
FAITH FORMATION

ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

JANUARY – JUNE 2013



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

Consider taking a new online course, **Living Catholic**, to learn more about your faith! In the weeks leading up to Lent, St. Matthew's will offer **Living Catholic**, an Archdiocesan program involving short periods of study, prayer, and conversation about the fundamentals of our Catholic faith. *This program is an ideal faith formation activity for people with more internet connectivity than time.*

What does Living Catholic entail?

***Attend the kickoff event at St. Matthew's:**

10 to 11:45am, Sat. **January 12**, North Conference Room... *There is no need to register in advance. Registration will take place on the 12th.*

***Four weeks of online sessions at your convenience** (with optional weekly in-person discussions)... *Each week focuses on one of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer.*

***Attend the closing event at St. Matthew's:**

10 to 11:45am, Sat. **February 9**, North Conference Room

The cost to participate is \$5 (payable at the kickoff event).

**Fill in the holes of what you have forgotten since Sunday School,
get to know some of your fellow parishioners better,
find out what the Church considers to be the most fundamental elements of our faith,
and develop the confidence to talk about your faith with others.**

EVENTS FEBRUARY – JUNE 2013

Mon. February 4

6:45pm – **Book Club: *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc* by Mark Twain** (WCR)

Mon. March 11

6:45pm – **Book Club: *The Homeless Bishop* by Joseph Girzone** (WCR)

Mon. April 22

6:45pm – **Book Club: *April 1865: The Month That Saved America* by Jay Winik** (WCR)

Mon. June 10

6:45pm – **Book Club: *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens** (WCR)

LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

“TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD, THAT I MAY WALK IN YOUR TRUTH: REVEALING MY FAITH IN A SECULAR CULTURE”

with Suzanne Nelson

(Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Raphael Church, Rockville MD)

What does it take to grow in faith and share it in today's culture? Humility? Courage? Perception? Understanding? Reflect, pray, and resolve about these things during this Lenten retreat.

Sat. February 16 -- 9am to 12pm -- NCR

Mass at 12:10pm in the Cathedral

SATURDAY EASTER SERIES

ON THE RESURRECTION

with Br. Albert Duggan, OP and

Br. Sebastian White, OP

April 6 – The Resurrection: Eyewitness Accounts

April 13 – The Fathers of the Church on the Resurrection

April 20 – The Resurrection in Art

April 27 – The Resurrection in Poetry

10:30 to 11:45am -- NCR

Come any or all Saturdays.

NCR = North Conference Room

(Inside: Go through side door by Cathedral organ and downstairs.

*Outside: Enter through glass-and-iron door at driveway
to right of Cathedral.)*

WCR = West Conference Room

(Inside: Go downstairs from baptistery.

Outside: Enter from alley to left of Cathedral.)

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES VOICES OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

This series will highlight a select few of the great saints and mystics of our rich Catholic tradition. Each talk will focus on a particular spiritual tradition and the ways in which it calls and speaks to us today.

Week 1 --- **St. Clare**

Wed. February 20 or Thu. February 21

Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF

(Research Fellow, Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University)

Week 2 --- **St. Benedict**

Wed. February 27 or Thu. February 28

Sr. Cecilia Dwyer, OSB

(Prioress, Benedictine Sisters of Virginia)

Week 3 --- **Meister Eckhart**

Wed. March 6 or Thu. March 7

Br. Albert Duggan, OP

(Transitional Deacon, Dominican House of Studies)

Week 4 --- **St. Francis de Sales**

Wed. March 13 or Thu. March 14

Rev. Donald Heet, OSFS

(Vocation Director, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales)

Week 5 ---

St. Teresa of Avila

Wed. March 20

Dr. Kathleen Brown

(Acting Associate Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Virginia Theological Seminary)

Julian of Norwich

Thu. March 21

Dr. Julia Lamm

(Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Georgetown University)

Wednesday lectures: 12:45 to 1:45pm

Thursday lectures: 7 to 8pm

All lectures will be given in the
North Conference Room.

ONGOING EVENTS

Breaking Open the Word – Weekly discussion and reflection on upcoming Sunday readings meets at 7pm on Wednesdays in the West Conference Room.

Faith Formation Committee (Chair: Jeff Collmann) – Interested parishioners are invited to attend committee meetings on the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8pm in the East Conference Room.

ARCHDIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

The Archdiocese of Washington offers a variety of online catechetical programming, including **Faith Foundations**, which presents the teachings of the faith in an interactive video format that draws heavily from Scripture. Using a mix of personal stories, prayers and discussion questions, this course makes it easy to learn and understand the Church's teaching about topics such as the Bible, Mary, Prayer, the Mass and the Sacraments. For more information, go to <http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/adw>.

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*Please see the parish bulletin and/or website
for further details or notice of changes.*

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Parking: Limited metered street parking in front of Cathedral (free after 6:30pm); public garage next to Cathedral (\$10/hour-\$16 daily max, \$5 flat fee after 4pm and on weekends)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Adult Confirmation Preparation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers *adult Confirmation preparation* for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (*April 11, 18, 25 & May 2*) and one Saturday (*May 4*). The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2013 will occur at a special Mass on Ascension Sunday, *May 12*. Registration forms will be available in the Cathedral rectory and on the parish website beginning the weekend of *February 2 & 3*. The deadline to register is Friday, *March 15*.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Please pray for the women and men of our RCIA as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil. They will celebrate these important rites in the coming months:

Sun. February 10 – Rite of Sending (5:30pm Mass)

Sun. February 17 – Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion (3pm, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)

Sun. February 24 – Penitential Rite for Baptized Candidates (5:30pm Mass)

Suns. March 3, 10 & 17 – Scrutinies for the Unbaptized Elect (5:30pm Mass)

Wed. March 6 – Presentation of the Creed to the Unbaptized Elect (5:30pm Mass)

Wed. March 13 – First Penance for Baptized Candidates

Wed. March 20 – Presentation of the Lord's Prayer to the Unbaptized Elect (5:30pm Mass)

For **adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or becoming Catholic**, Inquiry meets on the second Wednesday of each month (September through May) from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. A brief overview of the entire adult initiation process – RCIA – can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested.

St. Matthew's also offers **sacramental preparation and ongoing religious education for school-age children**.

Inquire with Director of Faith Formation on any of the above.