



Catechist Certification Opportunities

Religious Education Catechists or Catholic School Teachers

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Experience Prayer through Art & Music

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 / 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. / Msgr. Meaney Parish Center/ Blue Room

Presenters: Sr. Antonia Cooper, OFM, Rives Cassel, Mary Ann Harmer

Sr. Antonia Cooper, OFM, artist and writer of two icons, will begin our evening by introducing us to visual scripture known as Iconography. By learning how to pray through these holy images, we will be joining our hearts to centuries of Christian prayer. Rives Cassel, Director of Sacred Music and Organist for Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, Middlesex, NJ and Mary Ann Harmer, Music Minister, Cantor and Educator at Holy Trinity Interparochial School will lead in a Taize prayer service.

Doctrinal Certification: 1 ½ hours toward Prayer/Spirituality component

Flourishing in Advent: Rediscovering the Transformative Power of Christian Virtues

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 / 7:30 – 9:00 PM Church

Presenter: Fr. John J. Cecero, S.J., Ph.D.

Fr. John J. Cecero will offer a One Night Mission addressing the virtues of humility, love, gratitude, and forgiveness. Fr. Cecero will highlight the tools necessary to foster wholeness and holiness in our lives. Fr. Cecero is a Jesuit priest and clinical psychologist. He is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology at Fordham University and author of Praying through Our Lifetraps: A Psycho-Spiritual Approach to Freedom.

Doctrinal Certification: 1 ½ hours toward Prayer/Spirituality component

Advent: The Dawning of a New Church Year

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 / 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. / Msgr. Meaney Parish Center/ Blue Room

Presenter: Fr. Thomas A. Dente

Happy New Year! Although it may seem a bit early, our new Church Year actually begins on the First Sunday in Advent. Fr. Thomas Dente, Director of the Office of Divine Worship and Editor of Word on Worship for the Newark Archdiocese, will present a teaching on the Liturgical Calendar Year. Fr. Dente helps us enter the rhythm of the coming New Year with a fuller understanding of our Catholic Calendar and its connection to our life of prayer and worship. Come and learn how God's marvelous plan of salvation, accomplished through the birth, life, death and rising of Christ is marked by the seasons of our faith.

Doctrinal Certification: 1 ½ hours toward Liturgy/Sacraments component

Handing on the Faith in the 21st Century

Wednesday, January 9, 2013 / 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. / Church

Presenter: Marylin Kravatz-Toolan, Ph.D.

In today's fast-paced, religiously-diverse, globally-connected, media-driven world, Catholic/Christians are challenged to "hand on the faith" to present and future generations. But what does "handing on the faith" mean? What exactly should we be handing on? Just as important, how do we do it in a meaningful and relevant way in these contemporary times? Do the old methodologies work in today's world? Do our new methodologies honor our faith traditions? What responsibilities lie with whom? Marylin Kravatz-Toolan, Ph. D. will help us answer these timely and important questions. Dr. Kravatz-Toolan is the Executive Director of the Online Graduate Programs in Religious Education and Assistant Professor in Religious Studies/Religious Education at Felician College in Lodi, N.J.

1 ½ hours toward Methodology Certification

Grace Before Meals

Thursday, January 15, 2013 / 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. / Church

Presenter: Fr. Leo Patalinghug

The Parish Community of Saint Helen is proud to welcome Father Leo Patalinghug, Roman Catholic Priest, Celebrity Chef and author of the book Grace Before Meals – Recipes and Inspirations for Family Meals and Family Life. Fr. Patalinghug employs the use of meal ministry, Jesus' wonderful recipe for teaching the faith around the family table. To help us gain spiritual insights on how food relates to Church teaching, Fr. Leo will be cooking up some of his favorite food for body and soul

1 ½ hours toward Methodology Certification

Doors to a Deeper Conversation

February 7, 2013 / 7:30 – 9:15 p.m./ Msgr. Meaney Parish Center/ BlueRoom

Presenters: Philip Cappio, Paulette Cicero, Cathy Maravetz, Patricia Pastore, Deacon Tom Pluta, Peggy Walsh

The “door of faith” was opened at our baptism, but during this “Year of Faith” we have been called to open that door again, walk through it, and rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ. Our presenters will provide information, witness, and encouragement on how to deepen the conversation we know as prayer. From morning & evening prayer, centering prayer, and praying with scripture, to spiritual direction and retreat experiences, ideas will abound for those looking to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Doctrinal Certification: 1 ½ hours toward the Prayer/Spirituality component (Attending 11/7, 11/28 and 2/7 will complete (the requirements for the Prayer/Spirituality component of Doctrinal Certification)

Appreciating Our Jewish, Biblical and Spiritual Roots

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 / 7:30 – 9:00 p.m./ Msgr. Meaney Parish Center/ Blue Room

Presenters: Tamara Rubin with Bro. Bill Lavigne, F.M.S.

We are honored to have Tamara Rubin, Director of Education at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim in Cranford present with Bro. Bill Lavigne the Jewish Heritage of our faith story. The roots of Christianity lie deep in the rich teachings and traditions of the Jewish faith. Born in Iraq, Tamara Rubin was two weeks old when her family immigrated to Israel as a result of unbearable living conditions for the Jewish Community. After completing high school in Israel, Tamara’s family moved to America where she is dedicating her life to Jewish education. Come and discover the world in which Jesus lived, learned and loved.

Doctrinal Certification: 1 ½ hours towards Scripture Component

So You Think Mass is Boring?

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 / 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. / Church

Presenter: Fr. Frank Fano

How many times have you heard your children or grandchildren grumble those words? Have those thoughts, however fleeting, passed through your mind? Fr. Frank will celebrate an Annotated Mass to help us understand the Sacred Liturgy celebrated by Catholics around the world. As our highest form of worship, the Catholic Mass is rich in tradition, steeped in history, and holds within its beauty a full teaching of the foundations of our faith. Come to be fed by Liturgy of the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, opening your heart to a fuller joy of our Catholic Mass.

Doctrinal Certification: 1 ½ hours toward Liturgy/Sacraments component

Mary, A Blessing for the Modern World

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 / 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. / Msgr. Meaney Parish Center/ Blue Room

Presenter: Sandra O. Hulme

Since the Second Vatican Council was convened fifty years ago, we have witnessed many changes in the way we celebrate liturgy and serve our church as laity, but in the midst of it all our Blessed Mother Mary has remained a constant companion for Catholic Christians. Pope Paul VI wrote about Mary, “She is worthy of imitation because she was the first and most perfect of Christ’s disciples.” Sandra O. Hulme, Catholic Educator of History and Religion at Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Retreat Director, and former Director of Religious Education, will shine a light on our Blessed Mother Mary and the importance of her role in our Catholic prayer life.

1 ½ hours toward Spirituality Certification

All certification opportunities will be offered free of charge, with a good will donation basket available.

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