

Vibrant Parish Life

Diocese of Trenton
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(Information below is provided for individuals, bulletins, and public announcements.)

Go to: <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/spiritual/vibrantparishlife.asp>

NEW! Christmas in July - "Christmas Carol Festival – A new way to reach inactive Catholics"

Discover how to use carols to invite inactive, marginal, and unchurched Catholics to come back to the manger, back to Christ, and back to the Church. **Speakers: Therese and John Boucher**, co-authors: *Christmas Carol Festival Guidebook* and *When You Notice the Empty Pews: Simple Ways to Share Our Faith*. **Date/Time: Saturday, July 11, 2009, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Place – TBD. Registration fee - \$25 (per person) includes lunch, beverages and the Revised and Updated "Christmas Carol Festival Guidebook". **Registration due by June 26, 2009.** For questions or to register, please contact Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400, ext 5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org

"Sharing Our Stories of Faith"

NEW! Share Your Faith without Losing Your Head! Intensive Training for Parish Evangelization

Explore the importance of welcome and hospitality in evangelization. Discover the many natural ways that Catholics can share faith with others in formal and informal settings. Unearth stories of how God has touched our lives, so that we will be ready to share these with others when the opportunity arises. Excellent opportunity to train lay witnesses for evangelization, stewardship & renewal movements. **Speaker: John J. Boucher**, Director, Office of Parish Life, Evangelization Ministry, Diocese of Trenton. **Date/Time: Next session March 21, 2009, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm,** St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish, Hamilton. For registration, costs, and information contact: Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400 ext. 5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org or go to <http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/spiritual/docs/ShareYourFaithWithoutLosingYourHead.pdf>.

NEW! Keys to Reaching Inactive Catholics

Learn new ways to reach today's inactive, marginal, and unchurched Catholics. Explore six keys for developing a new model of everyday missionary outreach. **Speaker: John J. Boucher**, Director, Office of Parish Life, Evangelization Ministry, Diocese of Trenton. **Date/Time: Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Place – Diocesan Pastoral Center, Lawrenceville. Registration fee - \$15/per person (includes book, materials, and light lunch). **Registration due by June 23, 2009.** For questions or to register, please contact Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400, ext 5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org.

NEW! The Lay Ecclesial Ministry Blog is up and running!

You can access *LEMs in the Vineyard* by going to the Diocesan website: www.lemsinthevineyard.org. The blog will contain information regarding local and national trends in Lay Ecclesial Ministry, photos, videos, and text about formation through *The Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM)* and links to other informative sites. For more information, contact **JoLynn Krempecki**, Associate Director, Office of Parish Life, at (609) 406-7400 ext 5695 or jkremp@dioceseoftrenton.org

NEW! Morning Star House of Prayer

Come apart to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ at Morning Star House of Prayer, 312 West Upper Ferry Rd., Trenton, NJ. The following programs can be scheduled upon request: "The Hermitage Experience," "Conference Retreat," "Private Retreat," "Directed Retreat," "Group Directed Retreat," "Spiritual Direction," and "Days of Recollection." For more information contact: Sr. Josephine Aparo, MPF, 609-882-2766, www.morningstarprayerhouse.org, E-mail: sisterjo@comcast.net.

NEW! Scripture Study on 1 Corinthians

Bible study repeated twice. No homework required. **Dates/Times: Fridays, February 27 to April 3, 2009:**

- Mornings at **11:00 am to 12:30 pm** with soup and bread provided.
- Evenings at **7:30 to 9:00 pm** with light refreshments.

St. Peter's Parish (Lower Kolbe Hall), Point Pleasant Beach. **Pre-registration \$10.00.** For more information contact: Peggy, 908-330-4667, e-mail: PBshore@verizon.net.

NEW! Welcoming and Inviting: Intensive Evangelization Training for Parish Staffs (Part 1)

When we notice the empty pews, what can we do? How can we draw new people to committees and ministries? What makes other Christian churches seem so attractive? Develop practical skills for sharing faith and the message of Jesus in everyday life and parish ministry. **Speaker: John J. Boucher**, Director, Office of Parish Life, Evangelization Ministry, Diocese of Trenton.

Dates/Times: 3 Sessions, Wednesdays, 12:30 to 3:30 pm, March 4, April 1, and May 6, 2009 at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Marlton. **Registration Fee – Due by February 27, 2009:** one participant – \$50; two or three participants from the same parish – \$100; additional participants from same parish – \$30 each. Fee covers course books, handouts and lunch. For registration more information contact: Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400 ext. 5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org.

