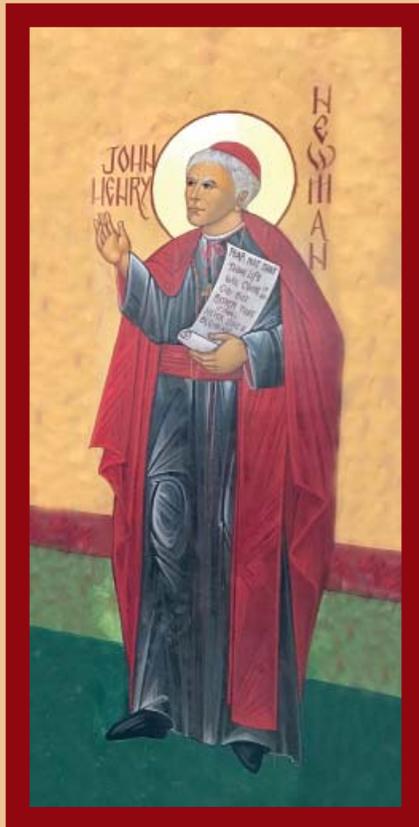




THE ORATORY
**Center For
Spirituality**



**Program Guide
Fall 2018 Through
Summer 2019**

**434 Charlotte Avenue
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THE ORATORY

The Oratory: Center for Spirituality welcomes people who are seeking to grow spiritually through a variety of programs to suit various needs. We serve church groups of all denominations and seekers of quiet time and space, guidance or direction, spiritual friendship and prayer companionship.

The Oratory, situated on six acres in residential Rock Hill, offers guests a quiet oasis. The grounds of The Oratory, the neighborhood, and nearby parks offer opportunities for meditation, prayer and relaxation.

Housing facilities are varied, but all rooms are air-conditioned with linens furnished. The church and main residence, which includes the dining room, are handicapped accessible. Please make a note if you have this special need. The Y.M.C.A., which is located next door, offers the use of its pools for Oratory guests.

Our grounds include a **Labyrinth Prayer Garden**, which is open to all seeking to walk this prayer experience. We welcome all whose prayer and sense of God make this a sacred space. Open during daylight hours.

The **Oratory Memorial Garden** is also located on the Oratory grounds. It was created to provide a simple, natural place for the remains of those who choose cremation and is available to anyone. Arrangements for burial may be made by contacting Joe Guyon, C.O. at 803-327-2097.

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By: Father Damian Higgins*

Annual Offerings

ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT

Wednesday, January 16, – Sunday, January 20, 2019

OR

Wednesday, May 1 - Sunday May 5, 2019

Father Damian Higgins – Ukrainian Rite

During this retreat students will pray, study and learn the traditional method of egg-tempera icon writing/painting. Each participant learns about the various natural materials, practices the techniques and spiritual disciplines for creating a traditional icon and takes home a completed project. All materials are included in the tuition, and the schedule is flexible for commuters with work and families. The retreat is open to all and especially welcomes first-time icon writers and those without artistic training. Enrollment is strictly limited to 12 participants. A deposit of \$150.00 is required and deducted from the total due.

Cost: \$ 400.00 Tuition
\$ 200.00 Room and Board
\$ 40.00 Meals for Commuters





38th Cardinal Newman Lecture

Saturday, October 6, 2018 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Dr. C. Vanessa White

Remember the Sabbath:

Taking Time for Rest, Renewal & Re-Creation

In our busy lives, it is becoming increasingly difficult to take time for rest and renewal. Our Christian tradition and scriptures remind us of taking Sabbath time, to consecrate the day to help us to be better disciples. The challenge becomes how to take Sabbath in our current busy context with cell phones, emails, internet and other major distractions. Dr. White will share with us the practice of Sabbath Keeping for Today's Times.

Vanessa White is Assistant Professor of Spirituality at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and on the faculty of Xavier University in New Orleans. She is a writer and editor, a Secular Franciscan and past Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium.

The Newman Lecture is an annual gift from the Rock Hill Oratory to the regional Church to celebrate the life and ministry of the English Oratorian, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman and is open to all without charge. The day includes noontime Eucharist, a light lunch and short musical concert. Books and other resources will be available for purchase. While pre-registration is not required, we would appreciate you contacting the Center with numbers of participants to help us plan accordingly.

