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Subject: CHRISTIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER and MEDITATION: Three Local Events with Father William [Meninger](#), [OCSO](#)
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks to Phil Stone of Great Falls, Virginia for sharing this information concerning a forthcoming visit by Father William [Meninger](#), one of the leaders in reclaiming and making widely available deep prayer and meditation in the Christian tradition.

For more information, contact the hosting churches, or Phil himself, at the contact points below.

For more on contemplative prayer, including access to local groups throughout the nation, you may visit Contemplative Outreach at this address:

<https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/>

From: "Phil Stone" <philstone @ cox. net>
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Subject: Fr Meninger at 3 churches with 3 different workshops May 1, May 3 and May 4 ---- Northern Virginia
Date: Mon, 17 Apr 2017 22:52:44 -0400

Greetings all, just an email reminder about Father Meninger's upcoming visit to Northern VA for 3 different talks at 3 different churches. Hope you can attend at least one of these while Father Meninger can still travel.

Please forward this email to others that might be interested in these valuable yet free admission talks.

1. Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church

Our mission is "Loving God, Following Christ, Serving Others."

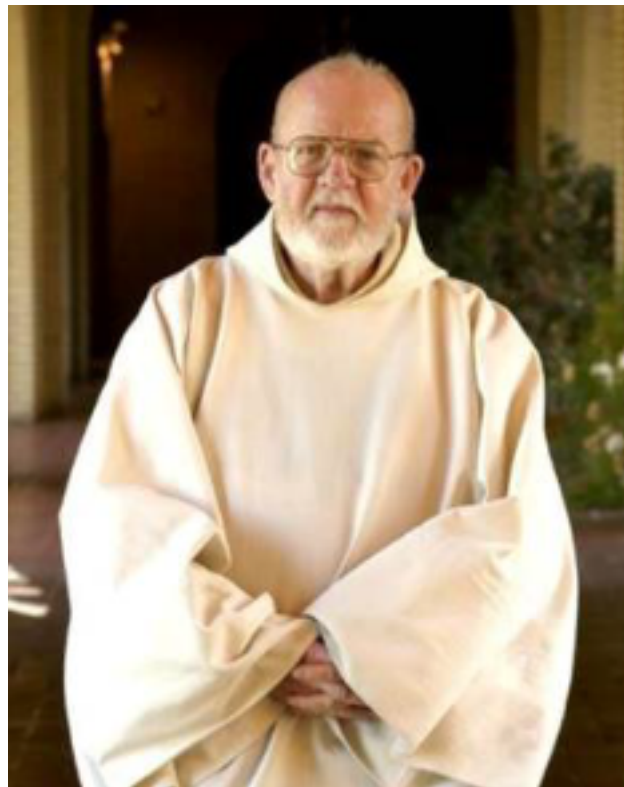
Address: 1301 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Phone: 703-759-3509

Father William Meninger's special evening talk

Date: May 1, 2017 (Monday) 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Topic: "Three loves – God, Neighbor, Oneself"



Experience the "love and wisdom" flowing from Father Meninger on this evening, May 1, 2017 (Monday), 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Topic: Our three loves: Love requires action. It's not something we try to obtain for ourselves, but it is an *action* we express to others through sharing and serving.

Because love is a verb there are three different forms of love that God has instructed us to demonstrate, or practice. Each one needs to be in balance so they can work together (like the Trinity).

Registration: not required. Contributions optional. Seating: First come, first serve (Come early).

2. Saint Francis Episcopal Church

9220 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, VA 22066
703-759-0874

Information about Father Meninger's Event: Email
drmhattwick@aol.com

Church information: Email: admin@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

Topic: Models of Contemplation

Father Meninger illuminates models of natural and supernatural contemplation. In supernatural contemplation, one finds loving God and loving neighbor. These cannot be separated. As one draws closer to God, he brings love for the entire world along. Love shares itself. Father William explores many forms of contemplation found in many spiritual traditions through the centuries.

Date: May 3 (Wednesday), 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Registration: Not required. Come early to get good seating. Contributions welcomed for Father Meninger's talk and travel expenses from Colorado.

3. St. John Neumann Catholic Church

11900 Lawyers Road
Reston, VA 20191
703-860-8510

Topic Inquiry: FSasinowski@hpm.com
Church Inquiry: info@saintjn.org

St. John Neumann Hosts Father William Meninger, OCSO

Come and experience the "love and wisdom" flowing from Father Meninger this evening.

Date: May 4, 2017 (Thursday), 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Topic: *The Book of Privy Counseling*
(Accompanies *The Cloud of Unknowing*)**

The Book of Privy Counseling is often packaged with The Cloud of Unknowing. This short text is written by the same author as *The Cloud*, and represents his advanced understanding, after years of giving himself to the spiritual work.

Registration: not required. Contributions optional. Seating: First come, first serve (Come early).

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In 1974, Father William Meninger, OCSO, a Trappist monk and retreat master at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Mass. found a dusty little book in the abbey library, The Cloud of Unknowing. As he read it he was delighted to discover that this anonymous 14th century book presented contemplative meditation as a teachable, spiritual process' This form of meditation, recently known as 'Centering Prayer' (from a text of Thomas Merton) can be traced from and through the earliest centuries of Christianity. The Centering Prayer centers one on God.

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