

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Enrichment Board - Growing Spiritually for Life

DESCRIPTION: This board assists community members in their lifelong spiritual journey by working to plan small groups, Bible studies, liturgies and other faith formation activities for the Community. The role of this Board is to assist parents in passing on the faith to their children and all community members in their lifelong spiritual journey.

What do believing Catholics need to know:

*about the peace of being in touch with the Lord,
to develop their potential for making a positive difference in this world,
to promote a closer walk with the Lord in all the areas of one's life,
to unlock the richness of our Catholic Faith
to pass on the faith to their families and others*

Adult Faith Enrichment activities include —

*Small faith-sharing groups — of varying durations — September to May;
Lenten groups, between Sunday Masses, in homes, daytime, evenings,
Retreats, days and evenings of recollection,
Guest speakers in spirituality, scripture, Catholic teaching,
professionally designed workshops such as Bible Time Line,
the Journey in Faith (RCIA) for those interested in entering the Church,
professional Christian dramas,
Liturgy of the Hours, Simple Suppers during Lent, training for ministry,
assistance for parents whose children are preparing for the Sacraments*

TIME: The Board meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

COORDINATOR: Judy Allison, (410) 257-3810 x14 — adultfaith@ccjgs.org

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

(adults, teens)

DESCRIPTION: Small groups of 8-12 parishioners meet here at the Centre or in members' homes. There is time for reading, discussion, faith sharing and some quiet time for prayer and reflection. No formal training or scriptural background is needed. Topics may include the current weekly scripture from the Sunday liturgy, an examination of some aspect of Christian prayer, mission or spirituality. Small groups are powerful vehicles for making new friends, developing prayer, mutual support and the shared experience of living out our faith in everyday life.

Participation in small groups helps you get to know others in the Community, enables you to strengthen and grow in faith, is FUN! (Ask someone who has participated!)

TIME: Fall groups begin October 5. (Lenten Groups begin the Sunday before Ash Wednesday for six weeks)

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HEARTS AFLAME

DESCRIPTION: Hearts Aflame is an adult faith and ministries formation program founded on Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The program empowers adults to deepen their knowledge of the Faith and pass it along to their children and others. It also prepares them to exercise a variety of ministries in the life of the Church. (Catechists are certified upon completion of the six components of Hearts Aflame). We will be offering the following Hearts Aflame courses here at JGS on Monday evenings.

CREED – October 6 thru November 10th

CHRISTIAN MORALITY – January 5 thru February 9

SACRAMENTS – March 2 thru 30

The following courses will be offered here as part of the Summer Institute: **Introduction to Sacred Scripture** and **Ministry of Catechesis**. (Dates and Times to be determined.)

HEARTS AFLAME ON-LINE ASSESSMENT PREP PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: Hearts Aflame courses may also be certified by satisfactorily completing an on-line assessment given by the Archdiocese of Washington. In order to prepare for these assessments, JGS is offering a shortened "prep" class prior to the on-line assessment, (a place where you can receive some focus for the material, ask any questions you may have and enjoy the community of other adult Hearts Aflame participants.

TIME: The program will meet Sunday mornings during Covenant sessions – (9:15 to 10:30am) beginning October 5

COORDINATOR: Judy Allison, (410) 257-3810 x14

Adult Sunday Morning Covenant Sessions

BRIDGES TO CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING (adults)

DESCRIPTION: Designed to gently lead participants on a journey toward personal spiritual transformation and a more contemplative and peace-filled life, each session offers an introduction to contemplative living through prayer, readings from Thomas Merton and other spiritual masters, and questions for small group dialogue.

TIME: This group meets weekly during the Sunday Morning Covenant sessions

COORDINATOR: Kathy Chow, (410) 741-5041 —
pkchow@comcast.net

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AMONG FRIENDS (for parents and other grown-ups!)

DESCRIPTION: As creatures made in God's image and likeness, each one of us has been given a mind to search for the truth and a heart that longs for unconditional, forgiving love. As parents, we are the primary educators of our children in the school of life and faith. How will we be able to help fill their hearts with the Faith we treasure if our own Faith has not been attended to?