NEW! Now and at the Hour of Our Death 2009: Touching the Spirit—The Essence of Healing

Fellowship and thought-provoking discussion on medical care and end-of-life issues from a Catholic perspective. **Keynote speaker: Christina Puchalski, MD**, Founder and Director of the George Washington Institute of Spirituality and Health, associate professor of Medicine and Health Care Sciences and author of *A Time for Listening and Caring: Spirituality and the Care of the Chronically Ill and Dying*. Choice of three breakout sessions. **Saturday, February 28, 2009, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm** at Holy Cross High School, Delran. Admission Offering: \$10.00. Pre-registration requested at 856-552-3258 or czajac@samaritanhospice.org.

Reaching Out Blog: Today's Inactive Catholics

The Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA) is starting a **free** blog called **Reaching Out** where they will post discussion topics drawn from a national survey of what parishes are doing to reach inactive Catholics. You are invited to read the blog and make comments. Go to <http://pncea.wordpress.com>. The first post discusses "Today's Inactive Catholics." Future posts will discuss "Methods to Reach Inactive Catholics" and "Meeting the Challenges." You can sign up at the blog for an RSS feed by going to the very bottom of the page and clicking on *Entries (RSS)* and/or *Comments (RSS)*.

Pledging to Be More Like Him – a Baptismal Renewal

On any day of Lent, abstaining from chocolate or cocktails, though meaningful and praiseworthy, takes second place to an act of charity. But it's not either/or; it is both/and. Lent is about our Baptismal commitment. **Speaker: Rev. Richard Rento**, chaplain Seabrook Village Tinton Falls and regular broadcaster on Station WPAT. **Date/Time: Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm** at the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. Fee is \$20. **Registration, with a \$10 deposit, required by February 25.** To register or for more information, contact Danielle or Maria at 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

Spiritual Direction and Recovery: For Spiritual Directors

This workshop will provide an interface between spiritual direction issues and the recovery process. Topics such as the instinct of God and cravings, the will of God, surrender to a Higher Power, and the shadow in recovery will be introduced. **Speaker: Don Bisson**, FMS, D.Min., spiritual director, educator of Spiritual Directors, and international speaker. **Date/Time: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm** at the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. Fee is \$65 (lunch included). **Registration with a \$25 deposit required by March 4.** To register or for more information, contact Danielle or Maria at 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

Women's Gathering

You are invited to join us as we explore the lives of women of faith through the ages. Their holy wisdom can inspire us today. Our monthly Saturday morning gatherings for women offer a time of reflection, prayer, and nourishment of body and spirit. **Date: March 7, 2009. Time: 10:00 am** at the Upper Room Spirituality Center, Neptune. Cost is \$10 per session. A light brunch is served. For further information, call Cecilia Rahner: 732-223-2880. For reservations, contact Danielle or Maria at 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

12th Annual Catholic Men for Jesus Christ Spiritual Rally

Join hundreds of Catholic men, singles, married, including sons with their fathers, along with seminarians, priests, and deacons to hear outstanding, inspirational speakers: **Greg Schiano, Bill Moyer, and Justin Fatica**. Also **Henry Petri** and **Father John Gordon**, MC for the day. Rosary, confession, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be part of the day. Mass will be celebrated by **Bishop John M. Smith**. **Date/Time: Saturday, March 7, 2009, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, Coffee and Donuts – 7:45 am** at Saint Veronica Parish, Howell. For more information contact: CathMenForJesus@aol.com.

Journey of the Celtic Heart

You are invited to take a symbolic pilgrimage of the heart to the sacred places on your own soul's journey. This pilgrimage will be inspired by Celtic themes, Celtic saints, and sacred sites in Ireland. **Speaker: Carmel Boyle**, renowned singer/songwriter and recording artist of spiritual songs as well as an experienced educator, retreat facilitator and spiritual guide. **Date/Time: Thursday, March 19, 2009 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm** at the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. Fee is \$50 (lunch and beverages included). **Registration, with a \$20 deposit, required by March 12.** To register or for more information, contact Danielle or Maria at 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

Celebrating the Year of St. Paul – Bilingual Conference


Join other Catholics as they celebrate the year of Saint Paul at this bilingual conference – workshops will be in English and Spanish. **Liturgical Celebrant: Bishop Paul Bootkoski. Date/Time: Saturday, March 14, 2009, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** at Saint Magdalen de Pazzi Church, 105 Mine Street, Flemington. For more information, contact the Office of Evangelization (732) 562-2469 or go to: www.diometuchen.org.

