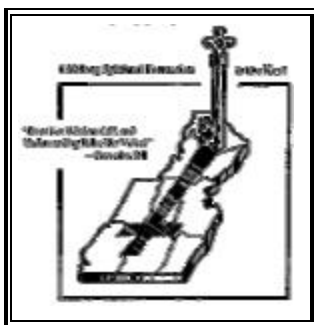


*Diocese
of
Altoona-Johnstown*

**Schedule
2009-10**

Adult Enrichment
and
Lay Ecclesial Ministries



Parish Life Office



***Adult Enrichment
and
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are
supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.***


July 2009

Welcome to the Parish Life Office!

Thank you for your interest in Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries.

Since 1992 our diocese has sponsored a process to support lay women and men seeking to deepen the influence of Christian faith in their lives. This process led to the establishing of an Office of Adult Formation and Lay Ministry, the creation of a Diocesan Committee on the Laity, and the setting up of a number of lay spiritual formation programs. After 15 years, due to changing times, Bishop Joseph created the Parish Life Office in 2006, as a resource for parishes. Ministries within the Parish Life Office include Adult Enrichment, Christian Initiation Team Ministry, Evangelization, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Parish Pastoral Councils, Sacramental Preparation and Stewardship. It is exciting to be a part of this endeavor!

Please take time to review the information in this brochure. If the Lay Ecclesial Formation Process sounds interesting to you, please complete and mail the registration form by clicking the registration link on this website, talk with your pastor about our diocesan lay formation process, and join us for the Heart of Faith course in the fall.

Sincerely,

Jean Schneiderbauer
Ministerial Coordinator

Adult Enrichment or Lay Ecclesial Ministry:

“Which one is for you?”

Our **Adult Enrichment** courses can be thought of as short-term modules that will help satisfy your internal hunger for a deeper understanding of the Catholic Christian lifestyle. If you last received formal education in your faith in grade school or high school these courses have been developed with you in mind. Each is designed to help you live your faith more fully in your family, workplace and society. The outcomes are spiritual formation; a greater love of your faith; and the development of your communication and leadership skills. You are invited to choose any course of interest. Although you will participate in classes with individuals enrolled in our Lay Ecclesial Ministry formation process, you need not follow the same sequence of courses.

Our **Lay Ecclesial Ministry** formation process offers a more formal catechetical structure than does Adult Enrichment. Requiring a commitment of two to three years, the “LEM” process combines theological education, study, prayer and prayerful reflection, communication and group dynamics skills, and leadership training. Participants who successfully complete two years of courses earn diocesan certification in Basic Lay Ecclesial Ministry. Those who continue for a third year in a specialized ministry track earn diocesan Advanced Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification. Specialized tracks include Christian Initiation, Liturgical Foundations, Hospital Ministry, Master Catechist, Peace & Justice, among others. If you desire to serve your faith community in one of these ministries, you should register for Lay Ecclesial Ministry on the Registration form.

YEAR ONE SUMMARY OF COURSES

HEART OF FAITH—8 WEEKS

A Survey of Catholic Christian Doctrine is the first of six adult formation courses offered through the two-year Lay Ecclesial Ministry certification process. This eight-week course serves a stand-alone Adult Enrichment experience for individuals interested in their personal knowledge with no desire to participate in future courses. Participants will acquire a deeper understanding of many of our basic beliefs as well as our individual call to put these beliefs into practice in our daily lives. We will do this by presenting a summary of Catholic Christian doctrine.

OLD TESTAMENT—8 WEEKS

This course introduces participants to some of the major features of the Old Testament; the Bible in history and history in the Bible, the Torah, the heart and soul of the Old Testament, the book of Genesis, prophetic literature—Isaiah and his companions, the word of David, wisdom literature and prayer in the Old Testament.



CHRISTIAN PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY—6 WEEKS

All true ministry is rooted in a relationship with the living God. This course explores both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality. This course is really a brief guided retreat in daily life based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The focus is on the Person of Jesus Christ and the goal is freedom (the ordering of desires), and transparency or intimacy with God. The participants will learn to use the Scriptures for prayer and learn a method of discernment for the purpose of discovering God's will in all things.

YEAR TWO SUMMARY OF COURSES

NEW TESTAMENT—8 WEEKS

Recent Church documents have encouraged Catholics to study the Scriptures, including “the literary forms the writers of those early ages intended to use and did in fact use.” (*D.A.S./DS* 3830). This course introduces the participants to some of the major features of the New Testament; Jewish and Graeco-Roman Background, Pauline Letters, Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation, to name a few.

SACRAMENTS—8 WEEKS

The purpose of this course is to introduce the participants to a post-Vatican II Theology of the Sacraments within the context of Christology, Ecclesiology and Ministry. The history of the sacraments will also be covered in this context.