In this gentle small group, coffee + questions, answers and friendship will lead to lively and informative sessions. Using the Study Guide for the United States Adult Catholic Catechism and Catholic Updates, this small group is designed to enrich your understanding of the Faith. Each of us is on a journey through life, and whether we acknowledge this or not, "Our hearts are restless, until they rest in God." (St Augustine)

TIME: Meets on Sunday Mornings 9:20 to 10:20 am

COORDINATORS: Ed Reilly (301)855-7937;
Bob and Sue Baczynski (443)550-3317

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) (adults, teens)

DESCRIPTION: For those wishing to enter the Catholic Church or to be confirmed. The Journey in Faith meets between Masses on Sunday and is augmented with special home meetings and mini-retreats. The program presents an adult overview of our Catholic faith presented by members of our community, with opportunities for participants to ask 'hard questions' and discuss answers from an adult perspective. The Journey is the process that adults follow to become a Catholic Christian including receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Community members who know someone searching for deeper meaning in their life or desiring to become a Catholic should personally invite and bring that person to The Journey in Faith.

TIME: Weekly from September through June in the school Library during the Sunday Morning Covenant Sessions.

FACILITATORS: Deacon John Verdon, (410) 257-9314;
and Eric Mueller, (410) 257-5656

RCIC – THE CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE (families)

DESCRIPTION: Have circumstances caused your children to miss receiving one or more of the sacraments at the age-appropriate times? We can help. A growing number of U.S. children and their families are entering, or re-entering, the Catholic Church. Diocesan officials across the nation credit much of the increase to the dynamic nature of the Children's Catechumenate now in place in many parishes (including ours). It was drawn directly from the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), and mandated for use in all U.S. parishes by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Children's Catechumenate follows the same format of inquiry, instruction, and initiation rites as the adult process, though scaled down to meet the needs of children. Our gentle instructions involve the family and include reading, film, music, and lunch.

TIME: This program meets Sundays after the 10:45 am Mass in the Upper Room Library.

FACILITATOR: For information or to register your child, please contact Judy Allison, (410)257-3810 x14

JUSTFAITH (adults)

DESCRIPTION: JustFAITH is a process in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice. It is a justice education/conversion process that meets weekly, employing books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences with the poor. Past groups at JGS have bonded into a loving, giving community of compassion and faith that is life-giving and challenging.

TIME: Begins October 5, 9:15 to 10:30 am.

FACILITATORS: Judy Allison, 410 257-3810 x14
and Kathy Mann, (410) 286-9268

LITTLE ROCK FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE STUDIES – VIDEO BASED

(adults)

These video-based studies presume no previous knowledge of the Bible. You will benefit from this program whether or not you have ever studied the Bible. Everyone will be provided with a weekly outline of the video lectures.

Coordinator(s): Dan and Cathy Cohan, 443-550-3411;
cathycohan@comcast.net

November Sessions - Introduction to the Bible

- Nov 2: God's Self-Revelation & Choosing a Bible
- Nov 9: Exploring the Bible & The Church
- Nov 16: The Word of God in Human Words
- Nov 23: The Importance of Biblical Scholarship & How to Read and Study the Bible

January Sessions - Overview of the Old Testament

- Jan 4: The Pentateuch: Israel's Beginnings
- Jan 11: The Historical Books
- Jan 18: The Writings: Israel's Short Stories
- Jan 25: The Prophetic Books: Challenging the Times

March Sessions - Overview of the New Testament

- Mar 1: The Gospels: The Synoptic Tradition
- Mar 8: Writings of Luke
- Mar 15: Writings of Paul
- Mar 22: Letter to the Hebrews and Catholic Letters

May Sessions - Bible Lands

- May 3: Biblical Pilgrimage: A Journey of Faith
- May 10: The Waters: Destruction and Renewal
- May 17: Nazareth & Galilee
- May 24: Jerusalem & The Mission

WHY CATHOLIC?

DESCRIPTION: this small group offers solid, thought-provoking wisdom to enable participants to move from an inherited faith to a mature, personal, deep, faith. The materials offer participants an easy-to-use tool to reference, read, pray with, and treasure the resources of our Catholic Faith. You will be surprised at how sharing the story of "your faith" will inspire others as well as deepen your appreciation for what has been handed on to us. Try it once.

TIME: Sunday 9:20 to 10:20 AM - Six weeks beginning October 5

FACILITATORS: Jan Lennon, (301) 855-6319

and Mary Otranto, (301) 855-2689

YEAR OF ST. PAUL-SAMPLER

DESCRIPTION: This is a group Scripture study on the life and letters of St. Paul. Over the course of the year we will study St. Paul's letters to the Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, and to Timothy. These epistles occur at various points in Paul's life and represent a broad range of his theology.