SUMMER BIBLE INSTITUTE

Sunday, July 14 – Friday, July 19, 2019

The Summer Bible Institute is an annual opportunity to come together to study and reflect on the Scriptures. Two program tracks are offered:

New Testament (Mornings)

Stephen Binz

Sacred Texts and Sacred Places: A Biblical Theology of Pilgrimage

We will experience armchair pilgrimages in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary, Peter and Paul. With a sacramental understanding of pilgrimage, we can realize how to experience every place as sacred and all of life as pilgrimage.

Old Testament (Evenings)

Alice Camille

That Nothing May Be Wasted: On the Trail of Shiny Bits of Scripture

This week will look at, and pose some questions about, things like clothing, trees, water, animals and children – things we might overlook but have a meaningful place in our understanding of the Bible.

Cost: \$ 175.00 Tuition Both Courses
\$ 90.00 Tuition Single Course
\$ 250.00 Room & Board

Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar and award-winning author of over 50 books as well as a popular speaker. He also frequently leads pilgrimages to biblical sites and sacred places throughout the world. Along with graduate degrees from the Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, he is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.



Alice Camille is a nationally known writer, religious educator, and speaker. She has a Master of Divinity degree from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley. In addition to numerous books, she writes regularly for *U.S. Catholic* and *Give Us This Day* as well as *Exploring the Sunday Readings* for over two decades.



Scripture Programs

BIBLE BASICS

Thursday, September 27, 2018 OR
Saturday, September 29, 2018

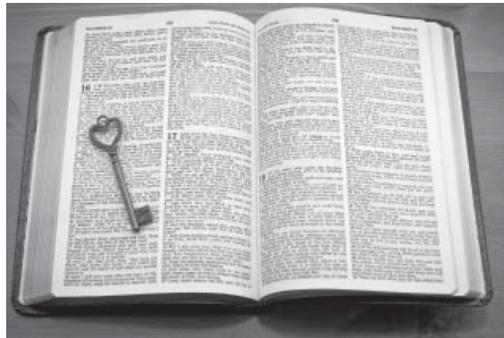
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Sr. Mary Hugh Mauldin, RSM

The Bible is really a collection of books, and a closer look brings forth questions: What are they about? Who wrote them? When were they written? Are they history or myth? Why are there so many books that sound so alike? Are you curious? Bring your Bible and join us as we pursue some answers! Prayer, noon Eucharist and lunch are included in the schedule. *The same program is offered both days.*

Cost: \$ 40.00 (Lunch included)

Sr. Mary Hugh Mauldin has degrees in Math Education from NC State, an MA in Theology from St. Bonaventure University and a graduate certificate in Liturgy from St. John's College. She is a frequent speaker and popular presenter in the Charlotte Diocese.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SUFFERING?

Thursday, March 28, 2019 OR
Saturday, March 30, 2019

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Dr. Peter Judge

We all think we know what suffering is and have experienced it. Yet, it doesn't take long to realize it means different things to different people and in different cultures. Is there any meaning in suffering? Where does God come into this picture? What does the Bible have to say? We will look at passages from both the Old and New Testaments, with time to reflect on what meaning, if any, suffering has for a person of faith. *The same program is offered both days.*

Cost: \$ 20.00

Dr. Peter Judge did his doctoral work in scripture at the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium. He is the Chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department at Winthrop University, where he teaches a variety of courses in religion and scripture.



Retreats & Spirituality Programs

EXPLORING OUR IMAGES OF GOD

A Retreat for Women

Saturday, September 22, 2018
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

***Sr. Gay Rowzie, HM &
Sr. Susan Schorsten, HM***

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness’... So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

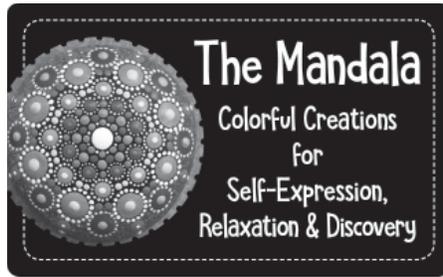
Genesis 1: 26-27

We are made in the image of God, but what are our ‘images’ of God? We are made according to the likeness of God. What does this mean – how are we ‘like’ God? We will explore our images of God and how our images affect our relationship with God.

