

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: **PRAY ALL - WAYS**

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul exhorts: "Pray without ceasing" (5: 17). This year's Lenten Lecture Series will focus on cultivating a richer attitude and practice of prayer in our daily lives.

Week 1: **Prayer in the Christian Life**

Wed. February 29 – *Dr. Edward McCormack*
(Chair and Associate Professor of Spirituality,
Washington Theological Union)

Thurs. March 1 – *Brother Edward Ogden, OSFS*
(Director of Formation, DeSales Hall, Oblates of St.
Francis de Sales)

Week 2: **Praying Together**

Wed. March 7 or Thurs. March 8
Brother Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP
(Dominican House of Studies)

Week 3: **Praying Alone**

Wed. March 14 or Thurs. March 15
Mr. Louis J. Milone
(Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. John the Baptist
Church, Silver Spring MD)

Week 4: **Personality and Prayer**

Wed. March 21 or Thurs. March 22
Ms. Heather Kinney
(Director of Faith Formation, St. Matthew's Cathedral)

Week 5: **Praying Better**

Wed. March 28 or Thurs. March 29
Mrs. Lolita Jardeleza
(Prayer Minister, Academy of the Holy Cross,
Kensington MD)

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 – Interested parishioners are invited to attend committee meetings on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:45 to 7:45pm in the East Conference Room.

ARCHDIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

Hearts Aflame is an adult faith and ministries formation program founded on Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Hearts Aflame Program enables adults to deepen their knowledge of the faith and prepare to exercise a variety of ministries in the life of the Church. Hearts Aflame offers courses in both English and Spanish for all interested adults throughout the Archdiocese: Christian Prayer, Christian Morality, Sacraments, Creed, and Introduction to Sacred Scripture. The Hearts Aflame course fee is \$20 per participant. For a list of courses and locations, see http://www.adw.org/education/hearts_aflame.asp.

The Archdiocese of Washington, through the Hearts Aflame program, is a diocesan partner of the **University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation** (VLCFF). VLCFF offers web-based courses for catechist formation and adult faith formation. VLCFF courses are four to six weeks in length and cost \$40. More information and registration instructions may be found at <http://vlc.udayton.edu>.

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(Dupont Circle South access unavailable beginning 2/1/12)
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)

FAITH FORMATION

ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

JANUARY - JUNE 2012



LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

THIRSTING FOR LIVING WATER

with Sister Patricia A. Parachini,
SNJM, DMin

Sat. February 25
9am to 1pm
North Conference Room

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus promises to give the Samaritan woman "living water" that will quench all her thirsts and will gush out from within her like a living spring giving her eternal life: "...those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty..." (Jn 4:14). This morning of recollection will provide the space and time for you to get in touch with your thirsts, your longings, your deepest desires that we Christians believe, in faith, can only be satisfied by Jesus, the One who gives us eternal life. The focus of the retreat will be the gospel passage of John 4:5-42, the Woman at the Well, which has a long tradition of being proclaimed in the Church during the season of Lent.

Sister Parachini, who currently teaches at Washington Theological Union, has more than forty years of experience as a pastoral theologian, educator, and spiritual director.

Sat. January 21
10-11:45am – **Bible Study: Gospel of Mark** with Father Kevin Regan (North Conference Room)

Mon. January 23
6:45pm – **Book Club: The Stories of J.F. Powers by J.F. Powers** (West Conference Room)

Sat. January 28
10-11:45am – **Bible Study: Gospel of Mark** with Father Kevin Regan (North Conference Room)

Sat. February 11
10-11:45am – **Bible Study: Gospel of Mark** with Father Kevin Regan (North Conference Room)

Sat. February 18
10-11:45am – **Bible Study: Gospel of Mark** with Father Kevin Regan (North Conference Room)

Sat. March 3
10:30-11:45am – **Lecture: "The Sacrifice of Abraham" – A Biblical Portrait of Discipleship** by Brother Augustine Marie Reisenauer, OP (North Conference Room)

Mon. March 12
6:45pm – **Book Club: Jesus of Nazareth** by Pope Benedict XVI (West Conference Room)

Sat. March 17
10:30-11:45am – **Lecture: "The Beloved Disciple" – A Biblical Portrait of Discipleship** by Brother Albert Duggan, OP (North Conference Room)

Sat. April 14
10:30-11:45am – **Bible Study: Wisdom Books** with Father Jack Hurley (East Conference Room)

Sat. April 21
10:30-11:45am – **Bible Study: Wisdom Books** with Father Jack Hurley (East Conference Room)

Mon. April 23
6:45pm – **Book Club: Burst by Kevin Wells** (West Conference Room)

Sat. April 28
10:30-11:45am – **Bible Study: Wisdom Books** with Father Jack Hurley (East Conference Room)

Sat. May 5
10:30-11:45am – **Bible Study: Wisdom Books** with Father Jack Hurley (East Conference Room)

Sat. May 12
10:30-11:45am – **Bible Study: Wisdom Books** with Father Jack Hurley (East Conference Room)

Mon. June 11
6:45pm – **Book Club: The Innocents Abroad by Mark Twain** (West Conference Room)

CATHOLICISM: Journey Around the World and Deep Into the Faith

Join us for a ten-week series using Father Robert Barron's acclaimed thematic presentation of the Catholic faith through DVD and discussion (www.catholicismseries.com).

6:45 to 8:30pm
Thurs. May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26
Come any or all Thursdays.
North Conference Room

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

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 [Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)] can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested.

St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost. The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2012 will occur at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend). The preparation includes five weekly sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings – April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 – and a Saturday retreat on May 19.

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

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