 **NEW! Family Matters – A Day of Ongoing Formation and Information for All in Ministry**

Explore “Ministry from a Family Perspective,” “Family-friendly Approaches in Ministry,” and “Bereavement – the Reality that Crosses Ministry Borders.” **Speakers: Linda Richardson**, Director, and **Marilyn Schipp**, Associate Director & Coordinator of Consolation Ministries, Office of Family Life/Respect Life. **Date/Time: Monday, March 16, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm.** Trenton Diocesan Pastoral Center (Bishop Ahr Conference Room), Trenton. Registration fee: \$10.00 (includes lunch). For more information contact: 609-406-7400, ext. 5605, Fax: 609-406-7429, or e-mail: kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org.

 **NEW! ‘Forgiveness’ with Fr. John Campoli (Film)**

So many of us suffer from un-forgiveness that we may not even realize. This hardness of heart blocks us from the Holy Spirit. Light refreshments and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation provided. **Date/Time: Monday, March 16, 2009, 7:00 to 9:00 pm** at St. Peter Parish (Upper Kolbe Hall), Point Pleasant Beach. For more information contact: Dawn, 732-995-6892 or e-mail: dawnrusinkosfo@aol.com

 **Lenten Solitude of Silence Day – “Be Still and Know That I am God”**

You are invited to put aside your busyness and be alone with God for a day. The time is yours to pray and reflect in the comfortable, quiet atmosphere of the Upper Room. **Speaker: Trudy Ahern, SSJ**, spiritual director and co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center, as well as educator of spiritual directors. **Date/Time: Thursday, March 26, 2009, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm** at the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. Fee is \$25 (liturgy and light lunch included). **Registration with a \$10.00 deposit required by March 19, 2009.** To register or for more information, contact Danielle or Maria at 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

 **Lenten Taize Prayer**

“In the common prayer, the spirit of praise gives glimpses of the invisible. And within you comes welling up the wonder of a love.” - Brother Roger of Taize. Come for a refreshing evening of communal contemplative prayer. This Lenten evening of prayer will use the format of the Taize Community in France. **Speaker: Faithful Love Music Group.** **Date/Time: Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 7:00 to 9:30 pm** at the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. Free will offering. To register or for more information, contact Danielle or Maria at 732-922-0550 or office@theupper-room.org.

NEW! Human Formation Workshops

Develop core relationship skills for effective ministry:

- **March 25, 2009 – Listening: The Essential Relationship Skill.** Listening is a deep biblical response to all of life. It opens us to hear as God desires, to respond with authentic compassion, and to cut through conflict to places of original unity.
- **May 2, 2009 – Addiction: What Every Minister Needs to Know.** This core reality of American culture touches every area of life. Developing a clear understanding of the nature of addiction – and skills for responding – provides a special challenge for our time.
- **Sat., June 6, 2009 – Crisis Intervention: Danger and Opportunity.** Distinguishing between real and perceived crises and responding appropriately mark a minister who is both caring and competent. These occasions also challenge the minister to personally confront those situations which most test and deepen faith.

Facilitator: Sr. Rita Woehlcke, SSJ. Sr. Rita holds masters degrees in literature and in pastoral counseling and a certificate in spiritual direction from Sacred Heart University. **Times: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm** at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Lawrenceville. Cost – there is no cost for those who live or minister in the Diocese of Trenton. Others, please call for the cost of each session. Please bring a lunch. To register, contact Kathleen Golazeski, 609-406-7400, x5605, fax: 609-406-7436 or e-mail: kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org at least one week prior to each session.

Annulment Information Evenings

These open sessions consist of an explanation of the annulment process by a Tribunal judge, with a question/answer period following. It is hoped that these informational evenings will help petitioners to make an informed decision regarding the possibility of annulment for them. There is no formal registration. All evening programs begin at **7:30 to 9:30 pm**. Additional information may be obtained by e-mailing mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org or calling 609-406-7400 ext 5557/5573.

- **Ocean County – March 25, 2009 at St. Mary Church, Barnegat and**
- **Monmouth County – March 31, 2009 at St. Catharine Church, Holmdel**

NEW! Voice for Truth – Pro-life Teen Workshop

Mercer County Right to Life is inviting area teens to a pro-life workshop to discover the truth about *The Theology of the Body* – God’s plan for new life, the medical facts about unborn life, the sad truth about abortions, how abortions became legal in the United States, the people who help teen mothers, what teens can do to promote a culture of life, and God’s plan for Chastity. Workshop is open to teens 14 years and older. March 28, 2009, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Yardville. Cost is \$10 per student, 3 or more per family is \$25 (hardship, please call.) Please bring a bag lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided. To register, mail names, ages, addresses, e-mail and phone to: Mercer County Right to Life, PO Box 145, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550. For information, contact Patti at 609-585-2367.

