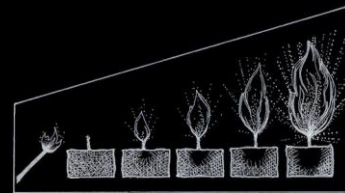


# St. Christopher's Adult Education on Sundays

## Winter/Spring 2010

Our mission is to bear the good news of Christ by coming together to enkindle the light of our faith.



Adult Education on Sunday takes place in the parish center on the first floor of Trinity School, 1440 Grandview Avenue, between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses. Coffee, tea and light refreshments are available.

**February 7 -Church Life in Renaissance Times** Explore the tumultuous relationship between the council of bishops and the Roman papacy in the 1400s AD which still influences the church today. Watch lay spirituality develop within this tension as the Renaissance of art and reason transforms the Western world. Discuss how this era both enhances and challenges today's governance and spiritual patterns in church life. **Jim Grove, MTS**, is an instructor of theology, pastoral minister, and catechetical presenter throughout the Columbus Diocese.

**February 14-The Protestant Crusade** An exploration of the rising tide of nativism and anti-Catholicism in ante-bellum America, with a focus on journals and books (*The Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk*), riots and violence in Eastern cities populated by Irish immigrants, and the rise of the Know-Nothing Party in the decade prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. **Kathleen Riley** is a professor of history at Ohio Dominican University, and author and a proud graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

**February 21-Reconciliation and Forgiveness** In the book *The Shack* there is a theme that asks us to believe and partake in the forgiving power of our trinitarian God. In this session Father Vinny will lead us in praying a litany of healing for all of the various stages of life.

**Father Vincent McKiernan**, is a Paulist priest who is in his 20<sup>th</sup> year at the St. Thomas More Newman Center at the Ohio State University. Father Vinny has done many retreats and workshops on healing life's hurts, especially on forgiving as best we can.

### A TWO WEEK SESSION WITH MARY VAN BALEN-HOLT

**February 28-God Dwells Within Us** The monk's bowl is a metaphor for God's gift of self. This talk will address the need to empty ourselves to make room for God.

**March 7- Francis's Bowl was Messy too** We are grateful for everything that is put into the "bowls" of our lives, even for the things we didn't want or expect.

**Mary van Balen-Holt**, MA in Theology, is an author, columnist, educator and presenter of retreats and days of reflection. Benedictine spirituality has become a part of her own spirituality, and she is happy to share this Project which has grown out of that spirituality as it is lived at Saint John's Abbey. Mary is presently an adjunct instructor of theology at Ohio Dominican University.

**March 14-Irish Short Story Read-Aloud**-In celebration of St. Patrick's Day and the Irish, please join us for a "read-aloud" session of an Irish short story called "Home Sickness" by George Moore. Moore was born in County Mayo, Ireland in 1852. He has been praised for the accuracy and insight with which he portrayed the life of his native Ireland, as well as for his sensitive psychological studies of human weakness and loneliness. We will discuss the contributions of the Irish to our Catholic faith.

**Committee members will lead discussion.**

**March 21-The History and Development of the Jewish People from Abraham to Akiva** This session will discuss how the traditions of the ancient Hebrew people were transformed by invasion, occupation and exile by powerful earthly forces, ultimately culminating in the destruction of the Jerusalem temple and the rise of Rabbinical Judaism. Also in this session we will look at the rise of the Christian sect and how it broke from its Judaic roots.

**Jay Zenitsky** has studied Christian and Judaic traditions for over 35 years. He received a degree in history from University of Missouri with a focus on Ancient and Medieval European History with a special focus on the influence of the Roman Catholic Church. Jay teaches classes on comparative religion at Upper Arlington Lifelong learning and recently at Franklin University.

**March 28-Palm Sunday/April 4-Easter Sunday** No adult education sessions will be held on these two Sunday's.



### **April 11-Ressurrection and Afterlife, an**

#### **Expanded View** Is it possible that Jesus didn't

hold the same Christian view of resurrection as we do? Is it possible that we've gotten off track a bit as regards

"heaven"? Let's see what Jesus says about it in the Gospels!

It would be good to bring your Bible to this session. **Angela**

**Burge** has a Masters degree in scripture studies from the Josphinum Pontifical College and has been a scripture study leader in our parish and others.

### **April 18-Book Discussion, Wisdom of Our Fathers:**

#### **Lessons and Letters from Our Daughters and Sons** Let's

celebrate an early Father's Day (June 20, 2010) by reading this 2007 book by the late Tim Russert. These letters

honoring fathers are sure to bring back memories of your

own dad. Come prepared to share our favorite stories

from the book and tell the tales that honor our own

beloved fathers. **Committee members will lead discussion.**

*April 18 will be the last session for the 2009/2010 "school year"; however we are pleased to announce the possibility of a short summer evening series during the month of July. Stay tuned for upcoming details.*

**Thank you to all of our participants and committee members for another successful year. Special thanks to Deacon Dave for his support and encouragement. As always, if you have any ideas for future topics or wish to join this committee please contact any of the members listed below.**

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