

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FALL 2019 Growing in Discipleship

AFTER SUNDAY MASS
10:45–11:45 am in Daniels Hall

CALL TO SOLIDARITY

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
SEPTEMBER 15**

Discover a Daringly Different Way to Experience God!

with 2019 delegates to Ellacuria, El Salvador

A presentation by delegates from Good Shepherd and St. James who visited Ellacuria, El Salvador in March. They will discuss how building personal relationships with members of our sister parish help us encounter God.

Ellacuria Delegates: Peggy Leonhardt, Mark Rapant (Good Shepherd) and Bob Schuelke (St. James). Good Shepherd delegates Pat Sievers and Ron Leonhardt will also participate.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER AMONG US

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
SEPTEMBER 29**

At the El Paso/Ciudad Juarez Border 2019

with Fr. David Shields, SJ and Sr. Jean Ellman, SSND

We will treat the questions of why people flee home, what happens to them on the way north, what happens to them when they arrive at the border. The presentation will include a little history of migration from the south, personal stories and a short video.

Fr. David Shields, SJ, is the founder of Casa Romero Renewal Center, a bilingual retreat and renewal Center located in Milwaukee and has worked with the Latinx community there for nearly 20 years. Sr. Jean Ellman, SSND has been in bilingual education for many years in the Milwaukee area and before joining the Casa Romero Staff, was principal of Notre Dame Middle School. She has spent a number of weeks at the El Paso border in July, 2019.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
OCTOBER 6**

Contemporary Maya Spirituality: We Have Inherited a Profound Relation with the Earth from Our Ancestors

with Jean Molesky-Poz

“We have inherited a profound relationship with the Earth from our ancestors,” Maya spiritual guides say. “Humans are to be givers of praise, givers of respect, providers and nurturers. This presentation investigates Maya spirituality,



and asks how listening to the indigenous experience of the sacred in the natural world with its practical implications, invites us to take seriously an attentiveness to our relatedness to the Earth, to other creatures, and to the cycles of creation.



Jean Molesky-Poz, Lecturer in Graduate Program of Pastoral Ministry at Santa Clara University. She taught Contemporary Immigration and Comparative Spirituality for more than twenty years at the University of California and at Santa Clara University. Author of Contemporary Maya Spirituality, a lay preacher for eighteen years at Newman Holy-Spirit Parish, lecturer, retreat facilitator and co-founder of Women in Conversation at Holy Spirit Parish. Jean lives in Berkeley, CA with her husband, Martin.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
OCTOBER 20**

Climate Change as Existential Threat: The Cost of Waiting Too Long

with Margaret Swedish

Climate change has not waited for the future to arrive. It has arrived and its impacts are being felt across the planet. We will look at the current data, the tipping points already passed, and the impacts already in play. How do we prepare for an unpredictable climate future—in the light of our faith?

Margaret Swedish was director of the Religious Task Force on Central America and Mexico in Washington DC from 1981-2004, a national leader in the Central America solidarity movement. Since 2006 her work has been focused on the intersection of ecology, spirituality and culture, offering presentations, workshops, and retreats. She is author of “Living Beyond the ‘End of the World:’ A Spirituality of Hope” and “Like Grains of Wheat: A Spirituality of Solidarity” co-authored with Marie Dennis, co-president of Pax Christi International.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 27

Living Laudato Si'

with Steven Schwartz

In a time of both environmental and spiritual deterioration, a proper understanding of how our faith calls us to care for our common home is needed now more than ever. Learn how these aspects of our lives are intimately integrated together and how you can live day to day the message of Laudato Si'.

Steven Schwartz studied Wildlife Ecology and Wetland Science at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is currently earning a masters degree in freshwater science from UWM and has worked for both the Wisconsin and Minnesota DNR's, in wildlife management and fisheries. He is a volunteer educator for Laudato Si' Project where he uses his faith and knowledge to run education and stewardship programs for schools. He is a member of St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish in North Lake.



**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
NOVEMBER 3**

The Political Mind: The Psychology and Neuroscience of Political Preferences

with Philip Chard

We will examine stark differences in perspective, beliefs and brain functioning between liberals, conservatives and moderates. Do we acquire our political beliefs from our social environment or are they hardwired into the brain? Can these beliefs change? If so, how does this happen? We will address these and other pressing questions affecting our polarized political environment.



Philip Chard, after 32 years as President and CEO, recently retired from Empathia, Inc., a behavioral services firm providing health, safety and productivity solutions for over 400 organizations across North America. He remains a practicing psychotherapist who, for over 34 years, wrote an award-winning weekly column in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel titled "Out of My Mind," now published in the

Shepherd Express. Philip has been a guest expert on ABC's 20/20, has presented at the Brookings Institution among many other venues, and has keynoted dozens of national conferences.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
NOVEMBER 17**

Depicting the Bible: Image and Interpretation

with Donald Rappe' and Deborah Brooks

The Bible has inspired artists, patrons and the community of faith for nearly two millennia. Just as the biblical authors creatively interpret the meaning of story and history, artists through the ages have creatively interpreted the narratives they produced. Learn more about how to read text and image through a variety of examples and some "eyes-on" activities.



Donald Rappe' is Professor of Theology at Mt. Mary University and has also taught for several years in Israel and the West Bank and in study trips to Greece, Turkey, Cyprus and the Sinai Desert. Dr. Rappe' has authored "The secret Book of James" section for the book Complete Gospels. He has a PhD from Marquette University.



Deborah Brooks is an art educator at Greenfield High School and adjunct faculty in the Art Department of Mt. Mary University. She teaches adolescents and young adults problem solving, collaboration, striving through mastery and risk taking through drawing and painting. She has an MFAMA from the University of Iowa.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:
NOVEMBER 24**

School of Prayer

with Margaret Rhody

Prayer is at the heart of our identity and mission as Catholics. No matter how much we pray, there is always room to grow in prayer. Come grow your life of prayer and practice hearing how God speaks to you through experiential prayer exercises from our Catholic tradition.



Margaret Rhody is the Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Young Adult Ministry. She has over 15 years of ministry experience and there's nothing she enjoys more than helping people fall in love with Jesus and His Catholic Church, and get equipped to help others do the same.

