

Vibrant Parish Life

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Special Announcements

✚ PRICE REDUCED! From Maintenance to Mission – ONLINE Paulist Evangelization Institute

Deepen your knowledge of contemporary Catholic evangelization, learn how your parish can become more mission-focused, share your experiences, and learn from the experiences of others. **Instructor: Rev. Anthony F. Krisak, STD**, PNCEA director of training and online services. **Dates: Twelve weeks – March 15 to June 6, 2010. Registration Fee: \$180 \$150 by March 4; \$240 \$200 afterwards. Special Discount to parishioners from the Diocese of Trenton ONLY: Enter Promotion Code "TRENTON" to receive an additional \$50 off.** To register, visit www.pncea.org/events/event.aspx?F_d=03%2f15%2f2010&F_y=2010&F_m=3&EventId=70. Introductions and orientation to the course open on March 8.

✚ LINK UPDATED! Keys to Reaching Inactive Catholics – ONLINE Paulist Evangelization Institute

Over the six-week course, **John and Therese Boucher** will discuss ways to reach today's inactive, marginal and unchurched Catholics. They will explore six keys for developing a new model of everyday missionary outreach that goes beyond programs and relies on God's presence in each person's journey of faith. **Dates: April 19 to May 30, 2010. Registration Fee: \$112.50 by April 8; \$150 afterwards.** To register, visit www.pncea.org/events/event.aspx?F_d=04%2f19%2f2010&F_y=2010&F_m=4&EventId=71. Introductions and orientation to the course open on Monday, April 12.

✚ RESCHEDULED! 2nd Annual Intensive Evangelization Reunion

Catholic Evangelization is growing and you are an important part of what our Church and world need. All who have attended "**Intensive Training for Parish Evangelization**" from 2004 through 2010 are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Reunion. **New Date/Time: Saturday, May 22, 2010, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Church of St. Martha, Point Pleasant. For more information, please contact John Boucher at 609-406-7400 x5590 or jbouch@dioceseoftrenton.org.

✚ 2010 Lab I: Communication Skills for Outreach & Evangelization

Lab I is a 40-hour training program to develop your ability to listen in an evangelizing way to others and to respond with the compassion of Jesus Christ. **Dates/Times: Sept 15, Sept 18, Sept 25, Oct 9, Oct 23, Oct 30, and Nov 13, 2010. Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 7:00 to 9:30 pm, Saturdays 8:45 am to 3:30 pm.** Location: Trenton Diocesan Pastoral Center, Lawrenceville. **Registration fee: \$200 per person**, includes manual and handouts. **Registration due by August 27, 2010.** For questions or to register, please contact Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400 x5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org.

Parish Partnership Program

Aware that travel distance is often a consideration when people are deciding whether or not to attend a workshop, we are pleased to inform you that the Office of Evangelization & Parish Development will COME TO YOU! Parishes or parish groups in the Trenton Diocese may invite members of our staff or other resource people to do parish-based talks, workshops, and retreats on topics with an "evangelizing perspective." Right now we are scheduling events for 2010 and 2011. For a listing of available topics, see www.dioceseoftrenton.org/spiritual/parishpartnershipprogram.asp. For topics other than these, please contact John Boucher in the Office of Evangelization & Parish Development, 609-406-7400 x5590, or jbouch@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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Online Evangelization Offerings

NEW DATES! Growing Together as Followers of Jesus – ONLINE Paulist Evangelization Institute

Travel the road of Christian unity by looking at its contemporary history, the successes we have shared, and the obstacles we continue to face. Participants will discuss the importance of spiritual ecumenism (change of heart and holiness of life, public and private prayer for Christian unity). This course will address, "What gifts might Catholics receive from other Christian traditions to enrich their own faith and practice (*receptive ecumenism*)?" **Instructor: Rev. Thomas Ryan, CSP.** **Dates: Four weeks – April 19 to May 16, 2010. Registration Fee: \$120.** To register, visit http://www.pncea.org/events/event.aspx?F_d=04%2f19%2f2010&F_y=2010&F_m=4&EventId=66

