



Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
Parish Life Office
925 South Logan Boulevard
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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*Diocese
of
Altoona-Johnstown*

**Schedule
2011-2012**

**Adult Enrichment
and
Lay Ecclesial Ministries**



Parish Life Office



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

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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. Ministries within the Parish Life Office include Adult Enrichment, Christian Initiation Team Ministry, Evangelization, Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Parish Pastoral Councils, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, Stewardship and Youth Ministry. 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,



*Deacon Michael Russo
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.

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries

Third Year Track/Adult Enrichment: 2011-2012

Thursday Evenings: Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School
2400 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona

Course: Christian Initiation Catechumenate Team Ministry

2011 Part I: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6
2011 Part II: October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10
2012 Part III: January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16
2012 Part IV: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10

Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. @ B.G.
Cost: \$75.00 per person
Presenters: A team of diocesan clergy and lay ministers.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Town, Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Retired: Yes No

Parish: _____

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Altoona -Johnstown.

I am taking the courses for:

Adult Enrichment: _____ Third Year Certification _____

Please send completed registration form and payment to:

Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries
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Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

*There is a \$10.00 fee if registering the night of class.

YEAR ONE SUMMARY OF COURSES

HEART OF FAITH — 8 WEEKS

Adult Catholics must be well informed in four pillars of the Catechism if they are to effectively catechize children, teens, and young adults. The newly revised *Heart of Faith* class focuses on the Creed, the Sacraments, Christian Life, and Prayer and reflects the unity of the Catholic faith as well as the richness of its lived expression in American culture.

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 & SPIRITUALITY — 8 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

IF TAKING CLASSES FOR LEM CERTIFICATION, YOU MUST HAVE COMPLETED YEAR 1 CLASSES.

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.

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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: 2011-2012

Sacred Heart Formation Center, Altoona

COURSE	NEW TESTAMENT	SACRAMENTS	CHURCH HISTORY
	Fr. Christopher Panagoplos	Msgr. Robert Mazur	Rev. D. Timothy Grimme
MEETING DATES	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursdays</p> Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27	<p style="text-align: center;">Mondays</p> Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Snow Date: March 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays</p> Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5
TIME	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 P.M.	6:30-8:30 PM

St. Patrick’s, Johnstown

St. Michael Parish, St. Michael

COURSE	NEW TESTAMENT	SACRAMENTS	CHURCH HISTORY
	Msgr. Michael Becker	Rev. D. Timothy Grimme	Fr. George Koharchik
MEETING DATES	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursdays</p> Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct. 6, 13	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays</p> Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 Snow Date Mar. 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays</p> Mar. 13, 20, 27 Apr. 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15, 22
TIME	6:30-9:00 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM

This class only at St. Patrick’s, Johnstown, and will be held 6 weeks due to the fact that each class lasts 2 1/2 hours.

*Retreat to be held at St. John Retreat Center, New Baltimore
Friday Evening, May 4 thru Sunday, Noon, May 6
Cost: t/b/e*

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

Year One: 2011-2012

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville

COURSE	HEART OF FAITH	OLD TESTAMENT	CHRISTIAN PRAYER and SPIRITUALITY
	Sr. Celeste Ciesielka, CCW/ Deacon Gene Neral	Rev. Brian Saylor	Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW
MEETING DATES	Wednesdays Sept. 14, 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov. 2	Wednesdays Nov. 9, 16, 30 Dec. 14, 21 Jan. 4, 11, 18 Snow Date: Jan. 25	Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 11, 18, 25 May 2
TIME	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM

St. Patrick Church, Johnstown

COURSE	HEART OF FAITH	OLD TESTAMENT	CHRISTIAN PRAYER and SPIRITUALITY
	Mrs. Marybeth Heinze	Rev. Matthew Reese	Fr. Mark Begly
MEETING DATES	Wednesdays Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26	Wednesdays Nov. 9, 16, 30 Dec. 14, 21 Jan. 11, 18, 25	Tuesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 10, 24 May 1, 8
Time	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM	6:30-8:30 PM

*If you are taking classes for LEM Certification, you **MUST**
begin with Year 1 classes.*

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**DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministries
Registration - Year I - 2011-2012**

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 I: please indicate which class(es):

- ___ Heart of Faith I.....8 Weeks\$35.00
- ___ Old Testament8 Weeks\$35.00
- ___ Christian Prayer/Spirituality8 Weeks\$35.00
- ___ Spiritual GiftsWorkshop..... TBA

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The faithful of the area are 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
927 S. Logan Boulevard
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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.

We Are All God's People!



**DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN
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Registration - Year II- 2011-2012**

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 _____ *Johnstown* _____ St. Michael, PA
(*Msgr. Becker's NT Course only.*)

Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

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I am taking the courses for:
Adult Enrichment: _____ Lay Ecclesial Certification: _____
(*must have completed Year 1 classes*)

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

Year II: please indicate class(es):

- ___ New Testament 8 Weeks\$35.00
- ___ Sacraments..... 8 Weeks\$35.00
- ___ Church History10 Weeks\$45.00
- ___ Retreat—Friday Eve to Sunday Noon TBA
(May 4, 5, 6, 2012)

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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

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 following the four stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

Hospital Ministry

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

Liturgical Foundations

A twenty-four week course divided into four quarters. This third year track 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.

