

# SPRING ENRICHMENT 2018

## Companions along the journey



### Spring Enrichment kicks off Wednesday, May 16



Fr. Pat Butler teaching a class

**“This was my 6th or 7th Spring Enrichment. The opportunity to be with so many faith-filled people is wonderful and all my classes and instructors were enriching.”**



A typical class during Spring Enrichment

Once again the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany will be gathering at the College of Saint Rose for its annual Spring Enrichment days. Marking the forty-fifth such gathering, this year’s program, “Companions along the journey”, will offer ample opportunities to reflect upon the past, be in the present, and look towards the future as it draws nearly 1,000 men and women to over 130 courses and mini-courses Wednesday, May 16 – Friday, May 18.

Spring Enrichment 2018 will

begin with an opening mass celebrated by our Bishop Emeritus, Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard who will be joined by Fr. Richard Fragomeni who will offer an introduction to the liturgy and then post-Mass commentary focusing on the Eucharist (see page 4 for details). The morning’s festivities will conclude with the presentation of awards and concluding remarks and blessing from our current Bishop, Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger.

Wednesday afternoon and evening we will be having 29

two hour courses and workshops and 7 one hour long mini-classes. These include several mini-courses dealing with the administration and leadership of parish catechetical programs, two mini courses and one 2 hour session helping to nurture discipleship of persons with disabilities, and an evening keynote by Fr. Fragomeni on “The Communion of Saints: The Mystical Heart of Christianity”.

Thursday morning, Bishop Ed will return offering a session on “Catholic Social Teaching

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### What is “Spring Enrichment” anyway?

What is Spring Enrichment? Some say it is one of Albany’s best kept secrets. All kidding aside, it’s a multi-day program sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany’s Vicariate for Catholic Faith Formation & Education. Designed to provide everyone with an opportunity to come together to find out more about their faith, it also provides individuals serving in a wide range of capacities in the Church to deepen their skills and understanding of their ministries.

When the program began forty-five years ago in 1973, it provided training and certification opportunities for those involved in religious education and attracted 250 people to ten different workshops. While staying true to its original purpose, the program has expanded over the years and now includes workshops for those involved in pastoral care and regularly offers sessions for liturgists and parish leader as well as courses for adults seeking spiritual renewal, general adult faith formation and practical ideas on

using technology to assist ministry. In recent years, it has attracted up to a thousand attendees who have gathered for up to four days of inspiring keynotes and featured presentations, enlightening and challenging workshops, dynamic prayer and worship, critical networking, extensive new resources and certification opportunities.

With 106 two hour “regular” courses and 25 hour-long “mini” ones, there is bound to be something for you at this year’s program. ☪

April, 2018

#### Points of Interest:

- Over 100 two hour “regular” courses and 25 mini-classes (see pages 4-7).
- Register by May 9 (April 20 to qualify for discount); save money by registering online (or use the traditional paper registration form).
- Special programming for teens & young adults on Thursday (p. 6).

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Role playing in a session



Barbara Berger teaching "Psychology of the Learner"

**"Thank you for having Spring Enrichment. It is a tremendously enriching experience. Our Diocese is indeed blessed that these Spring Enrichment days can be provided when other dioceses only offer one day."**

## Spring Enrichment kicks off May 16 *continued from page 1*

101" and will be followed at 1pm by Bishop Hubbard who will be reflecting on six new beatitudes that Pope Francis recently proposed for the Church in the Modern World. Chris Padgett will also be doing a featured presentation "Rekindled: How to Stay on Fire without Burning Out" before keynoting a special program that we'll be having for teens, young adults and those interested in their place in the Church, starting at 4pm (page 6). Thursday's offerings include 40 two hour "regular" sessions and 6 mini ones running the gamut from Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, Sacraments, Youth Ministry, Pas-

toral Planning and Pastoral Care, Theology of the Body, Islam, Social Justice and sports & faith.

Friday we will be joined by the teachers from our 22 Catholic elementary and secondary schools for their annual faith formation day. Marilyn T. Kravatz-Toolan will be giving two featured presentations, sponsored by Sadlier Religion, and Bishop Ed will be back again for two question and answer sessions for catechist, youth ministers and Catholic school teachers. Our closing day consists of 36 two hour and 12 mini courses and will end at 6pm.