NEW! Forming Teen Disciples – ONLINE Paulist Evangelization Institute

With his book *Cultivation Ministries* as a resource, **Frank Mercadante** will explain how to develop an effective youth ministry program that helps form young people as committed disciples of Christ. **Dates: April 19 to May 16, 2010. Registration Fee: \$90.00 by April 8; \$120 afterwards.** Introductions and orientation to the course open on Monday, April 12. To register, visit www.pncea.org/events/event.aspx?F_d=04%2f19%2f2010&EventId=76&F_y=2010&F_m=04.

NEW! The Evangelizing Catholic – ONLINE Paulist Evangelization Institute

Over the six-week course, **Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP**, will present practical and effective methods for evangelization outreach, based on his own book. Students will have an opportunity to discuss with each other Fr. DeSiano's practical ideas on the importance of evangelizing outreach, becoming a welcoming person and a welcoming parish, public relations and the use of mailings for reaching out, home visitations, and forming a parish evangelization team. **Dates: June 1 to July 11, 2010. Registration Fee: \$112.50 by May 20; \$150 afterwards.** Introductions and orientation to the course open on Monday, May 25. To register, visit www.pncea.org/events/event.aspx?F_d=05%2f31%2f2010&F_y=2010&F_m=5&EventId=35.

NEW! Faithful Celebration of Mass – ONLINE Paulist Evangelization Institute

Over the four-week course, **Fr. Tony Krisak** will review the Mass and its parts with a focus on deepening our understanding of the Mass and our love for the gift of the Eucharist. Discussion will also focus on the participants' experience of liturgy during the four weeks that the course is offered. **Dates: June 1 to June 27, 2010. Registration Fee: \$90.00 by May 20; \$120 afterwards.** To register, visit http://www.pncea.org/events/event.aspx?F_d=05%2f31%2f2010&F_y=2010&F_m=5&EventId=63. Introductions and orientation to the course open on Monday, May 25.

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From the Office of Evangelization & Parish Development

NEW! Effective Parish Evangelization: Intensive Evangelization Training for Parish Staffs and Leaders (Part III)

Why don't we see more fruit from our evangelizing efforts? What's working best in parish evangelization? How can evangelization, catechesis, and justice be linked? Develop practical skills for sharing faith and the message of Jesus in everyday life and parish ministry. **Presenter: John J. Boucher**, Director, Office of Evangelization & Parish Development, Diocese of Trenton. **Date/Time: Thursdays, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**, at St. Joan of Arc, Marlton.

- **March 11, 2010 – Effective Parish Evangelization**
- **April 15, 2010 – Preserving the Fruit of Catholic Evangelization**
- **May 27, 2010 – Transforming Society with the Gospel of Jesus**

Registration Fee due by March 2, 2010: one participant – **\$50**; two or three participants from the same parish – **\$100**; additional participants from same parish – **\$30** each. Fee covers books, handouts, and lunch. For registration or for more information, contact: Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400 x5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org.

NEW DATES! Human Formation Workshops

Develop core relationship skills for effective ministry:

- **Wednesday, March 24, 2010** – *Addiction: What Every Minister Needs to Know*. This core reality of American culture touches every area of life. Developing a clear understanding of the nature of addiction – and skills for responding – provides a special challenge for our time.
- **Saturday, April 10, 2010** – *Boundaries: Safeguarding Life*. Boundaries are designed to hold and protect life. Honoring the boundaries of others is a matter of justice. Working with persons whose boundaries have been violated in the past provides a special challenge to the minister.

Facilitator: Sr. Rita Woehlcke, SSJ. Sr. Rita holds masters degrees in literature and in pastoral counseling and a certificate in spiritual direction from Sacred Heart University. **Times: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.** Location: Diocesan Pastoral Center, Lawrenceville. **Cost: \$20/session.** Please bring a lunch. To register, contact Kathleen Golazeski, 609-406-7400 x5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org at least one week prior to each session.

