

# RETREAT AFTERNOON FOR WOMEN

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

Mary Our Queen Parish  
248 Savage Street, Plantsville, CT  
12:00-3:00 pm

The retreat will include lunch, talk by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, dessert and musical entertainment, and concluding with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer.

See the back for complete schedule of the afternoon.

**Keynote presentation by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle**

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle is an award-winning and best-selling author and journalist, speaker, pilgrimage host, and the EWTN television host of "Everyday Blessings for Catholic Moms" and "Catholic Mom's Cafe," which she created. Donna-Marie was blessed to know Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J. and Bl. Mother Teresa. She was invited by the Holy See to participate in an international congress held at the Vatican and is the recipient of apostolic blessings from St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. She received a special blessing from St. John Paul II for her work on Mother Teresa. Donna-Marie is a frequent guest on national Catholic radio and television. Donna-Marie has received awards for her work including a Catholic Press Association Award, an Award of Excellence from the MCCW for her presentation to military women, and the American Cancer Society's Media award for her column on cancer patients.

**REGISTRATION**

Please mail retreat fee of \$20 with registration form below to:

Women's Retreat  
Mary Our Queen  
248 Savage Street  
Plantsville, CT 06479  
Make checks payable to: Mary Our Queen

***Please note that registration will be accepted at the door for a fee of \$25***

Questions—email [ayer26@cox.net](mailto:ayer26@cox.net) or call 203-619-3985

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Email or phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Our schedule for the day will be as follows:

**12:00 pm** arrival and registration and light lunch

**1:00 pm** welcome and keynote presentation by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, a Catholic author, a television host, and an inspirational speaker known and admired around the world had revealed very little about her personal history until now. Her memoir *The Kiss of Jesus* and this talk unveil the very crooked path of her life consisting in harrowing turns, suffering, abuse, darkness, and pain which are brought to light now to offer a huge dose of hope to those who suffer or have suffered in any way. The author and speaker underscores the exquisite beauty of the Cross of Jesus and emphasizes the help from the saints, including her mentor and "spiritual mother" Mother Teresa, as well as the importance of prayer and redemptive suffering. Donna-Marie's memoir *The Kiss of Jesus* and this talk are sure to encourage and inspire.

**2:00 pm** dessert, coffee, and tea and live musical entertainment of Christian contemporary music and book signing and opportunity to purchase Donna-Marie's book

**2:30 pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Pope Francis declared this an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. He said, "We need to constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it." To celebrate the year of mercy and contemplate the mystery of mercy more fully, we will conclude our retreat by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Through Saint Faustina, Jesus revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy—one of which is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayer.

