

***Do Not Be Afraid!***

*As is written in the  
Bible 365 times*

*“Fear not, go and do  
as thou hast said...”*

1 Kings 17:13

**Directions to St. Bridget Church**  
75 Moodus Leesville Rd., Moodus, CT

**From Hartford and Points West**  
Take CT 2 East to Exit 16, CT 149  
South in Westchester. At the end of the  
ramp, turn right and go 7.6 miles. Keep  
right onto Moodus Leesville Rd. for 0.4  
mi. The church is on the right.

**From Willimantic Area**  
From Willimantic US 6 junction, take CT  
66 West toward Marlborough and go 7.6  
miles. Turn left onto Burrows Hill Rd.  
and continue on Jones St. for total of 4.4  
mi. Turn left onto Old Hartford Rd. and  
immediately turn right onto CT-149 South.  
Continue for 7.9 mi. Keep right onto  
Moodus Leesville Rd. for 0.4 mi. The  
church is on the right.

**From Middletown Area**  
Go over the Portland Bridge and take  
CT 66 East toward Willimantic for 5.0  
mi. Bear right onto CT 151 South and  
follow for 6.7 mi. Continue for 0.7 mi.  
The church is on the left.

### **Sponsors**

**Guardian Angels Parish**

St. Andrew, Colchester  
St. Francis of Assisi, Lebanon

**John Paul II Parish**

St. Patrick, East Hampton  
St. Bridget of Kildare, Moodus

### **Location**

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center  
600 Liberty Highway  
Putnam, CT 06260

**Men's Retreat Weekend**

NOVEMBER 7 – 10, 2024



**A**doration

**C**ommunity

**T**heology

**S**ervice

[www.actsct.org](http://www.actsct.org)

## Adoration

God's call, and your acceptance  
of and response to God

## Community

Love and caring for each other

## Theology

Studying god through scripture and  
our Catholic faith

## Service

Service to God and His People

## What is it?

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of clergy. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church are the guides. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships. This is done via a positive, lively and interactive manner. Participants return to their parish faith communities with a deeper love for each other and a desire to become more involved.

## Past Reactions

"My ACTS experience reawakened a Catholic faith that had been pushed aside for a good number of years. The demands of daily life left little time to take care of my own spiritual house. A weekend spent with other men in worship, reflection & conversation, sharing the same challenges, supported me in re-centering my life towards Christ in service to my family, community and parish."--- **Ken**

"To think there were so many men – family men like myself – who were involved in the church because they wanted to be – and who cared solely about strengthening my faith journey with Jesus is something that remains with me. Those men and their devotion to God reminded me in the most powerful way to be a better father, husband, Christian for which I, my wife, and family are grateful. Best of all though, I have come to know Jesus better and that is the most important relationship of all."

--- **John**

My first ACTS retreat was an amazing wave of emotions. I had reached a point in my life where I went to Church, but didn't express my faith in many other ways. I carried a large amount of guilt that made me resist attending a retreat. At the end I came away with many positive things. Including, a better understanding of how much Jesus loves us; how sins are forgiven; and how my struggle with sin is shared by all. I also formed close bonds with men that had faith and weren't afraid to talk about it openly with others. --- **Joe**

## Interested In Attending?

The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 7, with a 5:00 pm check-in at St. Bridget of Kildare Church, in Moodus, CT. Participants will then be transported to the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, November 10, with an 11:30 AM mass and reception at St. Bridget Church. Transportation to and from the Retreat Center will be provided.

The cost for the retreat is \$290. A deposit of \$90, made payable to St. John Paul II Parish, submitted with the enclosed form, will reserve your place. The remaining balance will be due at the Thursday evening check-in. You will receive a letter prior to the retreat describing the necessities you should bring.

### Please Note

Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. A limited amount of assistance is available based on your need. If you have financial concerns, please call one of the directors listed below.

### For further information, contact

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