We will also explore who do we think God is and what do we believe about God. Our responses to these questions may well help us to deepen our relationship with God.

Sister Susan Schorsten and Sister Gay Rowzie are Humility of Mary Sisters. Both were active in the Diocese of Charleston for many years before moving on to other ministries and have now returned to this area.

Cost: \$ 50.00 (Lunch included)
\$ 40.00 Additional for Friday night accommodations (including room and Saturday breakfast)



**THE MANDALA:
Colorful Creations for Self-Expression,
Relaxation & Discovery**

Friday, September 7, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, September 8, 2018 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Claudia Fulshaw

Learn about the origins and uses of mandalas in different cultures throughout history. Become aware of mandalas appearing in nature, architecture and art. Working with different materials – stones and stencils, patterns and paints – this retreat will be an immersion in all things mandala, complete with designing your own personal mandala and the story that goes with it. Simple writing prompts and warm-up art exercises will help you along the way – never a lecture, always hands-on. Come join the fun and insights as your spirit roams!

Claudia Fulshaw lives in Durham, NC, and is a full-time graphic designer, artist and retreat facilitator, with a desire to share her unique “art spirit” and her need to create with others.

**Cost: \$ 125.00 Friday – Saturday
(Room & meals)**
**\$ 100.00 Friday – Saturday
(Commuter with lunch)**
**\$ 55.00 Saturday only
(Lunch included)**

PRAYING IN THE THIN PLACES

The Wisdom of the Celtic Saints

Friday, October 19, 2018 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, October 20, 2018 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Carl McColman

Discover the prayer, poetry, folklore, and mysticism of the Irish, Scottish and Welsh saints of old – and how their down-to-earth, lyrical, and hope-filled wisdom still speaks to us today. Celtic spirituality is filled with legends and lore of holy saints, miraculous wonder, and an appreciation of nature as the place where “God is not elsewhere”. Discover how this ancient spirituality can bring a deeper sense of God’s love and presence into every moment and corner of your life. During our time together we’ll reflect on holy wells and thin places, pray with St. Brigid, journey with St. Brendan the Navigator to the end of the world, and explore distinctively Celtic ways of meeting God in nature.

Carl McColman is a Catholic layperson and a Lay Cistercian, an associate of the Trappist monastery in Conyers, Georgia. He is the author of several books on spirituality and is a popular presenter at The Oratory and throughout the region.

Cost: \$ 10.00 Friday Evening only
\$ 40.00 Saturday only
(Lunch included)
\$ 80.00 Both Sessions Overnight
(Meals included)
\$ 45.00 Both Sessions Commuter
(Lunch included)

PREPARING FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

A Retreat for Men

Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Michael Petro

Spend some time reflecting on the Mass readings for Advent. How is Christ entering our lives? In what ways is he already there? What are his plans for our future? We will examine the readings for the four Sundays of Advent to discover the answers to these questions.

Cost: \$ 35.00 (Lunch included)

Michael Petro teaches at Saint Anne School in Rock Hill and Belmont Abbey.

REFLECT & WONDER: The Spiritual Practice of Journal Writing

Saturday, January 5, 2019
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Julie Marr

“Journal” comes from the Old French *jurnel*, a day’s travel or work. A journal is a journey of the mind and spirit. There are countless ways to keep one – it’s just a matter of finding a style that is ideal for you. This workshop is equal parts information, inspiration and interaction with the page. Come ready to write and be transformed!

Julie Marr is trained in the art of Spiritual Direction, which is about recognizing and responding to the sacred in everyday life. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, she is an advertising writer and creative director in Charlotte, where she recently co-founded SoulStudioclt.com.

