

St. Matthew's Church's

LENTEN FILM SERIES

“Faith in Film”

at the Bedford Playhouse

Join the Rev. John Zahl for a “Lenten Film Series: Faith in Film” on Sunday nights at 6 p.m., Feb. 26 – March 26, featuring an edifying and thought-provoking selection of special movies, exploring themes of conversion, humility, forgiveness, faith in the midst of suffering, and grace. Each film will be preceded by a brief introduction and will be followed by a short discussion afterwards. All are welcome, and please invite friends as we hope this first joint effort with the Bedford Playhouse enables us to do something like this annually. Tickets available from: <https://bedfordplayhouse.org>

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Europa '51 (1952)

Rosellini, Ingrid Bergman... Ingrid Bergman's seminal break-out role in one of Rosellini's greatest films. Europa tells the story of an aristocrat who, after losing a son, discovers a whole new world on the other side of tragedy. A profound story of conversion in post-war Italy, and timeless cinematography of the highest order, prompting the question: Is it insane to become a person of faith?



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Alice (1990)

Mia Farrow stars alongside Joe Mantegna in this zany outlier from Woody Allen's middle-period. Farrow, an upper east side housewife, suffers from nagging and ambiguous health concerns, which prompts a visit to Dr. Yang in Chinatown. That's when things get crazy. Don't miss this delightful exploration into things which ultimately do and don't matter in life.



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The Book of Eli (2010)

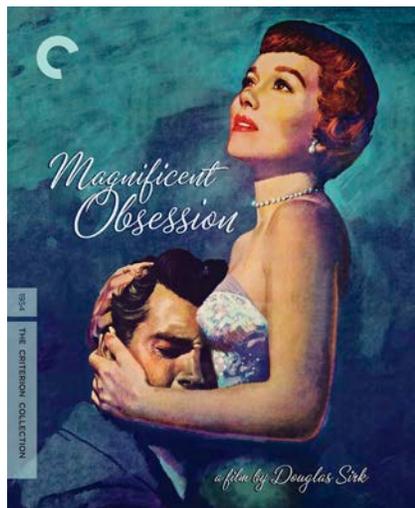
Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, and Mila Kunis star in this post-apocalyptic tale about the power of Scripture and the sustaining power of faith in a parched land. Includes one's favorite quote re: the Bible – “It's not a book; it's a weapon!” Huh? Come and see to find out more. Think Mad Max meets Christianity.



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Magnificent Obsession (1954)

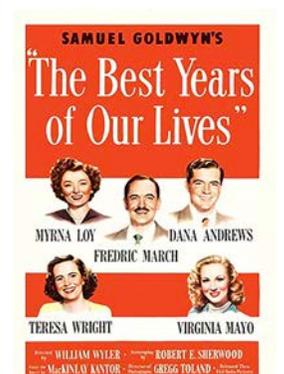
Rock Hudson, technicolor marvel... Another criterion approved selection, starring the inimitable Rock Hudson, famous for its technicolor photography. Learn the secret to life from a spoiled ne'er-do-well.



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The Best Years of Our Lives (1946)

From the great director, William Wyler, of Ben Hur fame. This movie won 7 (!!!) Academy Awards in 1946, including best film, best director, and best actor... The touching tale of three servicemen who return home from war (one of them without arms), as they struggle to reassimilate into their old lives in the aftermath of devastating war experience. A movie full of heart, healing, and grace to the umpteenth degree. Let's hear it for Wilma, and all of the amazing women in our lives!



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