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Modern Spiritual Masters Series

We are pleased to present a series celebrating the lives of modern spiritual masters who have deeply touched and influenced the spirituality of others: James Martin, Pope Francis, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

In Good Company: James Martin, SJ

Kathie Budesky, IHM
Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of *America* magazine, and the former longtime chaplain of *The Colbert Report*. He has written on a wide variety of topics including saints, spirituality, humor, Scripture, and the status of gays in the Catholic Church today. Join us for a morning of lively discussion as we examine his life, beliefs, and writings. We will carefully consider the sources that influence his thought as well as the impact that he has had on the contemporary American Church.

Kathie Budesky, IHM, MA, the director of Visitation Spirituality Center, has many years of experience in secondary education, both in the religious studies classroom and in the principal's office. A graduate of the Institute in Creation-Centered Spirituality at Mundelein College, she was a staff associate in the Ignatian Program in Spiritual Direction and Retreat Ministry at Guelph, Ontario.



Deep Faith. Courageous Spirit. Action for Justice.

Pope Francis of Rome: A Gift of the Spirit to the People of God

Patty Merlo, MPM
Saturday, April 14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pope Francis asks us to "see with our hearts," to be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit, in our lives and in the life of the Church. He encourages us to view our past with gratitude and forgiveness, to live the present moment with passion and to look to the future with hope and trust in God's mercy. The morning will begin with a short biography of Francis, focusing on events that shaped him as a priest and leader. With that background, we will allow him to engage us in conversation, as we reflect upon the questions that often emerge during his daily homilies. This will lead us to consider how our own relationships, choices and desires are guided by the Holy Spirit.

Patty Merlo, MPM, holds a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Madonna University, trained as a hospital chaplain and has completed the internship in Spiritual Direction and Ignatian Spirituality at Manresa Jesuit Retreat Center. She has taught on the high school and college levels, served as a DRE and currently ministers as a spiritual director and retreat leader.

A Day of Retreat: "Springing" and "Eastering" into Fuller Life with Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Gerard Manley Hopkins

Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM, STD
Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit scientist and Jesuit poet, both wrote profoundly about the dynamic and revelatory connection between nature and our intimate life in God through the Resurrection of Jesus and the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. The retreat ponders this central claim of our faith from Scripture and from some of the writings of these two Jesuit mystics. There will be presentations in the morning and the afternoon, with plenty of time for quiet reflection and prayer. The day will end with a celebration of the Eucharist.

The suggested offering of \$40 includes lunch. The retreat is not eligible for the Frequent Flyer discount. Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 24.

Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM, STD, earned a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium and is professor emerita at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. She draws on the contemplative character of theology to deepen our understanding and experience of God and to explore the meaning of committed Christian discipleship in our world.

Living our Maturing Years: The Best is Yet to Come

Janet Schaeffler, OP
Saturday, Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

If we don't listen to the world's stereotypes, myths and jokes about getting older, life is filled with possibilities, growth, depth and joy, particularly in the things that matter. This morning is for those who are maturing people of integrity, touching the world with your tremendous love. We will explore ways to deepen the gift you are, to enjoy the precious moments we each have been given, to continue to develop relationships and to celebrate the ways you give your special way of being to others to make this world a more caring place.

Janet Schaeffler, OP, MA, is a facilitator of days of reflection, retreats, and workshops. An author and college educator, she teaches online classes for the University of Dayton and Boston College. The former director of adult faith formation for the Archdiocese of Detroit, she continues this ministry in a wide variety of pastoral settings.

The Enneagram: Exploring our False Self

Annemarie S. Kidder, PhD
Saturday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Enneagram exposes our particular weaknesses, blind spots and "sins," pointing out the false self we tend to project and embrace. The Enneagram can help us discover our particular sin-based personality type in order to counteract its damaging effects. Participants will review each of the nine personality types, claim one of them and discover the remedies and redemptive measures possible in order to live a more fully redeemed Christian life.

Annemarie S. Kidder, PhD, IHM Associate, is an ordained Presbyterian minister and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. A former seminary professor, she is the author and editor of 10 books on historical theology, spirituality and biblical studies. Her recent books include Making Confession, Hearing Confession (Liturgical Press), Karl Rahner's The Mystical Way in Everyday Life and Ultimate Price: Testimonies of Christians Who Resisted the Third Reich (Orbis Books).

Can We Talk? Black Lives Matter

Joni Scott
Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Many Americans want to dismiss and discredit the Black Lives Matter movement before fully understanding the facts and the continual injustice African Americans, regardless of age or gender, experience daily. This movement is a self-conscious, decentralized network that uses a variety of nonviolent tactics to dramatize race, class and gender-based injustices. "Black Lives Matter" does not mean "only black lives matter;" it means "black lives matter, too."

St. Paul reminds that we are created in the image of God and in this image, we are one. When we forget this, we are silent to the facts that "Black Lives Matter." Join us for this critical discussion.

Joni Scott, BA, holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Marygrove College and is a wife, mother, grandmother, storyteller, retreat director and a trained spiritual director. She currently serves as director of Religious Education at Nativity of Our Lord Parish in Detroit.

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Celtic Spirituality: Finding God in Primroses, Poetry and Pubs

Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM, STD
Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

When the first preachers of the Jesus message arrived in Ireland, they found tribal people steeped in nature, lovers of communal sacred places and soul-sourced storytellers. What happened to the Christian proclamation when it engaged this Celtic culture and what happened to Celtic narrative when it met the Christian story? We will focus on visual nature imagery and poetry as a way into Celtic mystical awareness and commitment to care for the community. Can we make any connections with searching for wholeness today?

Jesus the Jewish Prophet and Risen Cosmic Christ: Contemplating the Radical Reaches of the Incarnation

Mary Ellen Sheehan, IHM, STD
Saturday, May 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"Live in me as I live in you," our Scriptures proclaim. What does it mean to be "in Christ," to be seized by the mystery of "the Word made Flesh?" How do we open ourselves to live more fully in the Light and Life and Love of God? How are consciousness, action and prayer related? We will ponder these questions by relating selected texts from Scripture and selected narratives of life experience to deepen our awareness and gratitude for being "in Christ."

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