CHURCH HISTORY—10 WEEKS

The history of Christianity is a story of diversity, multiple developments, and pluralism. Yet, throughout every era of Christian history the underlying and unifying thread has been a desire among the followers of Jesus the Christ to discern the presence of the Spirit and the marks of the Creator within the many faces of human culture, and to welcome and work to bring about a fuller realization of God’s Kingdom within our midst. This course offers an overview of Church history focusing upon Christianity in Europe from apostolic times to the present. Questions are raised about the role of the laity and models of the Christian ministry as each era of Christian history is reviewed.

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries

*This year-long process provides a foundation
for ongoing adult faith growth and development.*

Year One: 2009-2010

Mondays: Sacred Heart Formation Center, Altoona

COURSE	HEART OF FAITH	OLD TESTAMENT	CHRISTIAN PRAYER and SPIRITUALITY
MEETING DATES	Sept. 14, 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov. 2	Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 Snow Date: Mar. 1	Apr. 12, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17
TIME	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 P.M.	6:30-8:30 PM

Wednesdays: St. Agnes Parish Hall, Lock Haven

COURSE	HEART OF FAITH	OLD TESTAMENT	CHRISTIAN PRAYER and SPIRITUALITY
MEETING DATES	Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 14, 21	Jan. 13, 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 24 Mar. 3, 10 Snow Date: Mar. 17	Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12
TIME	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM
		No Class—Feb. 17 ~Ash Wednesday	

Wednesdays: St. Michael Parish Hall, St. Michael, PA

COURSE	HEART OF FAITH	OLD TESTAMENT	CHRISTIAN PRAYER and SPIRITUALITY
MEETING DATES	Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 Oct. 7, 14, 21 Nov. 4	Jan. 13, 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 24 Mar. 3, 10 Snow Date: Mar. 17	Apr. 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19
TIME	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM
		No Class—Feb. 17 ~Ash Wednesday	

Myers-Briggs Workshop—Saturday, October 24, 2009

Journaling Workshop—Saturday, February 13, 2010—

Snow Date: February 20, 2010

Workshops at Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville unless otherwise notified.

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries
Registration - Year I - 2009-2010

Name: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address: _____

City, Town, Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ **(Evening)** _____
(Provide work number only if you are permitted to receive calls at work.)

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ **Retired:** _____

Parish: _____

Location (Enrolling):

_____ **Altoona** _____ **Lock Haven** _____ **St. Michael, PA**

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Altoona -Johnstown.

I am taking the courses for:

Adult Enrichment: _____ **Lay Ecclesial Certification:** _____

Fees for both the Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries are as follows:

Year I:

Heart of Faith.....	8 Weeks	\$35.00
Old Testament	8 Weeks	\$35.00
Christian Prayer/Spirituality	6 Weeks	\$25.00
Myers-Briggs Workshop	Saturday	\$25.00
Journaling Workshop.....	Saturday	\$25.00

Please send completed registration form to:

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries

124 Logan Boulevard

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Phone: (814) 693-9605 or email jschneider@dioceseaj.org

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries

Participants reflect upon our call as baptized believers to live lives of holiness and Christian service. They also explore what it has meant throughout history to be a part of the community called by God to be God's special people.

Year Two: 2009-2010

Wednesdays: St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, Duncansville

COURSE	NEW TESTAMENT	SACRAMENTS	CHURCH HISTORY
MEETING DATES	Sept. 2, 9, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 21, 28 Nov. 4	Nov. 11, 18 Dec. 2, 9, 16 Jan. 6, 13, 20 Snow Date: Jan. 27	Feb. 3, 10, 24 Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 Apr. 7, 21, 28 Snow Date: May 5
TIME	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM
	<i>No Class—Sept. 16 No Class—Oct. 14 ~Seven Springs</i>	<i>No Class—Nov. 25 ~Thanksgiving Week ~Dec.21/31-Christmas Holidays</i>	<i>No Class—Feb. 17 ~Ash Wednesday ~Mar. 31—Holy Week ~Apr. 14—Seven Springs</i>

Wednesdays: St. John Gualbert Activity Center, Johnstown

COURSE	NEW TESTAMENT	SACRAMENTS	* CHURCH HISTORY
MEETING DATES	Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct. 7, 21, 28 <i>No Class Oct. 14 ~Seven Springs</i>	Nov. 4, 11, 18 Dec. 2, 9, 16 Jan. 6, 13 Snow Date: Jan. 20	Jan. 26 Feb. 2, 9, 23 Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 Apr. 6, 20 Snow Date: April 27
Time	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM
** PLEASE NOTE: Only the Church History Class at St. John Gualbert Activity Center will be held on Tuesdays.		<i>No Class—Nov. 25 ~Thanksgiving Week ~December 24/31 ~Christmas Holidays</i>	<i>No Class—Feb. 17 ~Ash Wednesday ~Mar. 30—Holy Week ~April 13—Seven Springs</i>