¡NUEVO! Jornadas de Espiritualidad – Búsqueda de Dios en la Oscuridad

El tiempo de Cuaresma nos invita a reconocer la presencia misericordiosa de Dios en todas las situaciones, ya sea en la luz o la oscuridad. En este día de retiro, reflexionaremos sobre la presencia de Dios en los momentos más difíciles y más dolorosos de nuestras vida. ¡Venga y comparta su historia de salvación con nosotros! **Presentadora: Hermana Mary Kay Flannery, SSJ.** **Fecha/Hora: sábado, 27 de marzo del 2010, 2:00 pm hasta 6:00 pm.** **Costo: \$7.** Lugar: Diocesan Pastoral Center, Lawrenceville. Debe tener al menos 17 años de edad. Para registrarse puede comunicarse con Sandra al 609-406-7400 x5653.

ILEM Blog

The growing numbers of lay leaders formed by the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) have a new voice. Visit the blog for, by and about Lay Ecclesial Ministers (LEMs) in the Diocese of Trenton at www.lemsinthevineyard.org. There you'll find reflections about formation, information about lay leadership, news about the formation program and much more. Don't forget to hit the "comment" button and let us know your thoughts, too. For questions, please contact **JoLynn Krempecki** at jkrempe@dioceseoftrenton.org or 609-406-7400 x5695.

ILEM – Forming Lay Leaders for Service to the Diocese of Trenton

The Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) is now accepting applications. For more information please contact **JoLynn Krempecki** at jkrempe@dioceseoftrenton.org or 609-406-7400 x5695.

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Offerings in the Diocese

Gospel of John – Bible Study

Presenter: Fr. Bill Halbing, internationally known for his exciting presentations on Holy Scripture and dynamic talks on Catholic teaching. **Dates/Time: every Wednesday, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.** Bring a Catholic Bible, a notebook and pen. Location: St Anthony of Padua, Red Bank. **Donation: \$10 to \$20.** Please make a reservation by emailing Tricia Hicks trixix1@yahoo.com.

NEW! A Concert of Sacred American Music

The **Capital Singers of Trenton** will be performing on **Saturday, March 6, 2010, 8:00 pm.** Location: St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Princeton. Cost: Freewill offering. For more information, please contact Ernie Andreoli, 609-524-0507.

Understanding God in the Context of an Evolving Universe

Recent findings on the origins of the universe challenge Christians to view the reality of God from a new perspective. A dialogue between religion and science offers new opportunities for understanding Creator God and for recognizing the ethical implications for the future of planet earth. **Presenter: Rev. Edward J. Ciuba.** **Date/Time: Saturday, March 6, 2010, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** Location: St. Agnes Parish Church Hall, Atlantic Highlands. Admission is **free**, but registration is requested – contact Kathy McBurnie at 732-291-0272 x113 or mcburniek@stagnesnj.com.

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ – 13th Annual Rally

This year's theme is "United in Christ." The event offers an excellent opportunity to hear inspirational speakers and interact with other men who are looking to grow in their love for Jesus and to live out their Catholic faith in their daily lives. The day will include Mass with presider and homilist, **Bishop John M. Smith.** **Presenters: Curtis Martin** (EWTN), **Fr. Joseph Celano** (Diocese of Metuchen), **George Rose** (NY Yankees), and **Joe Large** (Mother of God Community). **Date/Time: Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at Trenton Catholic Academy, Hamilton. **Cost is \$20 per**

person; \$10 for students. Coffee and lunch will be provided. For tickets or additional information, visit www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org or call 609-896-0394. Also look for us on Facebook.

NEW! Respect Life Mass and Witness for Life

There will be a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness on **Saturday, March 13, 2010**. Mass will begin at 9:00 am with **Bishop John Smith** at Saint Anthony Church, Red Bank. Immediately after Mass, there will be a procession to the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility in Shrewsbury, where we will pray the Rosary. Winners of the 2010 Respect Life Poster, Essay and Video Contest will be awarded certificates and prizes at the gathering at St. Anthony Parish Center after the prayer witness. For more information, please contact 609-406-7400 x5592 or email: respectlife@dioceseoftrenton.org.

