

**DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: 2009 - 2010**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

***Rite of Election and Enrollment of Names of Catechumens
and The Call To Continuing Conversion of Candidates:**

Sunday, February 21, 2010 - First Sunday of Lent

2:00 PM - Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
(Cambria, Fulton, and Somerset County parishes/campus ministry)

7:00 PM - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
(Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clinton and Huntingdon County parishes/campus ministry)

***Christian Initiation Passion Sunday Weekend Retreats and Anointing Service:**

Centre/Clinton Counties: Saturday, March 27, 2010 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory Parish (Social Hall)
820 Westerly Parkway, State College

Cambria/Somerset Counties: Sunday, March 28, 2010 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
St. John Gualbert Cathedral Parish
Activity Center on Railroad Street, Johnstown

All other counties: Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Social Hall)
Old Route 22, Duncansville

Anyone who cannot attend the retreats as scheduled are always welcome to attend at another site. When you RSVP please call the office or make a note on your registration form.

***Mass of Thanksgiving For Neophytes:**

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 5:00pm

Main Celebrant: Most Rev. Joseph V. Adamec

Location: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona

*The Neophyte Mass is scheduled on the 2nd Saturday after Easter this year. Please plan to bring your group to this celebration. Bishop Joseph reserves this day on his calendar to celebrate with the newest members of the Church. The Neophytes should respond with the same joyful planning. We should always look forward to celebrating together at the Eucharistic Table.

Please continue for Formation and Catechesis schedules and forms that can also be downloaded.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FORMATION AND CATECHESIS

A Collaborative Effort of the Parish Life, Adult Enrichment And
Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Liturgy, Tribunal and Diaconal Formation Offices

2009 -2010 Calendar

COURSE ON CHRISTIAN INITIATION CATECHUMENATE TEAM MINISTRY:

Location: St. Michael Parish, 751 Locust Street, St. Michael, PA.

When: Thursday evenings from 6:30PM – 9:00PM on the following dates:

2009 Part I: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8 **Part II:** October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19

2010 Part III: January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 **Part IV:** April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

Topics: The four part course parallels the four phases of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

Presenters: A team of diocesan clergy and lay ministers.

Who should attend: This course will benefit people who are currently active in RCIA or who would like to begin working with a parish team. We need at least 10 people to formally register by August 15, 2009 for the class to take place. Forms are included.

Cost: \$60.00 per person which is primarily used for textbooks and materials. Registrations are processed through the Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Adult Faith Formation Office. Please call the Parish Life Office by August 15th if even one or two people from your parish are seriously interested. Team members or individuals who began this course in a previous year and who need to fill-in missed sessions are invited to begin again at the segment in which they were unable to complete.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION LATE SUMMER EXTENDED WORKSHOP DAY:

When: Saturday, September 19, 2009, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Topic: *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*: Rites of Particular Circumstance, # 4 and #5, for the already baptized Candidates, both un-catechized and catechized.

Presenter: Rita Ferrone. She is a noted author, liturgist and longstanding team member of The National Forum on the Catechumenate. She is the author of *On the Rite of Election* (Liturgy Training Publications) and co-author of the *Foundations in Faith* series (Resources for Christian Living). Rita's newest book, *Rediscovering Vatican II: The Liturgy*, can be purchased from Paulist Press. She resides in Mount Vernon, New York.

Location: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, 2400 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA

Cost: \$45.00 per person will include continental breakfast, lunch, two breaks and workshop materials.

Participants should bring their Study Edition of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Copies of the Rite book will be for sale on September 19th for \$15.00. Parishes are encouraged to send one or two people in the Christian Initiation Ministry to the workshop.

FALL WORKSHOP DAY:

When: Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9:00AM – 2:00PM.

Topic: Understanding the Annulment Process

Presenter: Very Rev. John D. Byrnes JV, JCL.

Location: Saint Aloysius Parish Hall, 7911 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson, PA.

Cost: \$10 fee includes breakfast and lunch.

Attendance at the Fall/Spring Workshops will help fulfill requirements for those seeking Basic and Advanced Certification.