In addition to the opening mass,

we will be gathering for the annual Prayer of Remembrance at 12:30pm on Thursday, when we remember those who served in catechetical and related ministries who have passed away over the last 12 months (page 5) and Friday morning at 8:45am for a special prayer service with the Catholic school teachers. Throughout the three days our exhibits will be open – featuring books, other goods and services from a variety of publishers and other exhibitors. The exhibits will be open Wednesday 12-7pm, Thursday 8:30am-7pm and Friday 8:30am-3:15pm. ☺

## Online Registration now available for Spring Enrichment

For many years attendees at Spring Enrichment have asked about paying with a credit cards and/or online registration (vs. hard copy or paper ones). With more and more people and institutions paying for goods and services online it was getting to the point where some church goers were only using checks for the Sunday collection basket. We'll at long last we're happy to report that we've begun to move the registration process for Spring Enrichment into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the introduction of our new online registration site.

While the new online process will help us ensure that names, contact information and course selections are properly entered, it also offers numerous benefits to our attendees – and their parishes or schools if they are part of a group registration.

*It's convenient.* Participants can sign up online when and where it's most convenient

*Different methods of payment now accepted.* In addition to accepting physical or "manual" checks (which must be received within 12 days of registration or no later than May 9), we can now handle payment by credit or debit card or e-check (where you enter your bank routing & account numbers).

*It saves money.* If you register online you'll be paying \$5 less than if you paid the old fashioned way.

*Better customer service.* When registering, if a course is full or canceled, you'll know it right away and be asked to choose an alternate. With the participant – or someone who knows them – entering the information we're less likely to have spelling errors for names or email addresses, and with correct emails we'll be able to keep you up to date ahead of opening day.

*You can now make changes yourself.* If you decide to switch from one class to an-

other or to add one or more sessions to your schedule, simply log back in to the online registration site, pull up your registration and make the change. If the change adds to the total amount due, you will be given an opportunity to pay the difference.

And for parishes and schools that are registering a group of participants, you can centralize the process and pay for your people with a single charge or check.

To register, simply go to the diocesan website – [www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment) - and select "Register for Spring Enrichment". Then select your preferred registration method – paper or online – and voila, if you selected online registration, you will be taken to our secure registration site where you'll enter your account information, then your contact info and course selection before making payment and completing the process. ☺

## Some Tips for Attending this year's Program

**Register.** Register for one or more sessions using the registration form that appeared in the March 8 issue of *The Evangelist* or is available from the diocesan website ([www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment)) or save \$5 off your registration and register via our new online registration website. See the Conference Program Guidebook or under "Attend -> Register" on the website for early registration and other discounts.

**Location & Parking.** Spring Enrichment 2018 will be held at the College of Saint Rose, located between Madison and Western Avenues, off North Main Avenue, in Albany. The registration area will be located in the first-floor entrance to the College's Event & Athletics Center, the glass-fronted entrance at 420 Western Avenue. Classes will be held throughout the campus in Albertus Hall, the auditorium in St. Joseph's Hall, the Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary and the Campus Events & Athletics Center.

**Checking-in upon arrival.** All participants are to check in at the Registration & Check-in Area in the Campus Events & Athletics Center's "Atrium" upon arrival to pick up their nametag and personalized schedule. Nametags are to

be worn throughout your time on campus.

**Meals & Refreshments.** The College's cafeteria, "the Camelot Room" on the first floor of the Campus Events & Athletics Center will open daily at 7:30am and will remain open until 5pm on Wednesday and Thursday and until 2pm on Friday. The Spring Enrichment Hospitality Desk in the registration area will have information about several off campus dining establishments in the immediate neighborhood. There are also a limited number of vending machines located in the basement of the campus center.

**Exhibits.** Our exhibits, in the gymnasium, will be open from 12 noon on Wednesday through 3:15pm on Friday (although some exhibitors may not stay for all three days). Attendees will be able to explore the books, goods, materials and services available from a variety of publishers and other partners in ministry. Additionally, diocesan offices and programs will have information about their work.