NEW! St. Veronica's Parish Mission

St. Veronica's Parish in Howell will conduct a parish mission. **Presenter: Father John Hampsch**, Claretian missionary, best selling author who also has his own radio program.

Dates/Times:

- **Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm**
- **Monday, March 15, Tuesday March 16 and Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:30 pm**

Contact Larry Pighini at pghlcp@comcast.net or 732-477-1303 for more details.

NEW! Annulment Information Evenings

For many people, the process of marriage annulment is very mysterious, often accompanied by considerable misinformation. In order to dispel misconceptions, the diocese sponsors Annulment Information Evenings annually in parishes within each county of the diocese. There is no formal registration. The evenings will be held on

- **Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm** at St. John Neumann Parish, Mount Laurel
- **Monday, March 22, 2010, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm** at the Church of the Ascension, Bradley Beach

Additional information may be obtained by emailing mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org or calling 609-406-7400 x5557.

"Proclaiming Christ to All" – 2010 Diocesan Catechetical Conference

The 2010 conference will feature our own **Bishop John Smith** as keynote presenter, as well as over 50 workshops to choose from. There will be something to interest everyone in catechetical ministry, whether you are serving in K-8 catechesis, RCIA, Youth Ministry, or Adult Faith Formation. **Date/Time: Saturday, March 20, 2010, 9:00 am to 4:15 pm** at Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft. **Cost is \$30 per person**, includes lunch. For questions, call 609-406-7400, x5553/5620 or email mfabia@dioceseoftrenton.org. For an expanded description of the workshops, go online to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/go/OCATconference2010.

NEW! Lenten Choral Festival

Attendees will rehearse new choral music under the direction of several presenters. After dinner, we will reassemble for Liturgical Prayer, using the music we just learned. **Date/Time: Sunday, March 21, 2010, 2:30 pm**. Location: Our Lady of Peace, North Brunswick. For information, please contact Ernie Andreoli, 609-524-0507, NPM/Trenton at St. Joseph's Church in Toms River at 732-349-0018 x2306 or visit the website: www.npmtrenton.org.

NEW! Bereavement Ministry Training

The Diocese sponsors two-day workshops for the initial training of bereavement ministers. Rooted in the Order of Christian Funerals, topics covered include understanding the grief process, developing communication skills in dealing with the bereaved, and training in the facilitation of support groups. There is a minimal fee required of participants in the two-day workshop (funded through the Bishop's Annual Appeal). The next training will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Freehold on **Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27, 2010, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**. For additional information, call 609-406-7400 x5557/5573 or email mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org.

NEW! Passover Seder Dinner Celebration

Experience a traditional Seder Dinner led by **Henri Petri**, who converted from Judaism to Catholicism. Mr. Petri is a Graduate of Princeton University, Masters of Divinity Princeton Theological Seminary. **Date/Time: Saturday, March 27, 2010, 7:00 pm** at St. Peter Parish, Point Pleasant – school cafeteria. Join us and rejoice with us as we begin our journey into The Holy Week! For additional information, please contact Gail Fitzsimmons at gaillyfitz@comcast.net or 732-600-2232.

NEW! Parish/Faith Community Nurse Training

The concept of parish nursing is to work with congregations of all faiths to promote healthy lifestyles, address specific health concerns and provide information of available resources. This training is for nurses, members of church health committees, and anyone interested in beginning a Parish/Faith Community Nurse ministry in their parish or congregation.

12 Continuing Education Credits will be granted. **Presenter: Ana Maria Catanzaro, R.N. Ph.D. Date/Time: Saturdays, April 10 and April 17 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.** Location: Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County, Willingboro. **Fee: \$70**, plus purchase of required textbook. For more information call Connie Giampaolo at 609-835-3246.