Cost: \$ 15.00

A CONTEMPLATIVE APPROACH TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Saturday, March 2, 2019 - 9:00 – 11:45 AM

Linda Flynn

We all possess a deep longing to connect with something far greater than ourselves. Spiritual Direction is a time honored tradition of the Church, by which a trained individual helps the seeker name, claim and deepen their experience of the Holy in their midst. This morning will include practices and sample the flow of spiritual direction.

Linda Flynn is Director of the Charlotte Spirituality Center, a training center for spiritual directors.

No charge, but pre-registration required.

TRANSFIGURATION:

**What Do We Need to Do to Conform Our
Hearts to Christ's Heart?**

A Retreat for Men

Saturday, March 16, 2019 - 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Michael Petro

Are we willing to take risks to gain the reward of heaven? The Synoptic Gospels recount the great and glorious event that took place on Mount Tabor. Dare we ascend that Mount to be transfigured with Christ?

Cost: \$ 35.00 (Lunch included)

Michael Petro teaches at Saint Anne School in Rock Hill and Belmont Abbey.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF AGING

Monday, June 10 – Thursday, June 13, 2019
9:00 – 11:30 AM

***Sr. Gay Rowzie, HM &
Sr. Susan Schorsten, HM***

Is there such a thing as a “Spirituality of Aging”? How do we move from who we have been to who we are becoming in our elder years? These sessions will help us explore where we are in the ‘aging’ process and how we can recognize the invitations God is extending to us at this time of our lives. God has promised that God has come that we might have a “fullness of life”. How might we experience this “fullness” in our senior years?

Sister Susan Schorsten and Sister Gay Rowzie are Humility of Mary Sisters. Both were active in the Diocese of Charleston for many years before moving on to other ministries and have now returned to this area. They will be sharing the experiences they have gained through their ministries, studies, and participation in programs on this topic.

No charge, but pre-registration required.



Other Programs



OCCASIONAL FILM SERIES

September 24, October 29, 2018
January 28, April 29, 2019
7:00 PM

The popular Film Series is no longer just for winter! Join us for a Monday evening of viewing, discussion and snacks. We will choose some fun, interesting and thought-provoking films to reflect on. A schedule of films will be available at a later date. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

No charge, donations accepted.

SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENTS AND TRADITION

Monday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018
7:00 – 8:30 PM

On four Monday evenings we will look at these topics from the perspective of four different faith communities. Starting with the Catholic Church's teachings, the following weeks will explore some Protestant churches' understanding and teaching on these pillars of our faith with presentations by different speakers from those churches. A schedule of speakers and topics will be available at a later date.

No charge, but pre-registration appreciated.



WHY THIS JUBILEE?

An Evening of Christmas Carols

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00 – 8:30 PM

James Howell

Join us as we look at the rich theology in Christmas carols (and even some secular Christmas music). James will also lead us in singing a few of them, for an informative and fun evening.

No charge, but pre-registration appreciated.

THE THREE Rs OF LENT

Saturday, March 23, 2019

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Elena Ziegler

Join us for a mini-retreat in the midst of Lent – a time for **R**est, **R**efreshment and **R**econciliation. Come spend quality time with the Lord and with each other as we spend a springtime morning in prayer, including an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Elena Ziegler has served as the Director of Faith Formation at St. Anne Parish in Rock Hill since 1986. She holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Loyola University in New Orleans.

No charge, but pre-registration appreciated.

THE ART OF DISCERNMENT: How We Decide What to Decide

Friday, November 9, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, November 10, 2018 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Alice Camille

We spend our days making decisions large and small. These choices are an exercise of free will – which is a good definition of human life. What criteria do we employ in this routine yet cumulatively significant task? Is there such a thing as a Christian way to decide? What sort of lumber is necessary in constructing a framework for moral decision-making? Discernment must not become a lost art in the lives of believers. It really does matter which choices we make, for it is through our choices that the future comes into being.

The aim of this workshop is to reflect on the tools, values, and qualities that make Christian discernment possible. We'll examine stories in Scripture, the lives of the saints, in history or in the news, which may assist us. Jesus promises not to leave us orphans on the path of life. We who follow his light are not left to wander in the ambiguous dark.

Alice Camille, M.Div., is the author of twenty books and a half-dozen monthly serials on viewing contemporary life through the lens of Scripture.