**Course Changes and Cancellations.** If a registrant wishes to change their registration in any way (switch to a different course, add a new course, etc) they may

do so by logging into the online registration system (if they registered online) or by calling the Catholic School Office before May 8. After May 8 any such changes are to be made at the "New Registration" desk in the Registration & Check-in Area .

If a course is canceled prior to May 9, we will attempt to contact registrants to select an alternate course offering. Individuals who registered online will receive an email instructing them to return to the registration page to switch to a new course; those who registered via printed form will contact the Catholic School Office with their changes. For courses canceled after that date, registrants will be able to indicate their new course selection at the registration and check-in area.

Persons wishing to change course registration from one class to another or to select additional courses during Spring Enrichment are asked to do so at the registration area at least one hour before the scheduled start of their class.

If a course has been canceled and you are unable to make an alternative selection, you may request a refund in writing by June 2. ☞

## Don't forget to visit our Exhibits

Once again we will be offering a variety of exhibits with displays and vendors in the Gymnasium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Campus Events & Athletics Center) during Spring Enrichment (Wednesday, 12 noon – 7pm, Thursday, 8:30am-7pm, & Friday, 8:30am-3:15pm). Major publishers, artists, service providers, crafters, retreat/spiritual centers as well as diocesan offices and programs have been invited to exhibit their goods and ser-

vices. But, make sure to visit the exhibits earlier rather than later in the week as some exhibitors will not be staying the full three days.

As of April 2 or exhibitors include:

- Albany Diocese's Catholic Digital Library
- Albany Diocese's Catechist Formation & Certification program
- Catholic Committee on Scouting
- Consultation Center of the Albany Diocese
- Gianna of Albany
- Giver of Life Gift Shoppe
- Kolbe Center
- Magnificat magazine
- Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division
- Pifaum Publishing
- Pietrow Designs
- Plough Publishing
- Rainbow Corner
- Pastoral Care Ministry of the Albany Diocese
- RCL Benziger
- Sadlier Religion/Sadlier School
- St. Mary's Press

See the website for the full list as it becomes available. ☞

**"It was great seeing all the people who took time away from everyday life to attend inspiring and educational sessions."**



**The Registration & Check-In Area from behind the counter**

**"... it was great to see the exhibitors' products and be able to flip through the books. I also had the chance to meet our sales reps from various publishing companies."**



**Checking out the exhibits...**



A major session in the Gymnasium

**“People come from so far to attend. I met people from Fort Edward, Valatie, Oneonta, Vermont & Massachusetts.”**



A group taking part in a hands-on activity during a class at Spring Enrichment



John Roberto speaking about the future of Faith Formation in St. Joseph's Auditorium

## 2018 Course Offerings/Schedule at a Glance

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

#### 9:00–11:30am

A01 **FEATURED/OPENING MASS & PRESENTATION:** Savoring the Wondrous Gift: Appreciating the Eucharist in our Daily Lives. Opening Mass with Bishop Howard Hubbard & post-mass reflection by Fr. Richard Fragomeni

#### 1:00–3:00pm

- B01 Introduction to the Creed with Fr. Mark Cunningham
- B02 The Infancy Narratives: and she laid Him in a manger—as food for us all, Part 1 of 4 with Fr. Pat Butler
- B03 Parables, Part 1 of 2 with Phyllis Cardona
- B04 The History of the Liturgy, Part 1 of 2 with Robert Conway
- B05 Morality for All Ages, Part 1 of 2 with Shannon Lenet
- B06 Family: the Domestic Church with MaryAnn Louison
- B07 Eastern Christian Churches with Fr. David Mickiewicz
- B08 Planning and Leading Retreats, Evenings of Reflection, etc. with Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ
- B09 Finding Prayer Everywhere with Sr. Kitty Han-

- ley, CSJ
- B10 Listening as Prayer with Sr. Eleanor Guerin, RSM & Jeanne Pitkin
- BA1 *Mini:* Catechesis & Evangelization - Here & Now (1-2pm) with Thomas Cronin & David Amico
- BB1 *Mini:* Supervising the Parish Catechetical/ Youth Ministry Leaders (2-3pm) with David Amico & Joyce Solimini