NEW! Bishop's Anniversary Blessings for 2010

This year's Forty-fourth Annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessings will honor couples married in 1985 celebrating 25 years of marriage and 1960 for couples celebrating fifty or more years of marriage. Bishop Smith will give his Episcopal blessing and a personalized certificate to each honored couple at the conclusion of a special prayer service. Mass will not be celebrated. **Dates/Time:**

- **April 11, 2010** – Residents of Burlington/Ocean Counties at **3:00 pm**
- **April 18, 2010** – Residents of Mercer/Monmouth Counties at **3:00 pm**

at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton. **Registrations must be done through the parish.** For more information please contact, Mary Ann Romagna at 609-406-7400 x5558 or email: mroma@dioceseoftrenton.org

NEW! Catholics Returning Home: An Invitation

Would you like to feel at home again in the Catholic Church? Please join us for our six-week program designed to reach out to non-practicing/inactive/questioning Catholics. Come to dialogue, to question, to explore the Catholic Faith, and to celebrate. ALL ARE WELCOME. **Dates/Times: Mondays, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 17, 2010, 7:30 to 9:00 pm** at St. Aloysius, Jackson. For more information or to register, please contact Joan Dwyer at jedrfe@gmail.com or call St. Aloysius at 732-370-0500.

NEW! Enable Faith: Honoring our Disabilities, Finding a Spiritual Community

Join us at the inclusive ministries conference to be held at Adath Israel Congregation, Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville. **Presenters: Dr. Dan Gottlieb**, practicing psychologist and family therapist; and **Ginny Thornburgh**, nationally known faith advocate and Director of the American Association of People with Disabilities Interfaith Initiative. **Dates/Times:**

- **Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm.** The film "Praying with Lior" will be viewed followed by a special panel discussion.
- **Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 8:00 am.** Full day conference.

For more information or to register please contact Janis Bell at 609-406-7400 x5594 or email: jbelle@dioceseoftrenton.org

RE:IMAGE Film Festival

The Diocese of Trenton is excited to announce the RE:IMAGE Film Festival, a day-long celebration of the moving image and how it reflects God's love in our world today. It is a one-day event and will include three film competitions: High School, College/Young Adult and General Competition. There will be a guest speaker TBA and feature film presentation, as well as an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the day. **Date/Time: April 24, 2010 at 10:00 am.** Location: Paramount Theatre, Asbury Park. Submit your film by Wednesday, **March 31, 2010** to be considered by the judging panel for this exciting one-day event. For more information, visit: <http://www.reimagefilmfestival.com>.

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Offerings from Retreat Houses

NEW! Lenten Taize Prayer

Come for a refreshing evening of communal prayer. This Lenten evening of prayer will use the format of the Taize Community in France...psalm singing, scripture reading, silence, and prayer around the cross. **Presenters: Faithful Love Music Group.** **Date/Time: Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 7:30 to 8:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Free will offering.** To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

The Call to Contemplation

This evening will offer guidance and encouragement as you respond to God's invitation to contemplation. Come, allow refreshment for your soul. Let the silence transform you. **Date: Tuesday, March 2, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$20**, includes book. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

Lenten Series - Solitude and Silence Day

You are invited to put aside your busyness and be alone with God for a day. The time is yours to pray and reflect in the comfortable, quiet atmosphere of the Upper Room. The day will include a gathering and closing prayer, liturgy and a simple meal. **Presenter: Maureen Christensen, RSM**, co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center, and educator of spiritual directors. **Date/Time: Thursday, March 4, 2010, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune (behind Holy Innocents Church). **Cost: \$25/\$10** deposit due at time of registration by March 1,

2010. Liturgy and light lunch included. To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

Directed Retreat Weekend

Due to the frantic pace of contemporary life, it is essential for our spiritual and physical health to take time to pray. The Directed Weekend Retreat offers you the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which rest restores your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy and Spiritual Direction provided. **Date: Friday, March 5, 7:00 pm to Sunday, March 7, 1:00 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$125/\$40** non-refundable deposit with registration. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! Directed Prayer Retreat Weekend