Cost: \$ 10.00 Friday Evening Only
\$ 40.00 Saturday only
(Lunch included)
\$ 80.00 Both Sessions Overnight
(Lunch included)
\$ 45.00 Both Sessions Commuter
(Lunch included)

**Three Programs
Presented by
Father Joe Pearce, C.O., D.Min**

**CARDINAL NEWMAN on GOD'S
COMMANDMENT TO LOVE**

Thursday, October 25, 2018 7:00 to 9:00 PM

The commandment to love as God loves us can be overwhelming and intimidating, especially when applied to our neighbor. Cardinal Newman has a solution for how we can fulfill this commandment to love in a very practical way – and best of all, it will make us holy!

FUNERAL RITES WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 31, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM

When a loved one dies we are devastated. The last thing we want to deal with is funeral arrangements. Give your family a gift by planning your own funeral liturgy. In this workshop we will discuss the options offered as well as living wills and health directives.

**ST. PHILIP NERI:
An Encounter with the Holy Spirit**

Thursday, May 23, 2019 7:00 to 9:00 PM

St. Philip Neri had a miraculous encounter with the Holy Spirit in the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. This profound encounter changed him forever. We will examine this encounter and its results, both physical and spiritual.

No charge, but pre-registration appreciated.

Fr. Joe Pearce is a member of the Rock Hill Oratory and Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Rock Hill as well as serving at St. Joseph Church in Chester.

**LET'S REFRAME:
Learning to Honor Our Time Again**

Kim Eubanks

February 4,11,18,25 2019
7:00 – 8:00 PM

Stressed? Too busy? STOP! Calling all moms, women, students – men, you also. Let's quit worshipping at the altars of our schedules, I-phones, our families even ... and start worshipping at the altar of our God again. Let's find time to respect ourselves and the gift of our time and presence. Here is a chance to re-group and together re-center, redefine, reflect and reframe our lives. Isn't it time to focus on what's really important?

Kimberly Eubanks is a deeply spiritual, married mom, who is ever seeking a deeper relationship with God. Her educational background includes a B.S. and B.A. from Wofford College and an M.S. from Valdosta State University.

No charge, but pre-registration required.

**Help Us Save Resources!
Please let us know if you:**

Are receiving duplicate mailings.

**Prefer to receive
information electronically.**

**Prefer not to receive any
further mailings.**

Thank you!

Registration

You may register for any of our programs in a variety of ways:

By Mail or Fax:

Print and fill out a registration form available on The Oratory website or simply send a letter indicating the program(s) you are interested in. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

By E-mail:

Send an e-mail indicating the program(s) you are registering for in the Subject Line and including the above information.

*While we no longer require a deposit for most of our programs, we take your registration as a commitment to attending. If your situation changes, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. **Please be aware that registration for programs including meals or overnight accommodations close ONE WEEK PRIOR to the program. Programs are subject to cancellation if we have not received enough registrations by that time.** We appreciate your assistance in this part of our planning process!*

The Oratory strives to offer quality programs at reasonable fees. However, inability to pay should never prevent anyone from attending our programs. Scholarships are available.

THANK YOU ... and we look forward to welcoming you to the Rock Hill Oratory in the near future!

The Oratory is a men's religious community founded by **Saint Philip Neri** in the 16th century. Known as the "Apostle to Rome" and the "Saint of Joy", the community he founded has houses throughout the world. The Rock Hill Oratory, the oldest and largest house in the United States, carries on St. Philip's charism of prayer, reflection on Scripture and work with the laity. **Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman** is perhaps the best known Oratorian in the English-speaking world, often credited as the "spiritual father of Vatican II." In the tradition of these two men, the Oratory and the Center for Spirituality offer hospitality and programs for the enrichment of the Church and, hopefully our world.

The Oratory welcomes individuals for private retreats as well as groups who have their own program and director and are seeking housing and meeting space. To make arrangements for private or group retreats, contact the Center.

The Oratory is pleased to partner with the **Charlotte Spirituality Center**, offering programs on Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction Training. Men and women trained through them are available as spiritual directors. For more information, please visit their website: www.charlottespiritualitycenter.org.

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