#### 3:00–3:55pm

BC1 *Mini:* Evangelizing & Catechizing Children & Families with Special Needs with Arlene & Katie Parisi

#### 4:00–6:00pm

- CO1 Call & Mission of the Catechist & Youth Minister with Nancy Paino
- CO2 Adolescent Catechesis with David Stagliano
- CO3 Resources for Adult Faith Formation in the Parish with Joyce Solimini
- CO4 Welcoming those with special needs into our communities of faith with Anne Masters
- CO5 Prayer: Keeping the Lines of Communication Open with Nicholas Ascioti
- CO6 The Infancy Narratives: and she laid Him in a manger—as food for us all, Part 2 of 4 with Fr.

## Hubbard & Fragomeni to open 45<sup>th</sup> Spring Enrichment

Spring Enrichment 2018 will open with Bishop Emeritus Howard J. Hubbard and Fr. Richard Fragomeni of Chicago's Catholic Theological Union teaming up for a special two-for-one Wednesday morning, May 16. Bishop Hubbard will be presiding at the opening mass starting at 9am in the Gymnasium of the College of Saint Rose in Albany. A special “teaching mass”, the stage will be set, so to speak, by Fr. Fragomeni who will introduce the liturgy and then take to the podium following the mass to offer a catechetical session on what we have just experienced and to offer a reflection on the wondrous gift – the Eucharist – that we just celebrated and received.

Stephen Mawn, director of

the Spring Enrichment program, reports that he was especially pleased with Fr. Fragomeni's focus on the gift of the Eucharist for the opening presentation of this year's conference. “Father's opening presentation highlighting the gift of the Eucharist will be a wonderful start to this year's program as it's a great way to connect our Spring Enrichment days with the Albany Diocese's first ever Eucharistic Congress that will be at the Auriesville Shrine in late September.”

Most Rev. Howard Hubbard served as the ninth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany having been installed as our local ordinary in 1977, just four years after the inaugural Spring Enrichment. He was succeeded by Bishop

Edward Scharfenberger in April, 2014 and is now Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese. Fr. Richard Fragomeni, a priest of the Albany Diocese, is a Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he is also Chair of the Department of Word and Worship. He has written widely on liturgy, music, symbolism, the Catechumenate, the Eucharist and liturgies with children and also serves as the Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, an Italian-American parish in Chicago's Little Italy.

Bishop Scharfenberger will be on hand for Fr. Fragomeni's reflection and will then assist in the presentation of Spring Enrichment's annual awards, the Bishop Edwin Broderick & Fr. Arthur Becker Awards. ☩

## Schedule at a Glance *continued from previous page*

- Pat Butler
- C07 Parables, Part 2 of 2 with Phyllis Cardona
- C08 There is a Crack in Everything... with Fr. David Mickiewicz
- C09 Engagement vs. Involvement with Scott Rutan, courtesy of RCL Benziger
- C10 The Gift of Walking with our Aged with Julie Bablin, Becky Craig, Marge Jones & Sharon Zavadiil
- CA1 *Mini*: Called to Catechetical Ministry? Who? Me? (4-5pm) with David Amico and parish catechists & catechetical leaders
- CB1 *Mini*: Women in the Gospel of Luke (5-6pm) with Shannon Lenet

### 6:00–6:55pm

- CC1 *Mini*: One Body in Christ: Sacrament Preparation and Participation in Liturgy for Individuals with Disabilities with Anne Masters

### 7:00–9:00pm

- D01 The Communion of Saints: The Mystical Heart of Christianity with Fr. Richard Fragomeni
- D02 Creative Discipline with Children with Stephen Mawn
- D03 Adolescent Discipleship with David Stagliano
- D04 Acting out the Bible Stories to Internalize Layers of Meaning with Marni Gillard
- D05 Leading Prayer with Adults with Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ
- D06 Who was Jesus, Really? with Michael Rivest
- D07 Morality for All Ages, Part 2 of 2 with Shannon Lenet
- D08 Seeking Work/Life Balance in a complex world with Dona Fragnoli
- D09 Pastoral Care of the Mentally Ill: Building a Parish Ministry with Fr. Thomas Konopka
- DA1 *Mini*: Echoes 3.0 Orientation & Training (7-8pm) with Scott Rutan, courtesy of RCL Benziger

## THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

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### 9:30–11:30 am

- E01 Catholic Social Teaching 101 with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
- E02 How Catholics Read the Bible I (Hebrew Scripture) with Marcus Gigliotti
- E03 Jesus: Who do you say that I am? With Kris Rooney
- E04 What you should know about Mary with Laetitia Rhatigan
- E05 Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry 1 with Loretta Putorti
- E06 Psychology of the Learner with Barbara Berger
- E07 Encountering the Living Christ through the Sacraments, Part 1 of 2 with Fr. Anthony Barratt
- E08 Going, Going Gone: Why and How Young People are Leaving the Church....and What We Can Do with David Stagliano & Tom Acemoglu
- E09 Healing Touch with Sr. Rita Jean DuBrey, CSJ
- E10 The Changing Landscape: Collaboration Leads to Dynamic Growth with Deacon Frank Berning & Anne Borghetti
- E11 If You Don't Plan it Who Will? With Lori Biskup, Deacon Bob Sweeney & Fr. Joseph Mali
- EB1 *Mini*: Resources and Opportunities for Catechist Formation (10:30-11:30am) with Ste-

### 12:30–1:00 pm

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

### 1:00–3:00 pm

- F01 Pope Francis: Six New Beatitudes for the Church in the Modern World with Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard
- F02 Rekindled: How to Stay on Fire without Burning Out with Chris Padgett
- F03 How Catholics Read the Bible 2 (Christian Scripture) with Marcus Gigliotti
- F04 Components of Comprehensive Youth Ministry 2 with Loretta Putorti
- F05 The History of the Liturgy, Part 2 of 2 with Robert Conway
- F06 Encountering the Living Christ through the Sacraments, Part 2 of 2 with Fr. Anthony Barratt
- F07 Tai Chi Chih: Relaxation through a Moving Meditation with Sr. Rita Jean DuBrey, CSJ
- F08 Walking in Faith: Prayer in Every Step we take with Fran Rossi Szpylczyn
- F09 How to Organize & Support a Parish Pastoral Care Ministry with Kathy Kavanaugh & Linda Banker
- FA1 *Mini*: How do we discover God in the Movies

## Prayer of Remembrance to be celebrated May 17

Each year at Spring Enrichment, we gather together to remember the catechists, youth ministers and teachers from throughout our diocese who have died within the past 12 months. This year our special prayer service will run

from 12:30-12:55pm on Thursday, May 17 in the Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary. Please submit the names of any catechetical or youth ministry personnel or Catholic school faculty/staff, volunteer or paid, lay or religious, who

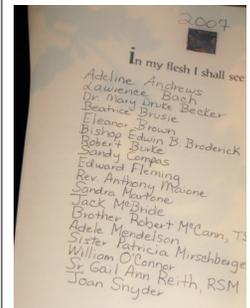
have died since last May to the attention of Joyce Solimini at the Office of Lay Ministry & Parish Faith Formation (518-453-6670) no later than May, 9th and then make sure to join us for the Prayer of Remembrance. ☺

**“The grounds [at St. Rose] are lovely at this time of year and I enjoy sitting outside on the park benches or at the picnic tables.”**



**Enjoying the spring weather during Spring Enrichment**

**“The Prayer of Remembrance on Thursday was lovely. It was very reverent and meaningful.”**



**The list of those remembered during the “Prayer of Remembrance”**



Glenn Smith teaching about St. Paul in the Standish Room

**“I honestly cannot understand why every catechist in the Albany Diocese does not take advantage of this opportunity every year. It is more than worth the money and time. I talked about it so much that a co-worker at my state job came with me one year and keeps coming back.”**



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we watch with our children and preteens? (1-2pm) with Elizabeth Schlesier-Flaska  
 FB1 *Mini*: God Calls: We Respond, but How? (2-3pm) with David Amico