TIME: Sunday Mornings 9:20-10:20 am

FACILITATOR: Rob Hartley, (301) 812-0320;

hartleyrob@peoplepc.com

Adult Faith Formation Weekdays and Evening Sessions

BASICS OF THE FAITH SERIES

DESCRIPTION: This group explores the Catholic faith on a broad range of topics including the Mass, Confession, the Creed, Morality, and prayer. This small group is designed to facilitate Christian growth by helping people understand their faith; appreciate the rites and sacraments of the church, and to live out their faith our daily world.

TIME: Wednesdays from October through April, 7pm

FACILITATOR: Rob Hartley, (301) 812-0320;

hartleyrob@peoplepc.com

BENEDICTINE STUDIES - A COVENANT PRIORY

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: All of us who are Baptized and Confirmed are called to holiness of life. Some will find the practices of monastery life particularly helpful. Are you open to regular training in the spiritual life according to the masters: Saint Benedict, St. Theresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Francis of Assisi? The Benedictine Studies group is working toward the development of a monastic spirituality designed by and for the laity within our own Eucharistic community - which we refer to as the founding of a Covenant Priory. Members maintain their own homes, lives and employment but form a true spiritual community for the benefit of the whole parish. Every three years the Benedictine Studies group opens to prospective new members. The next inquiry class will begin in October, 2009.

COORDINATORS: Ben Scott and Patti Shustock, (410) 257 3760

COVENANT PRAISE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: The gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit have been given to build up the Body of Christ. We invite all to come and experience, through praise and worship, what God offers each of us through the power of the Holy Spirit - an evening of prayer, scripture, teaching, music and worship once a month.

TIME: Second Monday of every month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel

COORDINATOR: Bobbie Martin, (410) 257-7177

DIVINE MERCY

DESCRIPTION: The EADM emphasizes and promotes the concept that the Divine Mercy message is more than a devotion: It is a Way of Life. We encourage all to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for a deeper trust in God. Completion of the study of the Cenacle Formation Manual entitles participants to become Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy.

TIME: Year-round, Mondays, 7pm-9pm

COORDINATOR: Bill Resnick, (301)855-4785

LINE BY LINE SCRIPTURE

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: A great way to incorporate the Word of God into your daily experience of prayer and life! This popular course involves a close reading of Scripture chosen by the group along with reflection and discussion. The Bible is the only required text.

TIME: Meets every other Sunday evening; 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (starting Sunday, October 5) in the Upper Room Library

COORDINATORS: Cathy Cohan, (443) 550-3411 — cathycohan@comcast.net

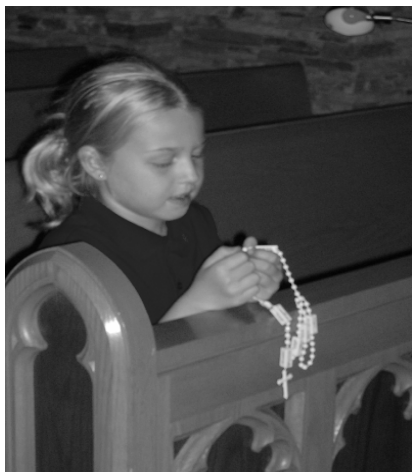
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

(adults, teens, families)

DESCRIPTION: After a brief discussion, this group prays the rosary together in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

TIME: This group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

COORDINATORS: Tuesday — Jean Menseh, (301) 855-5106



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

DESCRIPTION: This is a group Scripture study using the themes in the Sermon on the Mount to guide our study and discussions. Topics include spiritual attitudes and dispositions, anger, money, lust, judging others, prayer and others.

TIME: Every other Sunday evening during Covenant Sessions from 6:30-7:30 pm

FACILITATOR: Rob Hartley, (301) 812-0320; hartleyrob@peoplepc.com

WHAT IS AN ANNULMENT

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: When one hears the word "annulment", there is a lot of misunderstanding. What really is an annulment? How does one apply for one? How does one receive one? How long does it take? How does it affect my relationship with the Church? My former spouse? My children? For those interested, this seminar will answer most, if not all, of your questions. (Help provided for application process, if needed, by May Toepfer, a parishioner with over seventeen years of experience working with the Military Archdiocese Annulment Tribunal)

TIME: Offered October 2, 2008 at 7 pm.

COORDINATOR: May Toepfer (410) 286-3009 — maytoepfer@comcast.net

WOMEN OF GRACE

(adult women)

DESCRIPTION: A bible study for women — each meeting will provide time for shared prayer, a directed bible study and discussion time. Childcare provided.

