

# OFFICE OF WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

## WORKSHOPS

### FUNDAMENTALS OF THE MINISTRY OF LECTORING

*This lector workshop will be beneficial for both new and experienced lectors. This workshop is intended to develop a fundamental understanding of the liturgy and the role of the lector in the celebration of the Mass. Therefore, this workshop will focus on such topics as what is the Liturgy of the Word and its theology, the role of ministry in the celebration of the Mass and in particular the role of lector in the liturgy, the spirituality of the ministry and issues around proper preparation to fulfill it. Other important issues will be the difference between public speaking and proclamation, a general review of the Lectionary and how it is structured and developing a sense that proclaiming God's word is a unique form of public speaking.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
NORTH	SAINT JOSEPH	WAKEFIELD	10/4, 10/11	11-1
MERRIMACK	SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINI	ANDOVER	5/11, 5/18 7-9	7-9
CENTRAL	SAINT JOSEPH	BOSTON	1/13, 1/20	7-9
WEST	*HOLY FAMILY	CONCORD	10/7, 10/14	7-9
SOUTH	SAINT JOSEPH	HOLBROOK	11/5, 11/12	7-9

\* AT PARISH CENTER AT 55 CHURCH STREET WEST CONCORD BEHIND CHURCH

**TUITION: \$25 A PERSON—\$300 MAXIMUM PER PARISH**

### EFFECTIVELY PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

This lector workshop is intended for both new and experienced lectors. It is a practical, hands-on workshop focused on the "how" to be a good proclaimer of God's word. This will be accomplished by giving participants an opportunity at each session to proclaim the word of God. Each person will be given feedback on those aspects which might need further development. This analysis is done based on good public speaking techniques tempered with an understanding that proclaiming God's word is a unique form of public speaking. The goal of the workshop is to help participants arrive at a better understanding of what is expected of those called to this ministry, and to help them better understand how they currently fulfill those expectations.

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
MERRIMACK	SAINT JAMES	HAVERHILL	1/22, 1/29, 2/5	7:00-9:30
CENTRAL	SACRED HEART	ROSLINDALE	5/3, 5/10, 5/17	7:00-9:30
SOUTH	SAINT MARY	RANDOLPH	2/19, 2/26, 3/5	7:00-9:30

**TUITION: \$30 A PERSON—\$300 MAXIMUM PER PARISH**

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY IN MASS AND BEYOND

*Often when one thinks of those who are ministers of Holy Communion the focus is solely on their ministry in Mass. This workshop will address those issues but also go beyond that aspect of their ministry. There are three primary avenues in which such ministry may be of further service to local parishes. The first is ministering to those who are homebound, the second is bringing communion to those who are in the hospital and the third is bringing communion to those in nursing homes. There are unique issues that need to be addressed in each of these areas, for example what differentiate bringing communion to the homebound from a home visitation, what are the issues that one should be concerned with when visiting the hospital, and when bringing communion to the nursing home. Is it possible to celebrate a communion service led by laity? How should that be done? All of these issues will be covered in this workshop.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
NORTH	SAINT ADELAIDE	PEABODY	3/16, 3/23	7-9
MERRIMACK	SAINT JAMES	HAVERHILL	10/6, 10/13	7-9
CENTRAL	SAINT CLEMENT	SOMERVILLE	11/4, 11/11	7-9
WEST	SAINT MARGARET	BURLINGTON	3/3, 3/10	7-9
SOUTH	BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA	PLYMOUTH	4/14, 4/21	7-9

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### LIVING THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

*A two-session workshop designed for those who are currently involved in liturgical ministry in the parish or those who seek to better understand the celebration of the Mass. This workshop will address the liturgical year and how it developed, the theology of the seasons and how a particular season should influence the celebration. The workshop will also help one better appreciate how the liturgical year should influence our spiritual lives and how it prepares us to live out more fully the mystery of Christ.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
NORTH	SAINT MARY	DANVERS	11/9, 11/16	7-9
MERRIMACK	SAINT MARY MAGDALEN	TYNGSBOROUGH	1/14, 1/21	7-9
CENTRAL	SAINT MARY	BROOKLINE	4/19, 4/26	2-4
WEST	SAINT JOHN	HOPKINTON	1/31, 3/7	11-1
SOUTH	SAINT JOSEPH	HOLBROOK	5/19, 5/26	7-9

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### THE TRIDUUM: REVEALING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

