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## Laudato Si' – The Holy Spirit in the Environment



*"I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home." (Laudato Si' - Pope Francis)*

With all women and men of good will, we long to be deeply attentive to the Holy Spirit moving us into a future filled with hope. These three sessions offer an opportunity to listen together to Jesus' call to heal the Earth, through the lens of "Laudato Si' – Care for our Common Home."

**Presented by:** Sr. Maura McGrath, CND

Wednesday Evenings: February 8, 15 & 22, 2017  
from 7:00 to 8:30 PM

## How Big is Your God? Healing Our Images of God

*Lenten Retreat 2017*

*"We become the God we worship and adore."*



*Who is the God you're falling in love with? Is your God perhaps too small, created in your own image and likeness? A pocket-sized God that does not excite or*

*challenge? Has your God grown and matured since you were a child?*

If we spend time in the presence of a God whose name is Mercy, a God who is compassionate, forgiving and abounding in love, we will be transformed into more merciful, compassionate and loving people.

Join us for this morning of recollection in which we will explore some unhealthy, toxic images of God, and learn how to replace them with the life-giving images of God found in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

**Presented by:** Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ

Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

## "Spirit and Truth" In Daily Life



Jesus told the Samaritan woman that the day was coming when God would be worshipped "in spirit and in truth."

What is the connection between "life in the Spirit" and "living in the truth"? How does authentic, Spirit-guided transformation in our life flow from embracing the truths of our faith? What might this look like in our daily life, and in the life of our community?

**Presented by:** Robert Assaly

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

## Video Divina

### Stories of Transformation: Looking at Life Through the Lens of The Spirit

Part of what makes a film great is its capacity to portray transformation in the lives of its characters. But what drives this transformation? Is it a positive transformation, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit blowing through all of creation, leading to growth and expansion of our capacity to think, feel, understand, and love? What happens when transformation is negative, moving us to self-destruction, exclusion of others, or violence? Let us look at movies – and life – through the lens of the Holy Spirit!

**Friday Evenings:** 7:00 PM, Parish Rectory

**2016:** Oct. 28, Dec. 2

**2017:** Jan. 13, Feb. 3, Mar. 17, Apr. 28, June 2



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# Welcome to Saint Monica's Parish

*Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Pastor*  
**Catholic Adult Faith Education  
2016 - 2017**



## Transformed by the Holy Spirit

*"you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth" –Acts 1:8*

### Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 PM  
Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Weekdays - 8:00 AM

### Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
1:30 PM to 3:30 PM or by appointment

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Autumn Retreat 2016



As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we have experienced the transforming power of Jesus' "revolution of tenderness."

How are we, a people transformed from within by the Spirit of Jesus, called to live out this good news – in our own lives, in the life of our parish community, in our mission to the world?

Come join us for a morning of reflection, prayer, and transformation inspired by the spirituality of St. Teresa of Avila, whose feast we celebrate this day.

**Presented by:** Elizabeth Koessler

Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

**Refreshments and registration from 8:30 to 9:00 AM.**

**Please bring your own lunch for a fellowship meal.**

**Hot and cold beverages, and dessert will be provided.**

## The Examen: Holding What Gives You Life



Have you ever had a moment when you have asked yourself: "How can I follow the Spirit more closely in the midst of my busy, everyday life?" "I know I should follow the Spirit, but how exactly do I do that?"

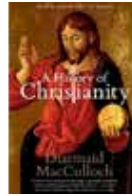
This workshop will focus on how a centuries-old spiritual practice (The Examen) can be used as a simple tool to help us become more attentive, more discerning, and more in step with the Holy Spirit.

**Presented by:** Cathie Macaulay

Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Except where indicated, all events will be held in the Parish Hall. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted!**

## Discerning The Spirit At Work In Our Common History: "A History of Christianity"



Inspired by the BBC video series *A History of Christianity*, our six-part series will help us identify both the signs and counter-signs of the Holy Spirit over two millennia of Church history.

We will explore how Christianity spread both east and west from its origins in Jerusalem, trace the development of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, consider the impact of the Protestant Reformation and the rise of Evangelical Christianity, and seek to discern where the Spirit is moving the Church in a post-modern, secular age.

**Led by:** Prof. Jennifer Dickson (History), Robert Assaly (Patristics), and Fr. Raymond Lafontaine (Ecclesiology)

**Sessions 1-3:** Wed. Evenings, Nov. 9, 16, and 23, 2016

**Sessions 4-6:** Wed. Evenings, March 15, 22, and 29, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

## Clearing the Way for The Spirit



*What gets in the way of my desire to follow the Spirit? What blocks me in my relationship to self, God and others? Is transformation possible for me?*

Join us for an opportunity to explore the obstacles that can block the transformative process of living in the Spirit. Presentation will include practical wisdom, reflections and strategies on how we may clear our inner path to open a doorway to living more fully in the Spirit.

**Presented by:** Anne Macaulay

Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**Except for Video Divina and Contemplative Prayer Group, registration is requested for events. Please use the sign-up sheets at the main church entrance, or contact Anna at the office.**

## Finding God in Family Life: Pope Francis on "The Joy of Love"



As Christians, we are called to help all families to know that even in their imperfections, they are loved by God, and can help others experience that love. In "Amoris Laetitia", Pope Francis offers the vision of a pastoral and merciful church, one that encourages all people to experience the "joy of love." Families are an absolutely essential part of the church, because after all, the church is a "family of families"! Come join our ecumenical panel for a fruitful and stimulating discussion of how we, as church, are summoned by this important text to create a culture of welcome, faithfulness, holiness, and loving, life-giving acceptance for all families!

**Panel of Invited Guests**

**Moderated by:** Fr. Raymond Lafontaine

Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## Coffee and Conversation The Wild Goose

The Wild Goose DVD series invites us into a more profound, life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit that allows us to feel the love of God in everyday life.

Father Dave Pivonka takes viewers on a journey toward a deeper and more meaningful understanding of the Holy Spirit. As you come to experience God's presence and power, this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you to greater freedom.

Free babysitting is available. Please make arrangements with Anna no later than the Wednesday prior to each session.

**Sunday Mornings:** 9:45 to 10:45 AM, Parish Rectory

**2016:** Oct. 23, Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4

**2017:** Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 12, 26, Mar. 19, April 2

## Faith Sharing in Small Groups

Our 2016-17 reflections are taken from the books *Traits of a Healthy Spirituality* and *In Steadfast Love*, by Sr. Melannie Svoboda. In an engaging style, Sr. Melannie defines and describes specific indicators of a healthy spirituality that point to the ways God is alive and active in our lives. The reflections from these books are an inspiration for those seeking deeper spiritual meaning in their lives and hoping for a closer relationship with God.

**Weekly**

**Thursday:** 2:00 to 3:30 PM at St. Monica's Parish

**Friday:** 9:30 to 10:30 AM at Manoir Westmount

**Every second week**

**Monday:** 10:00 to 11:30 AM at St. Ignatius Parish

**Tuesday:** 10:00 to 11:30 AM at St. Monica's Parish

**Sunday:** 7:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Monica's Parish

**The annual cost is \$20 if you already own *Traits of a Healthy Spirituality*, and \$30 if you are purchasing both books.**

**Please contact Anna Diodati for Information and Registration**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you desire to complete your Sacramental Initiation, enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, or just simply know more about the Catholic faith, please contact Glenda Cadogan through the parish office. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Rectory, beginning September 28, 2016.

## Contemplative Prayer Group

St. Monica's Contemplative Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the parish rectory. We listen to a talk on the spiritual journey, and then meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us!

**For information, please contact Audrey Booth through the parish office.**