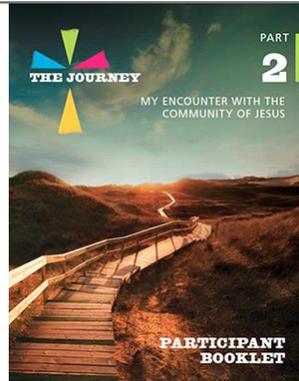




ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT WINTER-SPRING, 2019

**MINI-COURSES & CLASSES
WORKSHOPS & RETREATS
FAITH SHARING GROUPS
SPECIAL EVENTS**



*St. Anne-St. Catherine Collaborative
Littleton-Westford*

Classes & Bible Study

The Mass

Tuesday mornings, January 8 –Feb. 12, 2019, 9 -10:30 a.m., St. Anne Church
Join Jackie Butterfield for an in-depth study of the Mass, using Bishop Barron's videos, study guides, prayer and discussion.



Adult Confirmation Preparation

5 Thursday evenings, 7:15-8:45 p.m. April 4 - May 2 at St. Catherine Parish Center
(note: the April 18 session will be 7:15- 9:45 pm, because it includes Holy Thursday Mass)

Are you a baptized adult Catholic who received 1st Communion but never got confirmed? Please join us for a five week program that will prepare you to celebrate Confirmation on May 4th at St. Catherine Church. Pre-registration is required by contacting Peg at 978-320-4209 or PegH@LWCatholic.org



Images of Jesus the Christ—who do you say that I am?



Thurs. evening, Jan. 24, 7:15-8:45 p.m. St. Catherine Parish Center Mezzanine
OR

Monday morning Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. St. Anne Parish Hall Kaye Room

Join Peg Hicks in either a morning or evening session to reflect on who Jesus was/is. We'll look at artist's interpretations, as well as a quick historical look at how Christians understood the nature of Jesus in the Gospels and over the last 2000 years.

Please pre-register by contacting PegH@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4209.

The Book of Ruth (Bible Study)

Thurs. evening Feb. 7th, 7:15-9 pm, St. Catherine Parish Center Mezzanine

Join Peg Hicks to read, study and discuss this inspiring Old Testament book that tells of King David's great grandmother and ancestor of Jesus. Please pre-register by contacting PegH@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4209.



How Do We Interpret Scripture Passages Pertaining to Women?

Thursday morning, Feb. 28, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at St. Anne Church

Do you ever read scripture and wonder if maybe the authors had a bias against women? Please join Scripture professor Celia Sirois, who will help us understand the context of the writings based on the Roman laws and societal norms at the time they were written and how we can interpret the writings today. Please pre-register with Sue Gormley at SueG@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4210.



The Gospel According to John

9 sessions beginning April 25th on Thursdays from 9:30 am – 11:00 am, at St. Catherine

Want to get to know Jesus, but not sure where to begin? Start with the Gospel of John! It's a great way to discover who Jesus was/is, how he lived, and what he taught. Even spending a few minutes every day reading this Gospel can transform your life in surprising ways, and help you encounter Jesus through John the Evangelist's unique perspective.

Please register with Sue Gormley at SueG@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4210.

Workshops

January Wednesday Workshops

Join us for either the morning or evening session each week—each Wednesday event is a stand-alone workshop—you can sign up for just one or all three sessions. Contact DebbieR@LWCatholic.org to pre-register, so that we will have enough space and materials. *Make-up snow date if needed will be Jan. 30th, 7-9 pm at St. Catherine's.*

Share
Your
Faith!

I. Sharing Our Stories... Sharing Our Faith (Wednesday January 9, 2019)

8:45-10:45 am at St. Anne Hall OR 7-9 pm St. Catherine Mezzanine

Do you sometimes find it difficult to talk openly about your faith? Sharing our stories sometimes takes a little courage, but it's one of our most important callings as followers as Jesus. Come grow in understanding of the power of evangelizing and witnessing.

Facilitators Deb Rhodes and Peg Hicks

II. Discover Your Strengths... Share Your Gifts (Wed. January 16, 2019)

8:45-10:45 am at St. Anne Hall OR 7-9 pm St. Catherine Mezzanine

You are already amazing and have so much to offer! This workshop will help you to discover your strengths and share your gifts. Come join us for a supportive and fruitful gathering. We'll work together to explore each of our distinctive talents and valuable gifts. Learn how your innate strengths can empower you and the lives around you, and discover how your gifts can be shared and cherished within our faith community.

Facilitator Diane Spera

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III. Your Money or Your Life! (Wednesday January 23, 2019)

8:45-10:45 am at St. Anne Hall OR 7-9 pm St. Catherine Mezzanine

Ever struggle between how much time you spend at work and time spent with loved ones? This session uses the book "Your Money or Your Life" by James Phillips to help us explore how our culture encourages us to measure worth by how much we have or earn. In this Scripture-based workshop, we will reflect about how the choices we make can lead us toward or away from the life God wants for us. No matter our income, wrestling with the money question is important for us all.

Facilitator: Liz Cunningham

Forming Leaders for Mission

Monday March 11 and Tuesday March 12, 2019 from 6-9 p.m. at St. Anne Parish Hall.

