

## Registration

Please fill out one form for each participant. Detach and enclose the \$30 per-person, per-course fee (\$20 for Catholic school teachers and parish Faith Formation Catechists) and return to one of the nine GIFT sponsoring parishes. There is no charge for Course G. Please make checks payable to GIFT C/O St. Matthew Church. Fees are non-refundable after Jan. 31 (Please Print Clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form and check to your parish office by January 31.**

## Course Selection

Since courses C and F are Tuesday evenings, you may sign up for only one of these classes. Additionally, you may sign up for only one of courses B, D, H which are held on Thursdays. You may also choose courses E and G since they are held on different days and times. Since class size is limited, indicate your order of preference by marking #1 for your first choice and #2 for your second choice for courses A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tuesday Mornings)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Thursday Evenings)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tuesday Evenings)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ (Thursday Evenings)

E. \_\_\_\_\_ (Saturday March 24 Retreat Day)

F. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tuesday Evenings)

G. \_\_\_\_\_ (Monday Evenings)

H. \_\_\_\_\_ (Thursday Evenings)

## GIFT Faculty

**Susan Brady** earned a MA in biblical studies from Providence College. For over 40 years she has taught the Bible to audiences of various configurations, given days of prayer, parish retreats and talks on biblical subjects. Her enthusiasm for the Word of God is infectious.

**Mark Bartholet** earned a MA in theology and religious studies from John Carroll University and has taught both Theology and mathematics at the college level. He currently serves as the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at St. Peter Catholic Church in Charlotte.

**Fr. Frank Cancro** completed studies in theology and preaching at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore and is a Canon Lawyer. He served as Vice Rector of the Theological College of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Currently he serves as the pastor of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Belmont.

**Sister Mary Hugh Mauldin, MA**, is a Sister of Mercy in Belmont, has graduate degrees in mathematics (N.C. State University) and theology (St. Bonaventure University) as well as a graduate certificate in liturgy (St. Joseph College) and has taught at all levels.

**Sister Jane Russell, OSF, Ph.D.** is Associate Professor of Theology at Belmont Abbey College, teaching everything from Scripture to Church to "Theology and Natural Science." As a Franciscan, she believes that gratitude to our Creator and Redeemer naturally impels us to "respect creation and tend its gifts with care" (SSSF Vision for 2010).

**Abbot Placid Solari, OSB, Ph.D.**, is the abbot of the Benedictine community at Belmont Abbey. Prior to his election as abbot, he taught in the Theology Department at Belmont Abbey College and served as the college's Academic Dean. His academic degree is in theology and patristic sciences.

### Seton Hall University/ Christian Spirituality Institute:

Jennifer Kaalund, MH, MA  
Marie Harwanko, MAPM  
Stephen Kass, MS, MAT  
Carol C. Keilp-Tobin, MA

**El Padre Gabriel Carvajal-Salazar** se graduó en un Instituto de Teología para laicos en Veracruz, México. Estuvo como misionero laico en varias diócesis de México, Belize y Guatemala. Ha compuesto temas musicales en la línea de la apologética (defensa de la fe). En el 2002 entró al seminario por parte de la Diócesis de Charlotte y fue ordenado sacerdote el 5 de junio del 2010. Actualmente es el vicario de la Parroquia de San Luis Gonzaga (St. Aloysius) en Hickory.

### For direction to course locations :

**St. Matthew Catholic Church**  
8015 Ballantyne Pkwy. Charlotte, NC  
[www.stmatthewcatholic.org](http://www.stmatthewcatholic.org)

**St. Gabriel Catholic Church**  
3016 Providence Road Charlotte, NC  
[www.stgabrielchurch.org](http://www.stgabrielchurch.org)

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**  
1400 Suther Road  
Charlotte, NC  
[www.stacharlotte.com](http://www.stacharlotte.com)

**St. John Neumann Catholic Church**  
8451 Idlewild Road  
Charlotte NC  
[www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org)

**Belmont Abbey College**  
100 Belmont-Mt.Holly Road  
Belmont, NC  
[www.belmontabbeycollege.edu](http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu)

**St. Mark Catholic Church**  
14740 Stumptown Road  
Huntersville, NC  
[www.stmarknc.org](http://www.stmarknc.org)

**St. Peter Catholic Church**  
507 S. Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC  
[www.stpeterscatholic.org](http://www.stpeterscatholic.org)

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## GROWING IN FAITH AND THEOLOGY



**WINTER SEMESTER 2012**



# Course Offerings

Courses B, D, & H are held on Thursday evenings. You are welcome to sign up for one of these courses. In addition, you may register for Course A (Tuesday mornings) or Course C or F (Tuesday evenings). You may also register for Course E (Saturday) and Course G (Monday evenings). Unless otherwise noted, all classes are one-and-a-half hours. **To register**, complete the registration form on this flyer and drop it off or mail it to one of the nine GIFT sponsoring parish offices.

