, hor'dorves, a fire pit, etc.

PRESENTERS:

Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM
He was born in Milwaukee, WI and grew up in Chicago. He went to St. Mary's Seminary's, Baltimore where he earned a MA in Theology. He ministered in parishes in the Chicago area and then discovered the Franciscans. Since then, he has been assigned to Parishes in Oakland and Huntington Beach. He has spent the majority of his time in Retreat Ministry at San Damiano, Danville, CA, Old Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA, and The Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale. While also giving Parish Missions and Pilgrimages through the US, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and New Zealand.



Br. Sam Nasada, OFM received his Master of Divinity degree from the Franciscan School of Theology in Oceanside, CA this past summer. He is currently a part of a new initiative of the Province of St. Barbara: a small intentional community near the Arizona-Mexico border that is focused in contemplation and helping those in margins. He hopes that this experience will help in his formation to become a priest who will not be afraid to "smell like his sheep".

REGISTRATION:

Registration begins at 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Social at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm. First Session at 7:00 pm. Concludes with 10:00 am Brunch on Monday, New Year's Day.

COST:

\$235 for private room.
\$205 per person for double occupancy. All bedrooms are non-smoking.

Registration online is available at www.sandamiano.org or call us at (925) 837-9141 to make your reservation by phone.

Deposits or payment are non-refundable, but transferable to a future retreat within one year providing cancellation is received at least 7 days prior to the retreat.

OPTION TO ARRIVE EARLY:

Friday, Dec. 29 for a personal retreat. Mass and meals are available for early arrival.

TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

Please send a check of \$50 deposit to:
San Damiano Retreat
P. O. Box 767
710 Highland Drive
Danville, California
94526-0767
Phone: (925) 837-9141
Fax: (925) 837-0522

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please call us after you make your reservation for any retreats.

RESERVATION FORM

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NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ Phone: _____

PRIVATE ROOM (\$235) SHARED ROOM (\$205) WITH: _____

*** OPTION EARLY ARRIVAL FRIDAY, DEC. 29: Private (\$50) Shared (\$50)

CREDIT CARD #: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: _____ CHARGE ALL DEPOSIT ONLY