**3:00–4:00 pm**

FC1 The Importance of Understanding Sabbath with Mary Fay

**4:00–6:00 pm**

- G01 Catechetical Techniques with Maria Collins
- G02 Introduction to Theology of the Body with Fr. Anthony Barratt
- G03 Introduction to Morality with Tom Horn
- G04 Strategies to foster inclusion of children with special needs in a religious education class with Margaret Capozzola & Jennifer Pratt
- G05 Use of Media & Resources with Stephen Mawn
- G06 Exploring the Scriptures with Adolescents with Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ
- G07 Covenants of Scripture Part 1: Covenants of the Old Testament with Tara Griffin
- G08 Evangelizing Families: How your Classroom-based Program can transform the Lives of Parish Families with Tom Acemoglu
- G09 Life Stories, our Spiritual Teachers with Marni Gillard
- G10 Together on the Journey: Receiving Christ and Bringing Christ to Others – Training for

Teens with Brian Evers & Ann Pawlik  
 G11 Vibrant Parish Communication Strategies with Tim Patrikus, courtesy of LPI

**BE THE CHURCH NOW** – see details below

**6:00–6:55 pm**

GC1 *Mini*: Adolescents & Faith: Making the Connection with Marylin Kravatz-Toolan

**7:00–9:00 pm**

- H01 The Adult as Faith Learner with Joyce Solimini
- H02 Islam 101 with Fr. James Kane
- H03 Liturgy 101 with David Barocsi, courtesy of Pflaum
- H04 Covenants of Scripture Part 2: The New & Everlasting Covenant with Tara Griffin
- H05 Civil Dialogue in the Church and the World with Deacon Walter Ayres and members of the Diocesan Commission on Peace & Justice
- H06 Nurturing the Well-Planted Seed: Bringing out the Best in our Children with Dona Fragnoli
- H07 Catholic on a Field of Dreams with Randy Rivers
- H08 Bereavement Ministry in Today's World for Children and Teens with Nancy Paino
- H09 Spirituality of the Leader: Transformed in Christ's Image with Mary Harrison
- HA1 *Mini*: Forming Global Disciples (7-8pm) with Mari Barboza, courtesy of Catholic Relief Services

**Be the Church Now - Special Program for Teens & Young Adults**

It's funny. How often do we hear remarks about teens and young adults in our parishes as being “the Church of the future”? Aren't they already a part of the Church of the present? How do we acknowledge their place in the Church now? Here's one way to do it...

While several of the courses and presentations throughout the day on Thursday may be of interest to teens, young adults and adults working with them, starting at 4pm we will be having a special mini-conference within Spring Enrichment just for them (and any parents/drivers/chaperones with them). “Be the Church Now” will begin with a number of simultaneous activities involving art, music, discovery, service and

prayer. After a brief pizza dinner break Chris Padgett will be presenting an opening keynote for the teens and young adults in attendance while Marylin Kravatz-Toolan will be leading a session sponsored by Sadlier Religion for parents who are attending with their teenagers.

Teens, young adults and adults attending the Be the Church Now program within Spring Enrichment are also able to register for the other courses being offered as part of the regular Spring Enrichment program. High school teenagers (15-18) and young adults (under 35) are able to attend Be the Church Now for free; adults (over 35) will pay a flat \$12 to attend from 4-9pm. Additional information about this conference within a

conference is available on the website.

**BE THE CHURCH NOW—Schedule**

**4:00–6:00pm**

Activities, Food & Hospitality

**6:00–6:30 pm**

Keynote: Don't Stop Believing (for the teens & young adults)

Adolescents and Faith: Helping Parents to Make the Connection (6-7pm)

**6:30–7:00pm**

Pop Culture  
 Saints who Struggle  
 Different Ways of Praying  
 Confessions of a Missionary

**7:05–7:35pm**

Using the Remote to Find Jesus  
 Conversation in an "us" vs "them" World  
 Finding God Online  
 Forming Authentic Relationships

**7:40–8:00pm**

CLOSING  
 followed by coffee house to 9pm



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**FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**

