



2009 - 2010 FALL & SPRING SCHEDULE

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH - ADULT FAITH FORMATION

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY:

“THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE” (FALL/WINTER - 7 SESSIONS)

Deepen your understanding and love of Jesus through learning about the Gospel of St. Luke. Marked by the compassion of Jesus, the Gospel stories of Luke demonstrate the universal nature of Jesus’ mission. Program includes input, DVD presentation, and small group discussion.

Presenter: Rev. Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Pastor

Dates: Mondays 9:45 to 11 AM; Nov. 2, 9, 23, 30, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, 11

Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 PM; Nov. 3, 10, 24, Dec. 1, 8, Jan. 5, 12

Suggested Material Fee: \$15 (Includes study guides)

Location: Meeting Room D

BASIC CATECHISM II (FALL - 7 SESSIONS)

Learn about some of the basic tenants of the Catholic Church as outlined in *The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. This class fulfills one of the required courses for certification for Catechists in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All parishioners are welcome for this practical and informational study.

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Suggested Material Fee: \$25 (Covers cost of *Adult Catechism* or book may be purchased on your own - ISBN # 1-57455-450-6)

Location: Meeting Room D



TOUCHING JESUS THROUGH THE CHURCH (FALL - 8 SESSIONS)

This program explores basic Catholic Church teachings and practice. The evening includes prayer, a DVD presentation, coffee and dessert, and small group discussion. Topics include Baptism, Confirmation, Prayer, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Mary and the Saints. Join with others and grow in your faith.

Presenter: Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ

Dates: Thursdays 7 to 8:30 PM; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19

Suggested Material Fee: \$10 (Includes study guide)

Location: Meeting Rooms C & D



BEREAVEMENT: *PROCESSING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE* (FALL - 7 SESSIONS)

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Presenters: Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ & Shavaun McGinty

Dates: Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 PM; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

Location: Meeting Room B



PARENT SACRAMENTAL MEETINGS (FALL)

FIRST PENANCE, FIRST EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION

These presentations are designed to support parents who have children receiving sacraments during the year. There is opportunity to hear discussion on Church teaching and suggestions on how to nurture your child's faith development. Practical information regarding the child's parish preparation for the sacrament will also be discussed.

Presenters: Rev. Michael J. Fitzpatrick, Patrice Peterson,
Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ

Dates: (Parents attend **ONE** meeting for each Sacrament)

First Eucharist - Monday & Tuesday, October 5 & 6, 7:30 to 8:30 PM

First Penance - Monday & Tuesday, October 19 & 20, 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Confirmation - Monday & Tuesday, October 26 & 27, 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Location: Meeting Rooms C & D

**RENEWAL OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP
(FALL - 5 SESSIONS AND SPRING - 5 SESSIONS)**

Over the next year you will be hearing about changes in the words prayed and proclaimed during the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass. All are welcome to deepen understanding of these changes and how this renewed celebration will help deepen our spirituality and enhance the meaning of our Sacred Liturgy.

Presenter: Rev. Michael J. Fitzpatrick

Fall: Sundays 12 to 1 PM; Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8, 22

Spring: Sundays 12 to 1 PM; Feb. 28, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, 25, May 23

Location: Chapel

**DAY OF RENEWAL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTER (FALL)
“THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST AND THE MINISTRY OF THE BAPTIZED”**

Spend a morning being renewed in heart and spirit for the ministry of service you share with our parish. Prayer, input, and sharing will all be part of this special gathering which will end with lunch.

Presenter: Rev. Michael Murray, OSFS

Date: Saturday, November 14; 10 AM to 1 PM

Location: Church

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND TEENS (RCIA)
(BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27)**

The RCIA is the process whereby adults and high school age teens become full, active, participating member of the Catholic Church. Weekly Sunday gatherings are designed to help individuals learn about Catholic teaching and grow in faith formation. In addition, candidates for sacraments celebrate special “rites” throughout the year leading to reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. RCIA team members lead prayer and discussion throughout the year. This program is for those who have never received Catholic sacraments and for those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation.



Coordinators: Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ & Deacon James McAvoy

Dates: Sundays, 11:30 AM to 1PM; September 2009 through May 2010

Location: Meeting Rooms A & B

**PRE-JORDAN: PREPARING FOR MY CHILD’S BAPTISM
(EVERY MONTH: PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for the first time are invited to attend this gathering in order to more fully understand the depth and meaning of this Catholic Sacrament of Initiation. Specially trained couples share their experiences of “raising their child in the Catholic faith.” In addition, the Baptism ritual is discussed with emphasis on the meaning of prayers and symbols used in the celebration. To register, contact Sister Christine at the Parish Office.