*For many people who participate in the Triduum it can be a baffling experience. Yet the celebrations of these three days are the highpoint of the entire Church year. The purpose of this workshop will be to unravel the enigma which this celebration can be for many. The workshop will address briefly the historical evolution of these days and then contend with how the three days express both a unified notion of the Paschal Mystery while at the same time focusing on particular elements of that Mystery. A particular emphasis will be placed on looking at the liturgical texts used on those days both in the lectionary and Sacramentary. The workshop will also address some practical issues on how to achieve a more unified sense of the three days and how to properly prepare for the celebrations.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
NORTH	SAINT THERESA	NORTH READING	2/16, 2/23	7-9:30
MERRIMACK	ALL SAINTS	HAVERHILL	3/4, 3/11	7-9:30
CENTRAL	SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	WEST ROXBURY	2/21, 2/28	11-1:30
WEST	BLESSED SACRAMENT	WALPOLE	3/16, 3/23	7-9:30
SOUTH	SAINT MICHAEL	AVON	1/26, 2/2	7-9:30

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### GROUNDING OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

*A two-session workshop designed for those who are currently involved in liturgical ministry in the parish or those who seek to better understand the celebration of the Mass. This workshop will address such issues as what is liturgy, what is meant when we are talking about the liturgy. Other topics will be why do we celebrate on Sunday, what is the history and theology of this important development of the Church. Furthermore we will delve into a general overview of the Mass and the role of the assembly, ministers, and music in the celebration.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
NORTH	SAINT MARGARET	SAUGUS	10/1, 10/8	7-9
MERRIMACK	SAINT JOSEPH	PEPPERELL	4/18, 4/25	11-1
CENTRAL	SACRED HEART	EAST BOSTON	1/17, 1/24	11-1
WEST	OUR LADY OF FATIMA	SUDBURY	10/25, 11/1	11-1
SOUTH	BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA	PLYMOUTH	5/7, 5/14	7-9

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION – RCIA I – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?**

*In many parishes there is a growing awareness of the importance of properly preparing people for entrance into the faith. An important element of this preparation is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is important that for people to understand the true nature and purpose of the RCIA for it to be properly implemented. There are many questions that can be raised concerning this implementation. Who are the rites intended for? What is the difference between catechumens and candidates? What is difference between conversion and full-communion? What is the role of the community in the process of RCIA? Why should it be considered a process and not a parish program? The course will explore these and other issues, helping the participants to develop a deeper appreciation of the full process that is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Part of the work will be to review the theology of the initiation sacraments and the history of RCIA, develop an awareness that this process is not simply about “adult education” but more importantly about conversion, and to explore the various liturgical actions of the rite studying their meaning and purpose. Finally we will examine what is needed to implement such a process in a parish.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
ALL	SAINT PAUL	WELLESLEY	4/15, 4/22 4/29, 5/6 5/13, 5/20	7:00-9:00

**Tuition: \$60 a person—\$600 maximum per parish**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION – RCIA II – HOW TO DEVELOP A TEAM**

*In many parishes there is a growing awareness of the importance of properly preparing people for entrance into the faith. An important element of this preparation is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. In RCIA I, participants examine what the process is about, in this course we explore how you develop a full parish approach to the process. It is important to realize that the RCIA team is not simply the people who are at the core of working with the catechumens and candidates. Rather the whole process truly demands that the entire parish be part of process in some way. We will work together to try and understand how that can be done and to help people come to develop long term plans for the parish to fully implement this process.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
ALL	SAINT MARGARET	BRAINTREE	10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19	7:00-9:00

**Tuition: \$60 a person—\$600 maximum per parish**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION – RCIA AND CHILDREN –**

**WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?**

*This course will address the questions that arise when children experience the rite. We will consider content and methodology of catechesis, the variety of issues that arise from a mixed age group, the involvement of the child’s family, and whatever other questions you bring with you. We will explore techniques and materials that will assist us in our ministry. To guide all our decisions, we will focus on the spiritual formation of the child, the loving relationship with Jesus.*

REGION	PARISH	TOWN	DATE	TIME
ALL	SAINT MARY	DEDHAM	10/1, 10/8, 10/22	7:00-9:00

NOTE: THERE IS NO CLASS ON 10/15

**Tuition: \$60 a person—\$600 maximum per parish**

**LAY PRESIDING AT FUNERAL RITES**

*In many parishes there is a growing awareness of the importance of properly training the laity to preside at some of the funeral rites. As the number of priests decline, it will become more and more necessary that the laity be enabled to help in this important parish ministry. This workshop is not intended to remove the priest from his important role as pastor to the people of God. Rather, those who will be trained are intended to help the pastor in fulfilling his duties as needed. The training will examine the theology of liturgy in general and the celebration of funerals in particular. It will also be necessary to explore the structure of the rites and how they can be adapted and used to their fullest extent to the needs of the family. An important aspect of this workshop will be what are the “rules”forgood presiding. Finally, based on time and number of participants part of the workshop will be a practicum on presiding at the actual rites. The two rites that will be the primary focus are the Vigil or Wake Service and the Graveside service with a discussion about the celebration of the Funeral Outside of Mass.*

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