



St. Catherine of Siena

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

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June 24, 2018



THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



*“Behold, one is
coming after me;
I am not worthy
to unfasten the
sandals of his feet.”*

Acts 13:25



St. Catherine of Siena Chapel
One West Main Street

Weekday Mass 9:00 AM
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday following 9:00 AM Mass
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament**
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 1st Friday

St. Catherine of Siena Church

Weekend Masses
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 11:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 PM — 4:00 PM

Holy Day Masses—Main Church
9:00 AM / 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 P.M. or during the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Arrangements for all Baptisms must be made in advance by contacting the parish office at 732-938-5375. Prior to scheduling the baptism of your child, sponsor letters, donation, and attendance at a **Baptism Preparation Class** is mandatory for parents. Godparents/sponsors are also encouraged to attend. Classes are held in Classroom 10 at 7:30 P.M. on the last Monday of each month. To sign up, please fill out the **registration form** on our website for the date you wish to attend.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the parish office to begin marriage preparation at least one year before the anticipated wedding date.

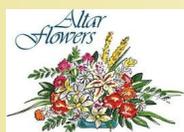
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available as needed, by calling the Pastor's Office at 732-938-5375 OPT. 7

Recommendation for Sponsorship: In order to be a godparent/sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all their Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; if married, be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully (*showing attendance through the use of your church envelopes or the welcome envelopes located in the narthex*); be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six (6) months. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out a form to be recommended for sponsorship. All requests will be seen by the Pastor and you will be notified when your form is ready.



Homebound Ministry

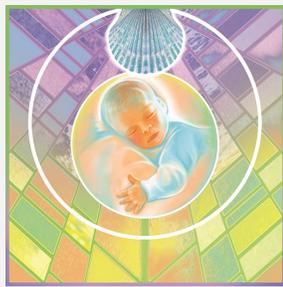
If a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor would like to receive Holy Communion, visits, or calls, please contact the Parish Office.



Can be offered in memory of a deceased loved one or for any special intention. (except during Lent & Advent).
Offering: \$50/basket.
Please contact the Parish Office for orders.

Parishioners with Celiac Sprue An extremely low-gluten (37 micrograms) host is available for those in need. *Please notify the Celebrant or the Deacon prior to the beginning of the Mass you are attending.*

MASS READINGS



First Reading -- I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Second Reading -- John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel -- John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

June 23 SAT. 4:30 pm Jim Hurley
Req. by Wife, Phyllis & Family

June 24 SUN. 8:00 am Marie Sardone
Req. by Sardone Family
10:00 am Iraida Dale
Req. by Palmie Cummings

11:30 am Rose Cantatore
Req. by Husband, Luigi

WEEKDAY CHAPEL MASS—9:00 AM

June 25 MON. Shan Mallard
Req. by Betty Cuyler

June 26 TUES. Mario Pennetti & Family
Req. by Libby Miller

June 28 THURS. Living Intention Agnes Hogan
Req. by Doreen Sabio

June 29 FRI. Catherine Veneri
Req. by Livoti Family

Please pray for the sick and all those who have asked for our prayers:

MaryAnn Aulisi	Barbara Lipari
Jean & Mike Burke	Lauren MacArthur
Joseph Cocuzza	Teresa Magyar
Nancy Drake	Margie McCullam
Bob Fort	Amber Painter
Richard Giordano	Esther Peraza
Angie Gorda	Jeanette Picciani
Marlene Gravatt	David Piccolo
Stephanie Harakal	Lenore Sears
John Hart	Barbara Sansevere
Lori Jones	Nancy Soper
Edward Kress	Ilona Supczynski
Charles "Butch" Lavin	Roseann Williams



A list of prayers for those who are ill appears in the bulletin weekly. To have a family member included on this list, please call the Office at 732-938-5375.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, as we have announced earlier, is the Weekend Celebration of Appreciation for all our parishioners, not only to those who have responded generously to our Stewardship Appeal, which is going on smoothly but also to all the ministry leaders who have been so diligent and committed to the calling that God has entrusted to them. As your Shepherd, it is my little and simple way of saying thank you so very much, for without you our parish life would not be so strong, vibrant and active as Jesus, the High Priest wants it to be. May God reward you with all his blessings as you continue to serve the parish community of St. Catherine of Siena.