An opportunity for individuals to spend time with God in an atmosphere of prayerful silence. Each person meets with a spiritual director daily. **Date/Time: Friday, March 5, 7:00 pm to Sunday, March 7, 3:00 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$150/75** non-refundable deposit with registration. To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

To Live from the Center

Let's explore a chosen way to live, conscious of our Father's love for us. We'll examine what it means to be a human person in the light of Christian Revelation: the challenge to choose, decide and live from our deepest center. **Presenter: Rev. Charles Cicerale. Date/Time: Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 7:00 to 9:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$25.** To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

NEW DATES! Personal Retreat Days

Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest awhile in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come for silence, personal prayer and optional Spiritual Direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. This is not a series. **Dates/Time: Wednesday, March 10 and April 14, 2010, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$10; \$40** with Spiritual Direction. Please bring a bag lunch. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

Encounter the Silence: Simplify Your Prayer, De-clutter Your Life

Karl Rahner has written a marvelous series of essays on the effects of silence on our life and prayer. Lent invites us to this desert silence. This retreat evening will help us to experience the silence that leads to simplicity, and the simplicity that leads to a de-cluttering of life. **Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$20**, includes book. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW DATES! Men's Gathering

The Men's Gathering program consists of stand-alone meetings where men will hear – and have a chance to discuss – presentations that focus on the theme: "Making Sense of My Life in Today's World – Where does God Fit"? **Presenter: Steve Piron**, coordinator of a Men's Spirituality Program at St. Mary's Parish, Colts Neck. **Dates/Times: Mondays, March 15, and April 19, 2010, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$10.** For more information contact Steve at 732-845-0221 or sfpiron@msn.com.

Journey of a Celtic Heart

You are invited to take a symbolic pilgrimage to the heart to the sacred places on your own soul's journey. Inspired by Celtic themes, Celtic saints and sacred sites in Ireland, the day will be conducted in a reflective atmosphere with song, meditation, ritual, and gentle movement. **Presenter: Carmel Boyle. Date/Time: Thursday, March 18, 2010, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$65** (includes lunch). To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

Finding God in Each Moment: The Practice of Discernment in Everyday Life

Discernment is a key to interior freedom and intimacy with God. It is a grace to be asked for and an exercise to practice. This morning retreat will be a jump start to an in-depth, prayerful study of discernment that you can continue on your own, using the book provided. **Date/Time: Thursday, March 18, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$30**, includes lunch and book. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW DATES! Women of Faith – A Women's Gathering

The monthly Saturday morning gathering for women offers a time of reflection, prayer and nourishment of body and spirit. A light brunch is served following the gathering. **Date/Time: Saturdays, March 20 and April 17, 2010, 10:00 am.**

Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$10.** To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

The Graced Wilderness

Come for an evening of reflection as we look at Lent as our “graced wilderness.” It calls us to simple living and more loving relationships with God, others, self, and everything around us. **Presenter: Rev. Richard Rento. Date/Time: Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 7:00 to 9:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$25.** To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

NEW DATES! Knitting and Prayer

Learn how to combine your knitting/crocheting skills, prayer and compassion by creating prayer shawls. Little or no experience required. **Presenter: Lois Dougherty. Dates/Times: Wednesdays, March 24 and April 21, 2010, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. **Cost: \$10.** To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

NEW! David Haas: A Lenten Concert

David is highly regarded as one of the outstanding liturgical music composers in the world. He has produced over 40 original recordings of liturgical music including; *Gather Us In, You are Mine, Blessed Are They, Table Songs* and *We Have Been Told*. David’s music appears in many hymnals of various denominations and languages throughout the world. **Presenter: David Haas. Date/Time: Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7:30 pm.** Location: St. Anselm’s Parish, Wayside. **Cost: \$25 (if registered by March 19th), \$30 at the door.** Register through the Upper Room Spiritual Center: 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

NEW! Meeting Christ in Prayer – 8-Week Experience of the Spiritual Exercises

If you need or desire a retreat, but simply cannot get away, please give yourself the gift of this at-home retreat that invites you to pray with Scripture each day using the format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. **Dates/Time: Eight Fridays: April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2010, 1:00 to 2:30 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton, NJ. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! Knitting as a Time of Waiting

Knitting provides the space and time to reflect on our inward journey as it unfolds and reveals God’s love for us. Join us for this wonderful day, as we to knit, prayer, and reflect on our journey of life. Bring a project in process or simple patterns to share. **Presenters: Lois Dougherty & Mary Reidy. Date/Time: Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.** Location: The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. To register, email office@theupper-room.org with your full name and your phone number.