## A. Stories Jesus Knew

*Susan Brady, MA*

Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

St. Matthew Church, New Life Center

Three ancient storytellers, Avram, Itzak and Jacov, will entertain us with four of their stories. All three of these storytellers are straight from the Deuteronomist tradition, which is responsible for writing most of the Bible. Jesus, himself, learned his theology by listening to these stories. We shall do the same, listening to the very same stories Jesus did. We will watch as they are composed. In the listening and the watching, we hope to experience an understanding of how the Bible was written. This is an exciting experience!

## B. A Spirituality of Technology: Finding God in the World of Social Media

*Mark Bartholet, MA*

Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Church in Biss Hall

Free parking at The Green

Facebook, if it were a country, would be the world's third most populous nation. If you began reading Wikipedia today, it would take you another lifetime to read every entry. These are a few dramatic examples of how technology is changing the landscape of the post-modern world. This course will examine spirituality in this newly connected world. Questions the course seeks to deal with include: How does technology shape our spirituality? Does the technological world hinder our spiritual journey or enhance it? Is there such a thing as a spirituality of technology? And what practices, both technological and spiritual, should we embrace to enhance the spiritual journey of the 21st Century?

## C. Saint Benedict and Life According to His Rule

*Abbot Placid Solari, OSB, Ph.D.*

Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 21 & 28, 7 to 9 p.m.

Grace Auditorium, St. Leo Hall

At Belmont Abbey College

This course includes an overview of the history and development of Benedictine monastic life from its origin to the present day, with a focus on the work of the Benedictines in North Carolina. We will read and interpret the life of Saint Benedict as presented in Book II of the Dialogues, attributed to St. Gregory the Great, and will study the Rule itself and the characteristic values of the particular form of Christian life which is Benedictine monastic life. In order to acquaint participants with a central aspect of Benedictine monastic life, namely the Liturgy of the Hours, each evening will begin with the celebration of Vespers together with the monastic community in the abbey basilica at 7 p.m. The lectures will follow Vespers and will be held in Grace Auditorium in St. Leo Hall on the college campus.

## D. Tending God's Garden: Spirituality and Practice for an Ecozoic Age

*Sr. Jane Russell, OSF, Ph.D.*

Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Church, New Life Center

Pope Benedict XVI issued a challenge in his 2010 World Day of Peace Message: "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation." In this course we will briefly review the current perils and threats to our global environment, then seek resources from the Christian tradition as well as current science for healthier attitudes toward "our Sister, Mother Earth." Finally, we will challenge each other to adopt disciplines designed to protect and restore our precious environment

## Retreat Day: Saturday, March 24, 2012

### \*E. Beholding the Face of God

Sponsored by GIFT and the Institute for Christian Spirituality at Seton Hall University

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Gabriel Church Ministry Center

Join us for an enlightening retreat led by the alumni of the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology and learn how you can Behold the Face of God in new and profound ways.

#### Featuring Four Talks

Keynote Speaker:

**Jennifer Kaalund, MHA, MA**

*"Beholding the Face of God in Scripture"*

**Marie Harwanko, MAPM**

*"Beholding the Face of God in People who are Difficult to Love"*

**Stephen Kass, MS, MAT**

*"Beholding the Face of God in the Mirror"*

**Carol C. Keilp-Tobin, MAT**

*"Beholding the Face of God at Work"*

The retreat will conclude with a celebration of the Eucharist. Lunch is included.

## F. Gettin' the Word on the WORD (made Flesh, that is...)

*Fr. Frank Cancro*

Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus for you? Who is Jesus for us as Catholic believers? In this course we will study the development and the diversity of our understanding of Jesus as a person of history and as the Anointed One. This survey course in Christology will guide us through the life and ministry of Jesus, his miracles and teachings and the church's unfolding history and faith which contributed to the understanding of and belief in Jesus, the Lord.

## Curso en Español!

### G. Fortaleciendo la Fe de los Católicos ante el Proselitismo de los Nuevos Grupos Religiosos

*Padre Gabriel Carvajal-Salazar*

Iglesia San Marcos, Huntersville, NC

Los lunes 6, 13, 20, y 27 de Febrero de 7 – 8:30p.m.

Puesto que nos toca vivir en un momento de la historia en el cual la fe de los Católicos se ve cada vez más cuestionada por la presencia de los nuevos grupos religiosos, es necesario proporcionar a nuestros hermanos Católicos algunas herramientas que les ayuden a sentirse seguros en su fe para que no abandonen la Iglesia sin antes conocer y practicar la doctrina Católica.

El objetivo de este curso tiene una triple finalidad:

1. Respetar las creencias de los no Católicos.
2. Colaborar con todas aquellas personas que buscan el bien común.
3. Dar razón de nuestra fe ante aquellos que directa o indirectamente nos cuestionan.

### H. Eight Things That Make Us Catholic

*Sr. Mary Hugh Mauldin, RSM*

Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

St. John Neumann Church

Whether you are a cradle Catholic, a newly baptized adult or a returning Catholic, join us as we revisit our core Catholic beliefs, including the universal call to holiness, sacraments, the Trinity, Church, Mary, the equal embrace of Scripture and Tradition, our commitment to communal life and social justice.

\*Catholic school teachers, parish religious education and youth ministry catechists are eligible for a reduced fee of \$20 per person, per course.