A special word of thanks to the parish's Hospitality Ministry for their collective effort on putting this event together and stepping up to the plate and making this weekend a memorable and significant day with sumptuous meal, great camaraderie, meeting new friends and getting connected with each other as one family of God. I am immensely grateful to those families who have donated different kinds of food, as they offered their time and skill generously for the community. Thank you so much.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Are there signs that appear at a child's birth that are indicative of what he or she will become? As we have learned, the ancient world believed that signs accompanied an important birth.

Today we are celebrating the birth of someone who showed signs that he was a prophet even before he was born. Now being one of God's prophets wasn't a safe calling. But then Jesus' life wasn't safe either. Usually, the liturgy celebrates saints on the day of their death and, in fact, only celebrates the birthdays of three people: Jesus, Mary and John the Baptist. But why is John the Baptist so significant and merit this honor? We ask because even at his birth his family is wondering as they inquire, "What will this child turn out to be?" Given the opportunity to look at the events and signs that surround his birth, we can begin to realize and appreciate why, as Jesus himself said, "of all the children born of women there is no greater than John the Baptist." (Mt. 11:11)

What made John the Baptist the greatest of all the prophets, as Jesus declared? Was it his personality? No. Was it the ascetical life that he lived? No. What made him the greatest of all the prophets was the role that he played in the incredible drama of salvation history. He was the one who heralded (Jesus') coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel, as we heard in the Gospel today. He was the one who would point to Jesus as the Lamb of God. (Jn. 1:29)

It was the remarkable role of John the Baptist to point out the incredible reality of God's Word made flesh and dwelling among us. It was John the Baptist who showed us that God's chosen one, God's Christ, God's anointed, was actually here. No other prophet had that kind of privilege. No other prophet could point to God's living presence among us.

How can we celebrate this feast of John the Baptist's birthday? Of course, here at Mass, but also by heeding his words and putting into practice the lessons of his life. If we are going to recognize Jesus for what He is, then we must see Him against the long history of the Old Testament. We cannot appreciate the new without knowing what came before. We will then appreciate how Jesus fulfills what the prophets foretold. Once we have recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, then we too need to repent and confess our failings so that he can heal us.

In conclusion, as Christians who have been sent to evangelize and to point the way to Christ, we need the humility of John the Baptist. For all Christians, not just those who are lay ministers, deacons or priests, are called to be sure that we are pointing to Christ and not to ourselves. We are also here to prepare for His coming. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH NEWS



The Rosary Altar Society is looking for a Scout working towards Eagle Scout (or any adult parishioner) for a project to develop the area behind the statue of Mary at the edge of the parking lot.

We would like to install five benches for the five decades of the Rosary. We would also like five signs with information on the various mysteries for each decade. Anyone interested in discussing this project or for further information, please contact us at Rosary@sienachurch.org.



The Rosary Altar Society will Walk and Pray on **Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 PM**

All are welcome to participate. We will meet in the Church parking lot, weather permitting.

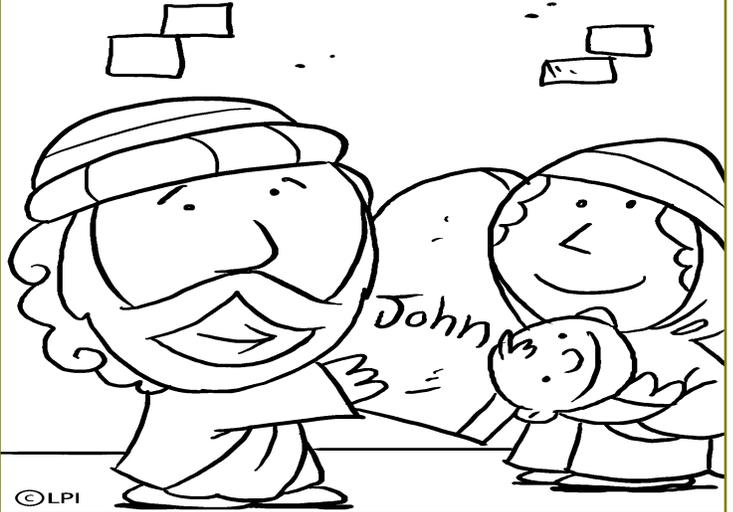
Child's Prayer

Lord, help me do what others believe is impossible.

Mission for the Week

I will help my brother and sister do something that is difficult for them.

