



A Century Behind Us - A Path Before Us

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER VERONICA



Dear Friends,

On March 24th, Marydell began a new program, one that is trying to meet the needs of IDD (Intellectually & Developmentally Disabled) young adults and their caregivers. Our first gathering was a tremendous success!

I begin with this news because this is what Marydell is about - trying to meet needs that are not being met. In the spirit of Mother Marianne and the early Sisters of Our Lady of Christian Doctrine, we continue trying to meet the needs of today's people. You are a very important part of this. We pray you will continue helping us to serve others.

Have a wonderful Spring & Summer! Make sure we see you for the Friends & Family Picnic.

In Jesus,

Sr. Veronica Mendez

Board Member

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Hello everyone,

For those who may not know me, my name is Roxana Morel and I have the privilege of serving as Director of Operations at Marydell.

I first came to Marydell six years ago as a volunteer. Over time, I took on different roles, in administration,

bookkeeping, and now Director of Operations. Each step helped me understand more deeply what Marydell truly is: a place where people come together and where things happen because of faith, care, and community. Through this work, I have also seen clearly that Marydell continues because of your support. If we want this place to be here for the next 100 years, we must continue to grow and find ways to sustain it.

This is no longer just a job for me. It is a mission. And together, we can continue to build something meaningful for all who come here.

Roxana Morel

Director of Operations

OUR VISION

Serving our community's well-being through environmental and spiritual activities.

OUR MISSION

To share the natural majesty of our land above the Hudson with people of all faiths by offering educational and recreational programs, spiritual retreats, and environmental encounters that reflect our beliefs in social justice and harmony, and our eternal regard for the blessings of nature. In all this, we honor the values and life's work of the Sisters of our Lady of Christian Doctrine who founded Marydell and serve as our continuing inspiration.

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WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

For more than a century

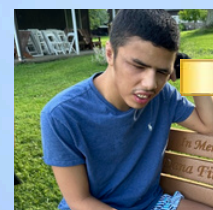
the Sisters of Our Lady of Christian Doctrine have tended to people and land on their Marydell grounds. Through this tradition and their guidance, the Marydell Faith and Life Center (MFLC) now works to carry the Sisters' legacy forward. MFLC is committed to offering programming and environmental encounters that promote the wellbeing of all who visit the grounds. Program offerings are designed to support the mental, physical, and spiritual health of those who participate. Information about our current Marydell offerings can be found on the website (www.marydell.org).

Please reach out to Jessica, Director of Strategies & Collaborations, at jwahlstrom@marydell.org to learn more about these offerings or to discuss possibilities for future offerings and events.

Please help us continue offering these gatherings for years to come. Like so much of what happens at Marydell, programs like this are made possible through the kindness of donors, like you, who believe everyone deserves a place to belong.

Program Spotlight

Our new Mindfulness for All program creates a space where adults can stay engaged, take part, and feel connected and comfortable. Caregivers can take a breath, knowing their loved one is in good hands.



We are grateful to Mary Ellen Golden, whose generous donation made this program possible.





Sister Angela Palermo, RCD
 December 24, 1929 - January 1, 2026
 Sister was a highly talented woman, a master catechist who loved her call to be a Sister of Our Lady of Christian Doctrine. We are grateful to the Sparkill Dominican Sisters for the excellent care they provided Sister in the last years of her life.

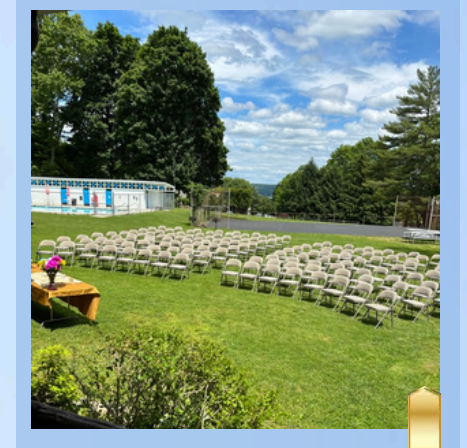
Sr. Helena Price, RCD
 September 16, 1928 - September 6, 2025
 Sister served for many years in South Carolina, and at St. Mary's Church in NYC. She spent much of her life standing up for others and caring deeply for her community. Her heart was with the people, and her light touched countless lives.



This past December, as it has for 20 years, our **Tree of Peace and Light** again brought us together to remember loved ones and gather for the lighting of the tree. **Bandi** carefully placed each light so every name could shine. **Marika's** arrangements brought warmth and beauty to the space, and **Louie** prepared the luminary bags that lit the path. Each name is now held in prayer daily with the sisters throughout the year.



Each year, **Maple Sugar Day** invites families onto the grounds and we get to taste maple sap straight from the tree. **Bob Stien** guides us through the process of turning sap to syrup over an open fire.



Every season, our garden programs welcome hundreds of children and families to plant and learn. **Denise Oswald, Kathy Rauth** and the core garden group faithfully tend the garden and lead the annual plant sale.

Bandi, our groundskeeper, keeps Marydell stunning, and sometimes finds a surprise like this giant mushroom!



We continue to support our **One to One Learning Program** made possible through the shared use of our space.



Former campers & counselors return to help at events, like our Friends and Family Day Picnic giving back to the place they so love.



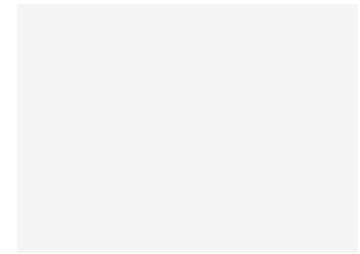
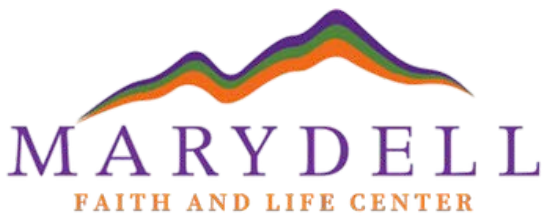
Sister Margaret O'Doherty takes the Good Shepherd Catechesis group through a lesson. We are grateful to all who support this program through their generosity. Because of you, this program is offered at no cost to the children who participate.



Marydell serves as a vibrant summer home for local camps and a year-round classroom for educational field trips. Volunteers, like **Pat McQueen**, a Board Member, share their gifts with visiting students.

For over a century, Marydell has been part of childhood memories, family traditions, special moments, and community gatherings for generations of people. Whether you give your time or your resources, you are the reason our work continues. Now more than ever, we need your help to keep Marydell moving forward. Join us in sustaining our mission today.





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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

SPRING GARDEN CLUB

MAY 8, 15, 22, 29 & JUNE 5, 2026

SWIM LESSONS

SESSION 1 JUNE 29 - JULY 9, 2026

SESSION 2 JULY 13 - JULY 23, 2026

SESSION 3 JULY 27 - AUGUST 6, 2026

FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC

JULY 11, 2026

TREE OF PEACE & LIGHT

DECEMBER 5, 2026



BRENDAN TRINOTTI,
SISTER EILEEN O'FARRELL, & SEAN TRINOTTI

THANK YOU TO BRENDAN TRINOTTI, SISTER EILEEN O'FARRELL'S NEPHEW, FOR OUR
DRONE FOOTAGE WATCH THE WHOLE VIDEO AT WWW.MARYDELL.ORG



**100 YEARS
FROM THE SKY**

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