NEW! Mass for Infant and Pregnancy Loss

Join Fr. Michael Manning and Holy Cross Parish for a Mass of Healing for those women and families who have lost babies during their pregnancy or in the child’s infancy. That would include women who had miscarriages, those who lost infants due to premature births, stillbirth, and those who journeyed with their infants through a fatal illness. Please invite those families you know who have experienced this kind of loss to come to the liturgy on Monday, April 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church, Rumson. A reception will follow Mass. For more information, please call Lori La Plante at 732-842-3226 ext 1123.

 **NEW! Bereavement Minister Training**

The National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved (NCMB) is an organization committed to serving the spiritual needs of persons who have experienced the death of a loved one. The next two-day training session will be held on April 3 – 4, 2009 at St. Theresa Church, Tuckerton. For information, please call Marilyn Schipp, Coordinator of Consolation Ministries, at 609-406-7400 x5557/5573 or e-mail mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org.

 **NEW! The Grace of Aging**

We are all aging. Those of us over 50 are a little more aware of the agony and ecstasy. This morning retreat will help us to grow in trust of God, who holds our past, present, and future. We need God most of all and beyond all our other needs. Retreat to be held on Friday, April 17, 2009, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Place – Francis House of Prayer, Rancocas. Donation - \$20/per person, lunch included. For questions or to register, please call 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or see www.FHOP.org.

 **NEW! Beginning Experience – Peer Ministry for those Grieving**

Beginning Experience is an international peer ministry program that facilitates grief resolution for persons who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. Participants must be beyond the initial stages of grieving. The Trenton Beginning Experience weekend will be held at Stella Maris Retreat Center, Elberon on April 17 –

19, 2009. For information, please call Marilyn Schipp, Coordinator of Consolation Ministries, at 609-406-7400 x5557/5573 or e-mail mschip@dioceseoftrenton.org.

 **NEW! Catholics Returning Home: An Invitation**

Would you like to feel at home again in the Catholic Church? Please join us for our six-week program designed to reach out to non-practicing/inactive/questioning Catholics. Come to dialogue, to question, to explore the Catholic Faith, and to celebrate. ALL ARE WELCOME. Dates/times: April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, and June 1, 2009, 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Aloysius, Jackson. For more information or to register, please contact Joan Dwyer at jedrfe@gmail.com or call St. Aloysius at 732-370-0500. There is no cost to attend.

 **NEW! Bishop's Anniversary Blessing**

The Bishop's annual para-liturgical celebration held at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton honors married couples in the diocese celebrating their 25th and 50th or over wedding anniversaries during the 2009 calendar year. Bishop John Smith confers his Episcopal Blessing upon each couple and presents them with a personalized certificate to commemorate this very special occasion.

Dates/Times: April 26, 2009 – Mercer and Monmouth Counties – 3:00 pm

May 1, 2009 – Ocean and Burlington Counties – 3:00 pm

Registration is through your respective parish.

 **NEW! The Call to the Single Life**

God's call to the single life is unique and personal. What are the gifts and challenges of single persons in today's culture? Where do you find support for your spirit? Come and enjoy some camaraderie on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Place – Francis House of Prayer, Rancocas. Donation - \$25/per person, dinner included. For questions or to register, please call 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or see www.FHOP.org.

✚ NEW! *Retrouvaille – a Lifeline for Marriages*

Retrouvaille is an international peer ministry program designed to assist married couples who are experiencing struggles and conflict in their marriage. Couples are provided with the communication tools so that they might begin to restore a loving relationship. Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for May 1 – 3, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Princeton. For information, contact Marilyn Schipp, Coordinator of Consolation Ministries, at 609-406-7400 x5557/5573 or e-mail mschipp@dioceseoftrenton.org.