Advanced Myers-Briggs Workshop—Saturday, November 7, 2009

Retreat—April 16, 17, 18, 2010—St. John Retreat Center, New Baltimore

*Workshops are held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, Duncansville,
unless otherwise notified.*

DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries
Registration - Year II - 2009-2010

Name: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address: _____

City, Town, Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ **(Evening)** _____
(Provide work number only if you are permitted to receive calls at work.)

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ **Retired:** _____

Parish: _____

Location (Enrolling):
_____ **Duncansville** _____ **Johnstown**

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Altoona -Johnstown.

I am taking the courses for:

Adult Enrichment: _____ **Lay Ecclesial Certification:** _____

Fees for both the Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries are as follows:

Year II:

New Testament 8 Weeks\$35.00
Sacraments..... 8 Weeks\$35.00
Church History10 Weeks\$45.00
Advanced M-B Workshop.....Saturday\$25.00
Retreat—Friday Eve to Sunday NoonTBA

Please send completed registration form to:

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries
124 Logan Boulevard
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Phone: (814) 693-9605; email jschneider@dioceseaj.org

THIRD YEAR TRACKS

SUMMARY OF COURSES

Advanced Bible Study

Online Study through the University of Notre Dame to explore the richness of your religious tradition. Visit website [HTTP://step.nd.edu](http://step.nd.edu) for online registration and a complete list of courses and a schedule. Upon completion of three courses on Bible Study, submit copies of certificates to Parish Life Office.

Christian Initiation Team Ministry

Following the four stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation process which are Precatechumenate/Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification/Enlightenment, and Mystagoga, a team of instructors will introduce the foundational spirituality, catechetical, and liturgical principles called for within the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, mandated by Vatican Council II. Practical tools for implementing the process in a parish will be shared and developed.

Hospital Ministry

This course trains lay ministers to visit hospitalized parishioners of their own faith community.

Liturgical Foundations

This course is designed to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the church's liturgical life. Individuals will work together to create and evaluate varying prayer experiences and eucharistic liturgies. These classes expect interaction and participation among all.

Master Catechist

The Master Catechist Program is a one year certification process to provide an advanced understanding of the educational ministry of the Church. It is designed for those serving as religious educators.

Tribunal Advocate Track

A three year process designed to train lay women and men to be lay advocates commissioned by the Bishop who can take referrals from priests or deacons regarding marriage cases and then interview the parties involved to determine whether or not there is a case for annulment, help the parties involved present the case, and then represent the case before the Tribunal.

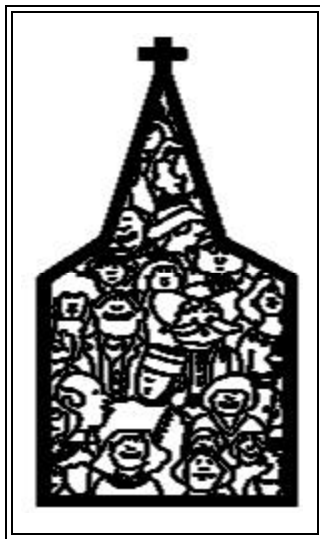
Leadership Workshop

This workshop is a requirement for all third year tracks.

The date and time will be announced. Cost: \$25.00.

Please call Jean Schneiderbauer at (814) 693-9605 for registration for a Third Year Track. **A minimum of ten participants is required for a track to be scheduled.**

We Are All God's People!



Since Bishop Joseph is asking the faithful of the area to submit any useful information or miraculous intervention on the part of the Servant of God Demetrius Gallitzin to the Chancery Offices of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, it seems appropriate that we print the following prayer for all the faithful of the Diocese to take a minute of their day to pray.

Gracious and loving God, in your providence, you sent your faithful servant, Father Demetrius A. Gallitzin, to sow the seeds of faith among the people of the Allegheny Mountains. May you listen to his intercession for us in our day even as we ask that we be allowed to invoke him publicly as our patron with you.

Pour out your merciful love upon us and hear our prayer. We humbly beseech you to grant us the favor of
name your intention



Finally we ask for the courage to serve you faithfully and to give you praise. May we do so in the strength of your Spirit, in witness to Jesus, as did Demetrius when he preached your Word and baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Kindly send information about granted favors to:
The Cause for Servant of God
Demetrius Gallitzin
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
126 Logan Boulevard
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648