**8:45–9:15 am**

Opening Prayer for Catholic School Teachers

**9:30–11:15am**

- IO1 Navigating Discipleship with Adolescents with Marylin Kravatz-Toolan, courtesy of Sadlier
- IO2 Call & Mission of Catholic School Teacher with Michael Kosar
- IO3 A Vision of Youth Ministry with Rosemary Gavin
- IO4 Introduction to Christian Scripture with Tom Acemoglu
- IO5 Jesus: Who do you say that I am? With Michael Rivest
- IO6 Understanding the Gift of our Sexuality with Mary Fay
- IO7 Introduction to the Catechism with Nicholas Ascoti
- IO8 Introduction to the Liturgical Year with MaryAnn Louison
- IO9 St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Drawn to the Eucharist with Beth Lynch
- I10 And you thought there was only one way to be Church? With Fr. Christopher DeGiovine
- I11 Forming Global Disciples with Mari Barboza, courtesy of Catholic Relief Services
- I12 Movies that Have Messages that Engage People's Faith with Randy Rivers
- I13 Do Emotions Matter? with Michael Pizzingrillo
- I14 The Judeo-Christian Contribution to the Rise of Science with Fr. Patrick Butler
- I15 Finding Divinity in the Music & Poetry of Bob Dylan with Matt Flanagan
- IA1 *Mini*: How do Catholic parents choose schools? (9:30-10:20am) with Christopher Bott
- IB1 *Mini*: Your Bulletin: On Mission for Evangelization (10:25-11:15am) with Tim Patrikus, courtesy of LPI

**11:20–12:10 pm** (*minicourses*)

- IC1 Lunchtime Q&A with Bishop Ed (especially for people working with teens) with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger
- IC 2 How Storytelling in Religion, Language or History Class Develops Students' Voices with Marni Gillard
- IC3 Controlling your own Drawbridge: Boundaries for Leaders with Brian Evers
- IC4 Crafty Catechesis with Maria Collins

**12:20 –1:05 pm** (*minicourses*)

- ID1 Lunchtime Q&A with Bishop Ed (especially for people working with children in elementary

- ID2 grades) with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger Resources and Opportunities for Catechist Formation with Stephen Mawn
- ID3 It Only Takes a Moment: Pause with MaryAnn Louison
- ID4 Evangelization and the Catholic School with Thomas Cronin

**1:15 –3:00 pm**

- J01 Catholic Identity in Catholic Elementary Education with Marylin Kravatz-Toolan, courtesy of Sadlier Religion
- J02 Catechetical Tools & Resources with Maria Collins
- J03 Introduction to Hebrew Scripture with Tom Acemoglu
- J04 Introduction of the Creed with Stephen Mawn
- J05 Images of God with Fr. Thomas Konopka
- J06 Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults with Joyce Solimini
- J07 Evangelization & Outreach with Mary Harrison
- J08 The Infancy Narratives: and she laid Him in a manger—as food for us all, Part 3 of 4 with Fr. Pat Butler
- J09 What might tomorrow's church look like? With Fr. Christopher DeGiovine
- J10 Celebrating the Mass with Children with Elizabeth Simcoe
- J11 What you should know about Problem Gambling with Maureen Bernstein
- J12 Introduction to PowerPoint with Mary Mawn
- J13 Living Simply in a Consumer Society with Sr. Linda Neil, CSJ
- JA1 *Mini*: Essentials of Online giving: Inviting Catholics to be Generous (1:15-2:05pm) with Tim Patrikus, courtesy of LPI
- JB1 *Mini*: Parish Cemetery Apostolate (2:10-3pm) with Rick Touchette

**4:00–6:00 pm**

- K01 Church with David Amico
- K02 "Normal" is a setting on your dryer, all kids are "special" with Rosemary Gavin
- K03 Women in the Old Testament with Fr. James Kane
- K04 The Infancy Narratives: and she laid Him in a manger—as food for us all, Part 4 of 4 with Fr. Pat Butler
- K05 Bridges out of Poverty with Dona Fragnoli
- K06 Mental Health, Faith & Self-Care: Three terms that are not likely to be used together with Grace Fay
- K07 Touching the Holy: Theological Reflection with Elizabeth Simcoe
- K08 The Pastoral Council as Evangelizing Leaders with Mary Harrison

**A Note about our Courses...**

Those of you who have attended Spring Enrichment previously may notice that many courses are repeated

year after year. This is because they are required basic and intermediate courses for diocesan catechetical certifi-

cation. But we do have many new topics, courses and instructors. See the flyer on our website for details. ☞