✚ NEW! *When Someone You Love Stops Going to Church – “Taste & See” Dinner, Friends and a Speaker*

We all have friends and relatives who have given up on God, the Church, or both. How can we reach out to them with the love of Jesus and invite them to return? Develop new enthusiasm, attitudes, and skills needed to share your faith in the family, the neighborhood, and the workplace. Speaker: John J. Boucher, Director, Office of Parish Life, Evangelization Ministry. Date/Time: Monday May 4, 2009, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Carollo's Family Restaurant & Pizza at 200 Route 73 N, Marlton, NJ., a ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Marlton. Cost: whatever you choose to eat or drink. For more information, contact Deacon Jeff DeFrehn at 856-979-1560 or e-mail mj2k@verizon.net.

✚ NEW! *Aging ... Our Gift from God*

Certified Spiritual Gerontologists, Fr. Frank Sacks, CM, and Deacon Bob Diel will begin to redefine the spiritual journey of maturing adults through a 45-minute presentation. 12:15 pm Mass will be celebrated. A continental breakfast and box lunch will be served. Entertainment to follow.

Dates/times/locations:

Ocean County: May 5, 2009 – 9:30 am to 2:00 pm – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Whiting

Mercer County: May 13, 2009 – 9:30 am to 2:00 pm – St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish, Hamilton

Burlington County: May 20, 2009 – 9:30 am to 2:00 pm – Corpus Christi Parish, Willingboro

Monmouth County: May 27, 2009 – 9:30 am to 2:00 pm – St. Clement Parish, Matawan
(Bishop John Smith will celebrate Mass)

For more information, contact Janis Bell, Coordinator of the Ministry to Maturing Adults for the Diocese of Trenton, at 609-406-7400 x5594 or jbelle@dioceseoftrenton.org.

✚ NEW! *First Annual Pastoral Care Conference*

Co-sponsored by Catholic Diocese of Trenton- Office of Pastoral Care and the VNACNJ. Theme: “Spiritual and Medical Care: Partners in Healing”. Speaker – Dr. James Avery, MD, Sr. VP, Chief

Medical Officer Golden Living, Geriatrics Physician-Leader and Author, Practitioner of Whole Person Medicine, Assistant Clinical Professor in Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. 6 nursing CEU's to be provided by New Jersey State Nurses Association and the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. P# P213-7/06-09. Date/Time/Place: Friday, May 8, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Georgian Court University – in the Casino, Cost: \$25 includes: 6 nursing CEU's, light breakfast, and boxed lunch. To register: Download the [mail-in registration form](#) at Office of Pastoral Care website:

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/justice/pastoralcare.asp Mail-in form and check when registering.

✚ NEW! I Remember Mama

This morning retreat gives time and space for those who have lost their mothers recently (and not so recently) to grieve, to remember, and to celebrate their mother's life. A wonderful way to prepare for Mother's Day. Friday, May 8, 2009, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Place – Francis House of Prayer, Rancocas. Donation - \$20/per person, lunch included. For questions or to register, please call 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or see www.FHOP.org.

✚ NEW! Contemporary Spirituality – La Salle University

This course focuses on the dynamics and authors on the spiritual life in post-Reformation Christianity. Consideration will be given to European spiritualities of the 17th through 20th centuries and to American movements. The course will propose some examination of Creation and New Age spiritualities, modern Evangelical Christianity, feminist and liberation spiritualities. May 11 - June 17, 2009: Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the main campus in Philadelphia, PA. Available for 3 Graduate Credits or 3 units of Continuing Education. For more information, contact Fr. Frank Berna at 215-951-1335 or berna@lasalle.edu.

✚ NEW! Religious Imagination and Models of Religious Education – La Salle University

Dynamic images, metaphors, and visions guide the theory and practice of church life. This course seeks to explore the development of appropriate models of religious education, relative to the distinct visions of the Church in contemporary culture. May 12 - June 18, 2009: Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Bucks County campus in Newtown, PA. Available for 3 Graduate Credits or 3 units of Continuing Education. For more information, contact Fr. Frank Berna at 215-951-1335 or berna@lasalle.edu.

✚ NEW! Catherine of Siena – A Woman of our Times (performance)

Good News International is sponsoring a one-woman performance by Adrian Dominican Sr. Nancy Murray, OP. sister of comedian/actor Bill Murray, Sr. Nancy's portrayal of Catherine of Siena thoroughly engages the audience from the moment she enters in her ancient Dominican habit. Sr. Nancy captivates the audience, including the children, and carries them back in time to the 14th century Siena where she brings St. Catherine alive right before your eyes. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at St. Veronica Parish, Howell. For those interested, before the show (6:30 to 7:30 pm) – join us in the cafeteria for a Wine and Cheese social. Show begins at 8:00 pm. Ticket \$10/person or \$30/family. For tickets or additional information, call Good News International at 1-800-430-0586 or www.goodnewsinternational.net.