TIME: A ten session program that meets every other Thursday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. COORDINATOR: Mary Ann Silva, (410) 257-5438 — mdmassil@aol.com



MOM'S GROUP

(MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING)

(adult women)

DESCRIPTION: The MOMS Group meets every other Thursday in the Adult Lounge in the Family Center. Goal is to provide an opportunity for moms to share and learn from one another, make new friends, and become more secure in their parenting roles. Free childcare provided. We discuss a variety of subjects for sharing of practical ideas for enhancing family life. We will use a topical study to guide our discussion. New members welcome at all times.

TIME: Every other Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning October 5, 2008

COORDINATOR: Bernadette Proctor, (443) 550-3608 — toby57@aol.com

MOM'S GROUP II - EVENING EDITION

(adult women)

DESCRIPTION: Same format as daytime Mom's group, but these "Mom's" work outside the home during the day and so must meet in the evening on Sundays. New members welcome at all times.

TIME: Every other Sunday evening beginning October 5, 2006

COORDINATOR: Valerie Bell, (410) 286-2526

MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP

(adult women)

DESCRIPTION: A very popular group. For those looking for a break in their hectic weekly schedules, this group is always a success at providing enrichment to all who participate. Use various media, such as books, video presentations, or individual participant guides on a variety of subjects to generate discussion. Free childcare to those who need it! No excuses — you owe it to yourself to find the time for this one.

TIME: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge starts October 7.

COORDINATORS: Kathleen Cirillo, (410) 535-9639

Special Programs

INSPIRING CATHOLIC CD'S

(adults, teens, families)

DESCRIPTION: Do you long to devote more time to enriching your Faith? Now you can learn about a variety of essential topics at your convenience. Listening at home or in the car, you will have compelling talks from inspirational speakers on high quality audio CDs.

Dynamic speakers every week, such as: Mother Teresa, Fr. John Corapi, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Dr. Scott Hahn and more, address issues vital to our understanding of the Faith. These CDs and brochures provide a wonderful tool for all of us to learn more about the truths of our Catholic Faith.

Look for the Kiosk in the Centre for these incredible low-cost, high value CDs that offer you enriching spiritual benefits.

COORDINATORS: OPEN

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(adults, teens, families)

DESCRIPTION: Candlelight, soft chant, and the Divine Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is the perfect setting for a very personal experience of the Christian mystery. In His presence, we pour out our hearts for ourselves, for those dear to us and for the world. We draw from this wondrous exchange an increase of faith, hope and love. It is in the quiet places that we best hear God's voice.

TIME: One hour weekly, preferably on a regular basis, on Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

COORDINATORS: Jeannette Reinecker, (301) 855-5755; Patti Hartley, (301) 812-0320

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

(All)

DESCRIPTION: Join us at the Pavilion as Father Mike blesses our pets and we all affirm their goodness as creatures of a loving God. Bring your good (as in well-behaved!) pet and a treat to share—some people treats and some animals treats as well.

Saturday Morning – October 4th at 9:00 am at the JGS Pavilion.

CURSILLO RETREAT WEEKENDS AND ULTREYA

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: A CURSILLO retreat is a life-changing weekend, which starts on a Thursday evening and continues until Sunday evening. The goal of the weekend is to empower the attendee to become a Christian leader in each of his or her environments.

ULTREYA is a regular gathering to help each participant continue onward in his or her walk with our Lord. Calvert County Ultreya meets the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

TIME: Upcoming weekends: Women's February 12-15; Men's Nov. 6-9 and March 12-15

COORDINATORS: Ginger Caldwell, (410) 535-1041; Nancy Mattingly, (410) 257-3436;

www.re.net/washington/cursillo/index.html

DEFENDING THE FAITH SERIES

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this series is to help Catholics be able to explain and defend the Catholic faith using Scripture and Tradition. An emphasis will be placed on doctrines often challenged by other faith communities. Topics to be discussed include Mary, the Pope, faith and works, and others.

TIME: 1 hour, 4 times a year; see bulletin for announcements

FACILITATOR: Rob Hartley (301) 812-0320;
hartleyrob@peoplepc.com

EDUCATION PARISH SERVICE — "E.P.S."

(adults)

DESCRIPTION: Education for Parish Service, a ministry of Trinity University, Washington, D.C., was created to provide Catholic lay men and women with the highest quality theological, scriptural, and pastoral education in the faith and spiritual formation. EPS courses help lay Catholics develop a solid understanding for adult living of the faith in this modern world. With a superb faculty drawn from world-renowned schools of theology, the program will help you grow academically and spiritually through a richer understanding of our Catholic faith.

The program fosters a profound sense of personal call to unity with Christ and mission to his people.

