





Church of Saint Ann

Adult Faith Enrichment Series

January ~ June 2010

<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p>	<p>Sessions are held in the <i>Faith Development Center</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL ARE WELCOME!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 28 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Journeys of Faith Series (Bring Your Bible)</i></p>	<p>THE PARABLES OF FORGIVENESS (Luke 15) <u>FRED VASAPOLLI</u> — This journey will look at the importance of forgiveness in living today as a Christian. After examining guidelines for a Christian spirituality in Luke’s Gospel, we will focus on a special section devoted to God’s mercy and forgiveness—the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son. The reflection will focus on the connection that Jesus makes between God’s mercy and forgiveness and our own call to forgive others.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, February 9 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, February 10 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>WORLD REACTION TO VATICAN II <u>FR. VINCE</u> — This session reflects on the reaction of the world (at the time of the council), and the ongoing questions that continue to emerge 50 years later.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebrating Vatican II Series</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, February 18 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Journeys of Faith Series (Bring Your Bible)</i></p>	<p>SIGNS AND WONDERS: THE MIRACLE STORIES OF JESUS <u>FRED VASAPOLLI</u> — This journey will begin with a review of a series of gospel wonder stories that begins in a section of Matthew’s Gospel. We will focus on the place that these stories occupy in the Matthew’s presentation of Jesus as the Power of God over the forces of darkness, evil, and sin. Participants will focus on the challenges that we face in living a spirituality grounded in the belief that God triumphs over evil and disaster.</p>

MARCH	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 4 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Qualifies for Catechist Certification Level II/III</i></p>	<p>CHURCH HISTORY <u>MS. JOAN BRADY</u> — This session will focus on the historical movements of the Church from the catacombs, to medieval monarchy, to a contemporary emphasis on the Church in the modern world.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, March 17 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Journeys of Faith Series</i> <i>(Bring Your Bible)</i></p> 	<p>THE CROSS AND THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP <u>FRED VASAPOLLI</u> — This journey will look at the importance of forgiveness in living today as a Christian. After examining guidelines for a Christian spirituality in Luke’s Gospel, we will focus on a special section devoted to God’s mercy and forgiveness—the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, March 18 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Qualifies for Catechist Certification Level II/III</i></p>	<p>ECCLESIOLOGY (MODELS OF CHURCH) <u>DR. JIM BRIDGES</u> — This session will introduce the basic themes and ideas of the Church’s self-understanding with an emphasis on the characteristics, dimensions, and structure of the Church.</p>
APRIL	
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 12 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Journeys of Faith Series</i> <i>(Bring Your Bible)</i></p>	<p>LIVING IN THE SPIRIT <u>FRED VASAPOLLI</u> — This journey will trace the development of our understanding of the Spirit of God from the very first book of the Bible (Genesis), through key moments in the history of Israel and the ministry of Jesus, to the teaching on the Spirit in the Letters of Paul and the Gospel of John. Our reflection will highlight the role of the Spirit in the life and ministry of Jesus and the life of the Church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 15 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Qualifies for Catechist Certification Level II/III</i></p>	<p>CATHOLIC LITURGY & WORSHIP <u>GARY MACCARONI</u> — Catholic liturgy and worship celebrates the union of God (heaven) and the Church (earth) as expressed in the Eucharist (participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus), the sacraments and other formal celebrations of the Church. The focus will be on the theology and principles that guide liturgy, and our role in the liturgical action.</p>

<p>Thursday, April 29 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Qualifies for Catechist Certification Level II/III</i></p>	<p>PRAYER <u>MRS. THERESE BOUCHER</u> — Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God. This session will develop a theoretical as well as experiential background for prayer in order to enable the participant to be a better leader of prayer.</p>
<p>MAY</p>	
<p>Wednesday, May 12 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p></p> <p><i>Journeys of Faith Series (Bring Your Bible)</i></p>	<p>JESUS’ LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT <u>FRED VASAPOLLI</u> — This journey takes us through one of the more moving sections of the Gospel According to John, as we reflect on what was framed as Jesus’ final wishes for his disciples of all time. After tracing the origins of this discourse in the ministry of Jesus, we will reflect on the relevance of Jesus’ call to faith, unity, peace, and service, for Christians living today.</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 18 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, May 19 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>RELIGIOUS LIFE AND PRIESTHOOD <u>FR. VINCE</u> — This session looks at the Vatican II document on priestly and religious life, what happened after the council and what is happening today regarding vocations within the Church, and priestly spirituality today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebrating Vatican II Series</i></p>
<p>TBA (SPRING SEASON)</p> <p><i>This evening will present a great opportunity to learn about the Church’s position on science, and recent scientific theory.</i></p>	<p>GOD IN AN EXPANDING UNIVERSE <u>TBA</u> — What is the Church’s position on science and recent scientific discoveries? Do recent scientific theories of the origin of the universe challenge how we think about God, ourselves, the earth? Come and find out more about this relationship between science and theology.</p>
<p>JUNE</p>	
<p>Saturday, June 26 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Qualifies for Catechist Certification Level II/III</i></p>	<p>THE WISDOM YEARS: FREE TO BE <u>MRS. JANIS BELL</u> — The presentation will concentrate on the Spirituality of Retirement with a positive emphasis on personal experience, knowledge and wisdom. Participants will develop a spiritual autobiography by reflecting on the times when the spirit of God rested upon us, directing the way and illuminating our path. This workshop will help participants to recognize our individual giftedness.</p>

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ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Adult Faith Enrichment Sessions are provided by the parish Church of Saint Ann in conjunction with the Diocese of Trenton to nurture Christian faith. Growing in faith is a life-long process that unfolds throughout our lives. It is our hope that faith can be awakened, supported and challenged in light of our Catholic Tradition, and that these enrichment sessions can play an important role as you discern the movement of God in your life. Note that all sessions are held in the Faith Development Center (FDC), and are open to all. For more information about these sessions, please call Gary Maccaroni at the parish office, 882-6491, ext. 116.

THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

Celebrating Vatican II are a series of short presentations in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Vatican Council II. These will continue the discussion around Vatican II that emerged from our Vatican II Series last year.

Adult Enrichment/Catechist Certification

Level IIIII sessions are designed to equip catechists with the knowledge and skills they need to carry out their ministry, and to inform all adult Catholics who are interested in deepening their knowledge and enriching their faith. All are welcome!

Journeys of Faith presents a rich buffet of scripture texts as food for thought and reflection on Gospel-based spirituality. The exploration of the historical and literary contexts of these writings will serve as springboards for discerning inspirational messages to enrich faith. Each individual session will be independent of the rest, and participants are free to choose which sessions to attend.

SOME UPCOMING FALL ATTRACTIONS 2010

- ⇒ Church History Series
- ⇒ The New Catholic and Anglican Communion
- ⇒ The Vatican and What It Does