✚ NEW! A Friendship Like No Other

A Friendship Like No Other explores the premise that God wants to relate to us as a close friend. Approaches this idea with three well-supported and practical sections; prayerful exercises to help lead the reader to the conviction that God wants his or her friendship; a close look at objections to this idea; and reflections on experiencing the presence of God and discerning these experiences Friday, June 4, 2009, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Place – Francis House of Prayer, Rancocas. Donation - \$20/per person, includes book. For questions or to register, please call 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or see www.FHOP.org.

 **NEW!** *Third Annual Day of Reflection for Those Who Care for the Sick and Dying*

Theme: “Pastoral Care through the eyes of Saints Francis and Clare”. Speakers: Fr. Francis Berna, OFM, Franciscan Friar and Director of LaSalle University MA Program in Theology and Ministry, and Sr. Claire Andre Gagliardi, OSC, Poor Clare, renowned author and lecturer. Date/Time/Place: *Friday, June 5, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm* at Saint Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch. Cost: \$15 includes light breakfast and hot lunch. *To register: Download the mail-in registration form at Office of Pastoral Care Website: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/justice/pastoralcare.asp. Mail-in form and check when registering.*

 *Jubilee Pilgrimage - Celebrating the Year of St. Paul*

Visit Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Kalambaka, Meteora, Vergina, Veria, Thessaloniki, Phillipi, and Rome. June 19 – 30, 2009. For further details, contact Jodie D’Angiolillo, Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Evangelization, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Tel 732-562-2469. Email: jdangiolillo@diometuchen.org.

 **NEW!** *Bible Institute 2009 at Georgian Court University*

Speakers: *Dr. Judith Schubert, RSM, “Selected Letters of Paul” and Dr. Jim Bridges, “Torah: A Spiritual Journey.”* Dates: *June 21 – June 25, 2009.* Institute fee: *\$300 before May 1, 2009; \$350 after May 1, 2009.* For more information contact: *Dr. Johann M. Vento, 732-987-2381, e-mail: ventoj@georgian.edu.*

✚ NEW! 13th Annual Tent Revival

Good News International's 13th Annual Tent Revival is back by popular demand at St. Veronica's Parish, Howell. Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 8:00 pm – Kickoff concert - Tony Melendez. Admission is \$8.00.

Sunday – Tuesday, June 21 – June 23, 2009 – Tent Revival - The event will feature live Christian music, dynamic, well-known, inspirational speakers, clowns, face painting, children's skits, lots of booths, and of course, food!! Admission is free. For additional information, call Good News International at 1-800-430-0586 or www.goodnewsinternational.net.

✚ NEW! Y B Kathlik? – Pastoral Care of Young Adults – La Salle University

A week-long program of lectures, classroom presentations, discussions, prayer, meals and community that looks at handing on the faith to another generation. Taught by Tim Muldoon of Boston College. Sunday evening, June 22 until Friday, noon June 26, 2009 at the main campus in Philadelphia, PA. Campus residence is available or you may commute. Available for 3 Graduate Credits or 3 units of Continuing Education. For more information, contact Fr. Frank Berna at 215-951-1335 or berna@lasalle.edu.

✚ SAVE THE DATES! 2009 Lab I: Communication Skills for Outreach & Evangelization

Lab I is a 40-hour training program to develop your ability to listen in an evangelizing way to others and to respond with the compassion of Jesus Christ. Dates/Times: Sept 16, Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 10, Oct 17, Oct 21, and Nov 7, 2009. Wednesday, Sept 16 – 7:00 to 9:30 pm, Saturdays 8:45 am to 3:30 pm. Place – Diocesan Pastoral Center, Lawrenceville. Registration fee - \$200/per person, includes manual and handouts. Registration due by August 28, 2009. For questions or to register, please contact Kathleen Golazeski at 609-406-7400, ext 5605 or kgolaz@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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Faith Enrichment Center Offerings

Spring 2009

Multiple workshops on: Jesus, Church, Bible, Sacraments, Prayer, etc.

Go to: http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/church/docs/Level23_regform_Spring09.pdf

For Further Information Please Call:

Office of Catechesis at 609-406-7400 Ext. 5554

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Jubilee Year of St. Paul, 2008-2009

“If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human

*existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we
experience beauty and liberation... Do not be afraid
of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything."*

[Pope Benedict XVI, "Inaugural Mass"

VATICAN CITY, April 24, 2005]