**“Enjoyed the sessions I went to and having a chance to meet others. I was surprised to run into a young man I used to babysit for who is now a teacher in one of the Catholic Schools.”**



**A class is about to start**

**“Meeting many dynamic and thoughtful Catholics who love the Church and want to see it grow.”**

**“Well done. Very comprehensive. It is a shot in the arm for the Church in Albany every year.”**



**The audience during an opening keynote**



**David Amico teaching a session**

**“It was difficult to choose – so many wonderful courses and topics.”**

**“I was very pleased with all of my classes and was inspired to try something from each of them.”**

## **SPRING ENRICHMENT**

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## **25 “Mini” Courses included on this year’s schedule**

Two years ago as part of the 2015 “reboot” of the Spring Enrichment program we added a number of “mini-courses” to the schedule. These hour long sessions were meant to either cover a very, specialized subset of a broader subject or were dealing with something so specific that they didn’t warrant a full two hour session. The mini-courses were also seen as a good introduction to Spring Enrichment for people unable or unwilling to commit to a full blown, regular course.

After only offering a small handful of mini-courses last year, in 2018 the Spring Enrichment schedule is chock full of them. Twenty-five of them to be exact! The minis run the gamut from catechetical leadership (supervising catechetical leaders, recruiting for catechetical ministry, Echoes of Faith

training, resources for formation and evangelization), parish leaders and staff (liturgical participation by individuals with disabilities, parish bulletins, online giving and cemetery apostolate), parenting & families (God in the movies we watch, understanding the Sabbath, Adolescents & Faith, choosing a school), among other topics. Included among the minis are two lunchtime Q&A sessions with Bishop Ed on Friday, May 18 for secondary and elementary school teachers, catechists & youth ministers.

This year our mini-courses are \$5 each (they don’t count towards the multi-course discount for regular, 2 hour classes nor is there any special discounts for them). ☞

### **More information, please**

For more information about Spring Enrichment, go to the Albany Diocese’s website ([www.rcda.org/springenrichment](http://www.rcda.org/springenrichment)). From that page you can access our dedicated website that organizes its information under broad subject areas of particular importance are the items under “Attend” (brochures & flyers, registration, attending Spring Enrichment). This website also provides access to our online registration platform. We will also be posting news via the “Albany Spring Enrichment” Facebook page. If you are unable to access the web-based resources or have any questions, please feel free to contact the staff of the Catholic School Office at 518-453-6602 or email us at [spring.enrichment@rcda.org](mailto:spring.enrichment@rcda.org). ☞

## **Pastoral Care track offers insights into important ministry**

In Catholic theology, pastoral care for the sick and infirm is one of the most significant ways that members of the Body of Christ continue the ministry and mission of Jesus. Pastoral care is considered to be the responsibility of all the baptized. Many parishes employ lay people or religious who are responsible for the spiritual care of the frail and housebound.

Our parishes, hospitals and other institutions have numerous men and women, paid or volunteer, who serve this vital ministry, caring for a person who is struggling with a difficulty, being present during a time of pain, or praying with someone in a crisis. But these staffers and volunteers need formation and renewal so that they can provide this care when needed.

That is why the Pastoral Care offerings at Spring Enrichment are so important. They give these men and women an opportunity to come together, to learn more about this

ministry, to network, and renew their faith and energies. This year we are happy to be offering seven different courses that can be related to pastoral care.

Wednesday, May 16: Listening as Prayer with Sr. Eleanor Guerin & Jeannie Pitkin (B10), The Gift of Walking with our Aged with Julie Bablin, Becky Craig, Marge Jones & Sharon Savadil (C04) & Pastoral Care of the Mentally Ill: Building a Parish Ministry with Fr. Tom Konopka (D09)

Thursday, May 17: If you Don’t Plan it, who will? With Lori Biskup, Deacon Bob Sweeney & Fr. Joseph Mali (E11), How to Organize & Support a Parish Pastoral Care Ministry with Kathy Kavanaugh & Linda Banker (F09), and Bereavement Ministry in Today’s World for Children & Teens with Nancy Paino (H08).

Friday, May 18: Mental Health, Faith and Self Care: Three Terms that are not likely to be used together with Grace Fay (K06). ☞