

## 2017 - 2018 Special Events

### Meditation Under the Stars

#### Spiritual Director: Annabelle Wallace, PhD

A spiritual escape from hectic lifestyles. A time to offer peace, love and compassion during chaotic times. During the summer, we meet outdoors on the abbey grounds. We ask that you bring lawn chairs or meditation pillows/chairs. During inclement weather, meditation will be held in the church. In the winter months, we meet inside at the Morcone Center.

**Date and Time:** Monday evenings from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Compline is optional at 7:45. There is no fee for meditation; if you feel you would like to make a donation to the abbey, that would be appreciated.

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### Saturday October 7, 2017 10:30 A.M. Blessing of the Animals

Come to Glastonbury Abbey where animals great and small will be blessed - even teddy bears and velveteen ones! Gather at the arbor in front of the monastery church.

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### Thursday, November 2, 2017 - 7:00P.M. *The Gift is in the Giving: True Christmas stories that will thrill and inspire you*

Author Bill Arienti will talk about his book. Copies will be available for sale. This book chronicles five journeys that travel from tragedy to triumph, illustrating the power of the human spirit; actual, true life stories of people in dire situations, who were relieved by small acts of kindness. Each story documents a person or family in need of emotional or material help (and sometimes both!) encountered in Bill's line of duty as a fire fighter for the past 32 years. *The Gift is in the Giving* shows how by offering a minimum of compassion to others, the happiness you bring returns to you tenfold.

"I hope you enjoy reading *The Gift is in the Giving* as much as I enjoyed living it." - Bill Arienti

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### Saturday, November 11, 2017 - 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

#### Morcone Center Glastonbury Abbey Arts and Crafts Fair

Begin your holiday shopping at the Morcone Conference Center.

Gifts Galore: pottery, jewelry, paintings, sculptures, photography, hand-knit items, baked goods, plus raffle items.

## *Special Events - continued*

### **Pilgrimage – April 7 – 18, 2018 England and Wales**

Join Father Timothy and a group of pilgrims to visit sites in southwest England: Bath, Glastonbury, Stonehenge, Salisbury as well as London; then on to Wales: Tintern Abbey, Cardiff, Swansea, Tenby, Caldey Island, Saint David's and Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park.

Request a full color flyer from Father Timothy for more information.

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## *Morcone Conference Center*

### **A Picturesque Venue for Weddings, Events, Meetings, and Socials**

In the ancient tradition of Benedictine hospitality, the Morcone Conference Center offers a comfortable, light-filled venue for celebrations, meetings, and retreats. The tranquil beauty of its natural setting on the grounds of Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham is a welcome respite from the city, yet it is only minutes away from Boston.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you to plan your event. Please feel free to call for rental information or email us with your questions or comments. Catering is available.

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**Morcone Conference Center**

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### *Directions to Morcone Conference Center*

Take exit 14 from RT 3 and proceed in the direction of Hingham on RT 228 for 6 miles. After crossing RT 3A, you will come to a fork. Bear left and the Conference Center parking lot will be on your left.