NEW! Overnight Retreat

We will begin and end with prayer together. The rest of the time is for your own silence, prayer, reflection and rest. Spiritual Direction is optional. **Dates/Time: Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 pm to Thursday, April 15, 2010, 4:00 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton, NJ. **Donation: \$65.** To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! Mid-Life Directions – Spiritual and Psychological Growth in Life’s Second Half

What Happens at a Mid-Life Workshop? A time to look at mid-life as a crisis, transition and renaissance. A time to ask anew the ultimate question: What is the purpose of my life? A time to unleash the dynamism of the second half of life. A time to allow my past, present and future to come together anticipating my coming integration. A time to learn how to relax, how to contemplate. A time to reflect on my deepest beliefs as they illumine my life. **Date/Time: Friday, April 16, 7:00 pm to Sunday, April 18, 2010, 1:00 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton, NJ. **Donation: \$150 – Residents; \$120 – Commuters.** Meals and materials included for all. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! Living in God’s Friendship – Here’s My Heart, Here’s My Hand

Once we have accepted the premise that God indeed does want our friendship, it can be even more challenging to think about how to actually engage in that friendship, foster it, and remain anchored in it when life tosses us about. Father William Barry’s book, *Here’s My Heart, Here’s My Hand*, will follow this theme and help us to grow in intimate friendship, a friendship like no other. **Presenter: William Barry. Date/Time: Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton, NJ. **Donation: \$25** includes book. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW DATE! Directed Retreat Weekend

Due to the frantic pace of contemporary life, it is essential for our spiritual and physical health to take time to pray. The Directed Weekend Retreat offers you the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which rest restores your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy and Spiritual Direction provided. **Date: Friday, April 23, 7:00 pm to Sunday, April 25, 2010 1:00 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$125/\$40** non-refundable deposit with registration. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! Soul Searching: Thomas Merton Series

Thomas Merton speaks to the soul like no other. He gently leads us toward spiritual transformation and a more contemplative and peace-filled life. We will study Merton in these three sessions and let his pursuit of his true self in God foster our own search. You will receive a book each evening to lead you through your two weeks of prayer between sessions. **Dates/Times: Wednesdays, April 28, May 12 and May 26, 2010, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton. **Donation: \$50** for the series or **\$20** per session. Books included. Please attend the first one if possible. To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! The Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises

This weekend retreat is designed for those familiar with the Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, for spiritual directors and for those in training to become spiritual directors. We will re-visit each "Week" of the Exercises to assimilate the graces desired. We will pray with the "Hinge" meditations of Ignatius to see how they are at the heart of the matter and connect the "Weeks" with Ignatian genius. This retreat will engage head, heart and faith as we taste and savor the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises. **Dates/Time: Friday, April 30, 7:00 pm to Sunday, May 2, 2010, 1:00 pm.** Location: Francis House of Prayer, Westampton, NJ. **Donation: \$150 Residents; \$120 Commuters.** To register, call 609-877-0509 or email fhop@verizon.net.