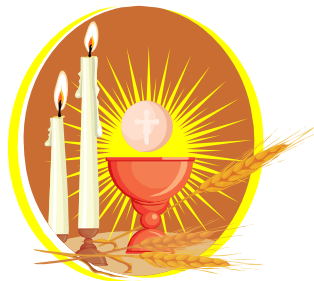


Presenters: Deacon Thomas Concitis and Pre-Jordan Team Couples
Dates: First Sunday of Each Month, 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Location: Meeting Rooms C & D

**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION (FEBRUARY, 2010)
“THE YEAR OF THE PRIESTHOOD”**

This is a special graced moment for our parish family to come together around Eucharistic Adoration. Forty Hours Devotion will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass and continue throughout the afternoon in our Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament will again be exposed on Monday and Tuesday all day following the 8:30 AM Mass. Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday evening. Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament allowing Jesus to speak to your heart.

Speaker: Rev. Christopher Rogers (Monday & Tuesday evening)
Dates: February 14, 15, 16
Evening Prayer & Benediction, 7 PM Monday & Tuesday



BOOK DISCUSSION (LENT - 5 SESSIONS):
“OPENING TO GOD: A GUIDE TO PRAYER”

Come and join with others in some spiritual reading during Lent. This book by Thomas Green, S.J. will be the focus of our book discussion. Often, we are drawn to prayer but are timid and unsure about how to pray or about why it is relevant in our busy and sometimes hectic lives. Drawing on his experience as a Jesuit missionary, Father Green addresses his input to both beginners and practiced “pray-ers” who want to deepen their prayer experience with God.

Facilitator: Sr. Christine Konopelski, SSJ

Dates: Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 PM; February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

(Purchase of book required prior to first gathering - \$12

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LENTEN SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS: *DISCIPLES IN MISSION*

Join a faith sharing group to discuss the Sunday scriptures as they unfold during this special season of Lent. Groups meet weekly in homes of parishioners. Witness the strength and deepening of faith which comes from sharing scripture with others in our parish community.

Contact: Robin Burckhardt

(See parish bulletin for details)

Dates: Determined by each group

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PRESENTERS

- ❖ **REV. MICHAEL FITZPATRICK** is Pastor of St. Peter Church. He received a M.Div. in theological studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and a M.S. in Educational Leadership from St. Joseph University. Father has taught in high school and college as well as having directed numerous group retreats.
- ❖ **DEACON THOMAS CONCITIS** was assigned to St. Peter Parish after completing theological and pastoral studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2007. He also holds a B.S. from San Diego State University and works full time as a manager of sales tax research. He is involved in the Pre-Jordan preparations for baptism and is actively involved in several parish organizations.
- ❖ **SISTER CHRISTINE KONOPELSKI, SSJ** is the Coordinator of Faith Formation for St. Peter Church. She received a MA in Education from Lehigh University and a M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from LaSalle University. She has taught in elementary and high school as well as having presented numerous workshops and retreats to adults.
- ❖ **DEACON JAMES MCAVOY** was assigned to St. Peter Parish after completing theological and pastoral studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2008. He also holds a B.A. from LaSalle University and is recently retired as a project manager for patent protection. He is involved in visiting the sick of the parish and teaching in the Teen RCIA program.
- ❖ **SHAVAUN MCGINTY** is an educational counselor and mother of three. She received a B.A. from the University of Richmond and a M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Immaculata University. She has worked in the area of counseling for five years and has done work with families experiencing the death of a loved one.
- ❖ **REV. MICHAEL MURRAY, OSFS** is the Director of De Sales Spirituality Center in Wilmington, Delaware. He received a M.Div. from De Sales School of Theology and a M.A. in Educational Leadership from George Washington University.
- ❖ **PATRICE PETERSON** is St. Peter Parish Director of Religious Education for 16 years. She has a B.A. from St. Louis University and has done extensive work on Archdiocesan Committees in Religious Education. In addition, she has coordinated youth ministry and education through the CLE program.
- ❖ **REV. CHRISTOPHER ROGERS** is the Director of the Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood. He received a M.Div. in theological studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Prior to his current position, he was involved in parish ministry in the Archdiocese.

**REGISTRATION FORM
FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

*Please complete the form below and drop it at the Parish Office or
in the Sunday collection basket*

**SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH ADULT FAITH FORMATION COURSES
(Please PRINT all information)**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

I would like to register for the following:

1. _____
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3. _____
4. _____

Material Fee included: _____

(Please make checks payable to St. Peter Church)