This two evening workshop is presented by the Archdiocesan Faith Formation & Missionary Discipleship Team. This dynamic workshop assists participants to discern their call to ministry, and to develop effective leadership skills. It includes group activities, individual reflection, prayer, conversation, and supper both nights. **Pre-registration is required** by going to <https://disciplesinmission.com/formingleaders>, where you can also find more detailed information.

Faith Sharing Groups

Journey through Lent: Lenten Discussion Groups

(Most sessions begin the week of March 3rd)

It has become a Lenten tradition in our Collaborative to gather together in small groups once a week for 6 weeks during Lent to pray, share and discuss the Word of God. Some groups gather at the church; some gather in homes. This year, we will use *Journey II: the Community of Jesus*.

If you are interested in being a group leader this year, contact Peg (PegH@LWCatholic.org) or Sue (SueG@LWCatholic.org) and we will provide you with a leader's guide and dvd. Interested participants should fill out and turn in one of the purple sign-up sheets (watch for these at the back of the churches in mid-February; they will also be available at the Ready-Set-Lent tables (see above), at the parish offices in mid-Feb.), and or via e-mail PegH@LWCatholic.org.



Divine Mercy Faith-Sharing Group

Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Catherine Parish Center (Conference Room)

What does Divine Mercy mean to you—as an individual, as a person in community, as a member of the church? Pope St. John Paul II wrote “*The genuine face of mercy has to be ever revealed anew...mercy seems particularly necessary for our times.*” Join Pam Willey in an exploration of the ways that Divine Mercy affects our everyday lives and inspires us to higher goals. The book we're using is Vinnie Flynn's *The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy*. Meetings will involve discussion and sharing concerning this great gift of God. We will also offer a focused discussion group on Facebook. For more information, please contact Pam Willey willey6@aol.com

God, Pizza, and ... Faith Sharing Group (now co-ed!)

Once a month (usually the last Thursday of the month) from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at St. Catherine Parish Center. The topic for Jan. 31st is *Luke's Gospel* (talk by Peg Hicks). Combining prayer, witness talks, Gospel readings, and small group interactions, we provide the nourishment and supportive fellowship needed to take on life's challenges and opportunities in the ways Jesus calls us. All are welcome. Watch the bulletins for further dates and details.

Men's Group (Collaborative)

The Men's group is a social, prayer and service group, which meets monthly at St. Anne from Sept. through June at St. Anne. They offer opportunities to learn about our faith through study of the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday liturgy and educational programs. The group works on service projects to benefit the collaborative and community for example hosting pancake breakfasts and annual veteran dinners, renovation projects, and assisting the Garden Ministry with fall or spring cleanups. Russ Arena at 781-858-1807 or russell.arena57@gmail.com OR Bob Stall at 978-314-0992 or rstall@stalladvisors.com

Spring Shape-Up Faith & Fitness Program

10 Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at St. Catherine, beginning Friday April 26th.

Join fellow parishioners as we meet weekly to pray, discuss our goals and challenges, share inspirational stories, and support each other as we grow in faith and fitness. We will utilize a “*Couch to 5K walk/run*” schedule, progressing from 10 minutes of walking and 2 minutes of jogging to gradually reaching 30 minutes of jogging. Those who would like to may participate in a local 5k road race at the end of the program. Cost is \$10. Please pre-register with Sue Gormley at SueG@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4210.

Special Events



Third Annual Mid-Winter Song-and-Story-fest

Friday Feb. 1st, 7 p.m., St. Catherine Parish Center (2nd floor Mezzanine)

Do you like to sing? Share stories or jokes? Read a poem or two? Or just listen? Your admission ticket is to bring with you at least one song, poem or story of hope (religious or secular) to share with others. No fee, but please contact PegH@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4209 so we can plan for space and refreshments.

Ready, Set, Lent!

after all the Masses Feb. 23-24, St. Catherine Parish Hall

after all the Masses March 2-3, St. Anne Parish Hall

Come check out the Ready-Set-Lent Tables to sign up for Lenten small group faith sharing sessions, find resources for Lenten prayer, and to find ways to help your children observe Lent.

Women's Lenten Retreat

March 20, 2019, 7 p.m. at St. Catherine Parish Center

Retreat Leaders Sue Gormley & Jerri Lou Buffo

When Pope Francis says: "*Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.*"-- what does this mean for each of us?

Join us for an evening of prayer, song, lecture, and small group discussion and refreshments. Sponsored by the St. Ann-St. Catherine Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality. Pre-register by contacting Karen McNamara at The2Macs@verizon.net

Ministry Leader Gathering-- pizza & fellowship!

Saturday June 1st, St. Catherine Parish Hall immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Inviting all Ministry Leaders to gather together for food and fellowship, to share ideas and to support each other in our role as ministry leaders. R.S.V.P. to Debbie Rhodes at DebbieR@LWCatholic.org or 978-320-4212 before May 25th.

***AND... don't forget that there are
Learning Opportunities as Close as your Computer!***

Online Courses available through Boston College's "STM Crossroads" program. Courses range from two to six weeks. Some of the winter-spring topics include *The Creed, Paul's Letter to the Romans, The Psalms, Prayer, the 4 Gospels.*

To register, or to find out more, go to www.bc.edu and click on the link for STM Online (or google STM Online, and it will bring you right to the site).

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