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**St. Francis of Assisi Church**  
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**24 Jabish Street,  
Belchertown, MA**

**MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**



*“One Does Not Live by  
Bread Alone”*

*- Matt 4:4b*

**SPONSOR**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
P.O. Box 612  
Belchertown, MA 01007**

**LOCATION**

**St. Edmund's Retreat  
Center  
Enders Island  
Mystic, CT 06355**

**A**doration

**C**ommunity

**T**heology

**S**ervice

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

## Past Reactions

**ADORATION** – GOD’S  
CALL, YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF,  
AND RESPONSE TO GOD.

**COMMUNITY** – LOVE AND  
CARING FOR EACH OTHER.

**THEOLOGY** – STUDYING  
GOD THROUGH SCRIPTURE  
AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

**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

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

“I was introduced to a God who is for me, healing wounds of loneliness and isolation. I was reintroduced to a parish community life that now sustains my journey with good friendships.”

--- Mike

I have participated in many types of retreats; my ACTS retreat stands out the most! From the very beginning of the retreat, I knew this was going to be very special. I could sense and feel the presences of the Holy Spirit, and our Lord, Jesus Christ, "For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am with them." Mt. 18:20. I left the weekend, having made new friends/brothers for life as men of God. This retreat will recharge your batteries, help deepen your relationship with the Holy Trinity, and give you new energy serving your parish.

--- John

## Interested in Attending?

The retreat begins Thursday evening, July 30th, 2026, with 4:30 check-in at the St. Francis of Assisi in Belchertown and departure at 5:00 PM. Participants are transported to the St. Edmunds Retreat Center at Enders Island, Mystic, CT for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, with a **Noon** Mass and reception at the St. Francis of Assisi, Belchertown, MA. Transportation to and from the retreat center is provided.

The cost for the retreat is \$295 for a double room or \$385 for a single room for first time ACTS Retreatants. To reserve your place a deposit check of \$125 made payable to “St. Francis of Assisi” should be mailed with the enclosed form to:

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office -  
Men’s ACTS Retreat  
P.O. Box 612, Belchertown, MA, 01007**

The remaining balance will be due Thursday evening at check-in. You will receive a letter prior to the retreat describing the necessities to bring. Please note that 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 info call or text:

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