NEW! Formation in Spiritual Direction – Two-Year Certification Program September 2010 – May 2012

A program for those who feel called to journey with others in their personal relationship with God and nurture their spiritual growth. Yearly components include: Twelve evening classes, September through May; Experience of directing others in your faith community; Individual and Peer Supervision; Professional Days, Workshops and Prayer Weekend. Prerequisites include: Receiving spiritual direction on a monthly basis for the past two years; background in theology and ministry experience; A six-day/eight-day retreat of a 19th Annotated Retreat. Tuition: Approximately \$2,000 per year. For more information contact Sr. Trudy Ahern at the Upper Room Spiritual Center 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

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Offerings Outside the Diocese

Awakening Faith – A New Approach to Reconnect Catholics to the Life of the Church

Do you want to help inactive Catholics return to the practice of their faith? Discover a new resource to help your parish address an urgent pastoral challenge. The workshop centers around a general discussion of inactive Catholics and basic approaches to the issue and an introduction to Awakening Faith and its pastoral dynamics. **Speaker: Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP,** President, Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association and co-author of *Awakening Faith*.

Presentation locations:

- **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – 1:00 to 3:00 pm** – Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Sparta
- **Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – 1:00 to 3:00 pm** – Christ the King, New Vernon

Cost: \$10.00 per person or **\$25.00** for three or more from a parish. Please make your check payable to the Diocese of Paterson and mail to: Philip Russo, *Awakening Faith*, Paterson Diocesan Center, 777 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013. Please write "Awakening Faith" on the memo line of your check. For more information contact 973-777-8818 x270 or prusso@patersondiocese.org.

2010 Divine Mercy Conference – The Future is Now

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010. Location: Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, NY. For info and to register (including optional bus transportation) www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx or call 800-462-7426.

Promotional DVD for Small Christian Communities

The Pastoral Department for Small Christian Communities (Archdiocese of Hartford) has produced a 13 minute DVD: *Making a Difference in Each Others' Lives and Faith: Parish and Small Church Communities*. The DVD features members and pastors reflecting on the small church community experience. Making a Difference is useful for a wide range of groups: small Christian communities, pastoral council, pastoral staff, adult faith formation, catechumenate and general

parish use for the purpose of inviting parishioners to become involved. The DVD is available from the department by phone at 860-761-7450, email at info@sccquest.org or fax to 860-760-6116. **Cost: \$9.00** + Shipping/handling.

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Offerings from Colleges and Universities

Georgian Court University: Graduate and Undergraduate Programs in Religious Studies/Theology

For information on courses being offered at GCU contact Dr. Johann M. Vento ventoj@georgian.edu or 732-987-2381 or visit www.georgian.edu.

La Salle University: Graduate Program in Theology and Ministry

La Salle University offers courses locally at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Lawrenceville, in Bucks County and at the Main Campus in Philadelphia. For information about upcoming courses contact Fr. Frank Berna at 215-951-1335 or berna@lasalle.edu.

NEW! Fordham University: MA in Pastoral Care

Fordham University Graduate School of Religion & Religious Education is offering a fully on-line Masters of Arts track of 36 credits in Pastoral Care. For more information please access the following link:

http://www.fordham.edu/academics/colleges_graduate_s/graduate_profession/graduate_school_of_r/academics/degrees_certificate/pastoral_carecounsel/index.asp

2010 Classes at Caldwell College

- **PM 630 "Theological Foundations"** – Studies the mystery of God as presented in the Church's Creed. The historical foundations of faith, the meaning of doctrines, and their relevance in today's Church and world will be highlighted.
- **New Course offering for Summer Session** – "*The Contemporary Multicultural Church*" within its Master's degree program in Pastoral Ministry. The class will focus on the multicultural history of the Catholic Church in America, address the challenges facing immigrant ethnic churches today, and provide students with necessary tools for dealing effectively with the multicultural dimensions of ministry and mission.

For more information, visit <http://www.caldwell.edu/pastoral%5Fministry/courses.aspx> or contact sbmoore@caldwell.edu.

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2009-2010 Year of the Priest

*"... A missionary fire
must always burn in the heart of the Church,
which drives incessantly
to take the first proclamation of the Gospel
and, where necessary, to a new evangelization:
Christ is, in fact, the most precious good
that men and women of all times and all places
have the right to know and to love!"*

(Pope Benedict XVI, "General Audience," Vatican City, *Agenzia Fides*, 4/2/10)



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