TIME: Day or evening classes, top-notch faculty and CEU credit. For questions or further information:

Evening program — Cathy and Dan Cohan, (443) 550-3411

Daytime program — Nancy Brosnihan, (410) 867-0038
Or contact the program directly at EPS — (202) 884-9021

HOLY THURSDAY RITUAL MEAL

(adults, teens, families)

DESCRIPTION: This ritual meal remembers the Lord's activities at the Last Supper — his blessing of the bread and the cup — his washing of the apostles' feet. A family oriented full course meal includes candlelight, music and prayer followed by the Holy Thursday Liturgy.

TIME: A one evening event; (kitchen help needed day before and day of event)

COORDINATORS: Bill Phalen, (410) 257-6833 –
dbphalen@chesapeake.net and Liz Parker, (301) 855 3428 –
lp7805@aol.com

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

(adults, teens, families)

DESCRIPTION: On Fridays during Lent, a simple supper consisting of bread, soup and salad is served to the Community. The meal is followed by Stations of the Cross or other spiritual events appropriate to the season.

TIME: The meal and prayer service last about 1½ to 2 hours — Volunteers help with the meal.

COORDINATORS: Cooks and prayer leaders needed — contact Mary Menoche, (301) 855-7378

**FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT
WASHINGTON RETREAT HOUSE**

(adult women)

DESCRIPTION: Join other women from other Calvert County parishes in a faith-filled, enriching, and prayerful weekend. Held at the Washington Retreat House in N.E. Washington near the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

To register call Karen Vinci, (301) 855-4815.

Fee: \$135 (Seniors 65 and over - \$125 (If cost is a problem, the Community will confidentially make it possible for all who wish to attend to do so.)

COORDINATOR: Karen Vinci, (301) 855-4815 — dkvinci@olg.com

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND — LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE
(adult men)

DESCRIPTION: Jesuit directed retreat on the banks of the Potomac in Charles County. An opportunity for spiritual growth. Always a positive experience for those who have attended.

TIME: A weekend event - February 6-8, 2009

(If cost is a problem, the Community will confidentially make it possible for all who wish to attend to do so.)

COORDINATORS: Gil Poudrier, Jr., (301) 855-3212;

SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT — LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE
(adult women)

DESCRIPTION: Join other women from the area for a guided, "quiet" retreat. This is a retreat for women who are striving to be conscious of God's action in their lives. There is a lot of time to pray and to enter into a deeper relationship with God in an atmosphere of peace, silence and majestic beauty. The retreat is located at the Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Md. — on the banks of the Potomac River.

TIME: Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19, 2009 (If cost is a problem, the Community will confidentially make it possible for all who wish to attend to do so.)

COORDINATOR: Jenny Poudrier, (301) 855-3212



PIZZA AND A MOVIE NIGHT

DESCRIPTION: Join us in the Monsignor Dudziak Center Theatre for movie with spiritual themes followed by Pizza and a discussion. Movies will vary and in some cases may not be appropriate for children. Watch for announcements in the bulletin.

TIME: 2-2.5 hours, four times a year (one each quarter)

FACILITATOR: Rob Hartley, (301) 812-0320;

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**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:
THE CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON**
(adults)

DESCRIPTION: The Archdiocese of Washington and this Community are dedicated to promoting and ensuring the protection of all children and will take all needed steps to create and maintain a safe environment for children and young people. It is required by the Child Protection Policy of the Archdiocese that all persons, who have substantial contact with children under the age of 18, complete this education and screening program, which consists of the following:

- Background check
- Fingerprinting
- Participation in Protecting God's Children Workshop

TIME: Workshop is offered throughout the Archdiocese but will be given here at JGS from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on September 23. You can sign up for the Child Protection Workshop and also review the fingerprinting schedule on the Archdiocese website www.adw.org and click on the box marked Child Protection.

COORDINATORS: Pam Huseman, (410) 257 3810 X36; and Jenny Poudrier, (301) 855-3212

Young Adult Formation

EMMAUS

(young adults - 20's/30's)

DESCRIPTION: If you're in your 20's and 30's and you feel like you fall through the cracks with most church activities then this group is for you! The primary goal is simply to get people together who share similar beliefs and who like to socialize...walking together through life with Jesus...just like on the road to Emmaus! Possible on-going activities will include: Dinner-and-Discussion Evenings, Theology on Tap, Saturday Morning Community Volunteer Corps, Retreats, Living the Faith Seminars, Speakers Series. One-time events might include ski and rafting trips, cultural sojourns, a NYC adventure.

TIME: to be planned

COORDINATORS: OPEN! Co-coordinators needed!