Read the Gospel and Color



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgical Schedule: June 23 & 24



Altar Servers

10:00 AM James Genovese, Joseph Silverman
11:30 AM Alexandra Reyes, Emma Rubinson



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:30 PM Mary Ann O'Brien, Joan Pekar, Josie Sciascia
8:00 AM Eileen Murphy, Rich Scheurer, Maureen Hillers
10:00 AM Pam Davison, Carol Jamieson
11:30 AM Anne Hilker, Nancy Martinez



Lectors

Readers

4:30 PM June Hankel, Greg King
8:00 AM Ken Hillers
10:00 AM Alena Brayshaw
11:30 AM Joseph Lanza, Elena Slade

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information contact RCIA@Sienachurch.org or call our office at 732-938-5375.

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

Anyone over age 12 can be an usher. Confirmation students - earn service hours.

Contact scottrubinson@gmail.com or 732-492-6861



If you would like to assist in our Liturgical Ministries during Mass, please contact

Deacon Daniel Sakowski at
deacondan@sienachurch.org

or

Donna Lee at
massministries@sienachurch.org

ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collections & Attendance
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP AND SUPPORT!

Weekly First Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, June 23/24 2018

4:30 PM Mass	\$1,523.00	121 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$2,225.00	134 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$2,101.00	160 people
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,028.00	140 people
Totals	\$6,877.00	555 people

Online Giving June 11—June 17	\$1,521.00	58 donors
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Second Collection
Father's Day Remembrance \$1,352.00



Next Weekend's Collection Weekly First Collection & Energy & Fuel



STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

Reflecting on our recently completed Stewardship Appeal, it is clear to see that St. Catherine of Siena Parish is truly blessed. We are working together to create and sustain a community of belonging, where each individual's dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the solidarity of our shared faith, the respect and affection we have for one another, and our mutual dedication to our God-given mission. With God's help we will continue to grow in discipleship. The willingness of our members to enter into sacrificial giving of time, talent, and treasure in response to our Stewardship Appeal speaks of our continuing gratitude for God's Gifts. May God continue to bless us as we share in His work!

In order to serve you better and to be recognized as a practicing member of the parish, we ask that you please take a moment to register.



Young Adults who are still living at home with their parents, who have graduated from college, and/or are employed full-time, are encouraged to register under their own name.

We invite you to stop by the Parish Office,
Mon.-Thur. 9 am - 2 pm or
Sunday, 9 am—12:45 pm., for registration, to learn about our various ministries here at St. Catherine of Siena Church.

For address changes, including a change in Parish, please call the parish office at **732-938-5375**. We look forward to meeting you and seeing you at our services.



NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF

Cohort 11

St. Catherine of Siena * St. Veronica
 St. William the Abbot

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Catherine of Siena www.sienachurch.org
Living in the Father's Love, a six-week study of God the Father, reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love. No previous Bible study experience is necessary; come as you are as we discover just how much God loves us.

For more information, please email: wwp@sienachurch.org

St. Veronica www.stveronica.com

St. Veronica Vacation Bible School
Our Father's Love.

VBS runs July 9th - July 13 from 9am - 1pm.
Come join us for a week of games skits, crafts, music and lessons as we discover more about our Awesome Heavenly Father.

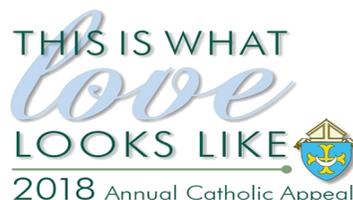
For more information, contact Jo-Anne at svmcg21@yahoo.com

St. William the Abbot www.stwilliamtheabbot.com



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal \$44,000.00

June 18, 2018—\$37,415.00
Pledged 85 % of Goal
Pledge Balance
\$6,837.00



Please support the
2018 Annual
Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your
generosity.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Good Samaritan Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena

*"When a Samaritan on a journey came upon him,
he looked at him and had compassion." Luke 10:33*

The Good Samaritan Ministry is an outreach ministry of the parish that discerns ways to help individuals and families who are facing temporary, emergency hardships. We extend Christ's compassionate concern to the poor and all people of our local community with spiritual, financial and food assistance.

Through the generosity of our parishioners, The Good Samaritan Ministry of St. Catherine of Siena Parish collects canned and non-perishable food items along with personal care items. As the need for food assistance is on-going, food donations are accepted weekly and can be placed in our Narthex.

For more information or ways you can help, please e-mail, socialconcernscommission@sienachurch.org

SAVE
THE
DATE

Saturday, September 29, 2018

9:30 am- 3:30 pm

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine Freehold, NJ
(Monmouth County)

New Jersey State-Wide Event



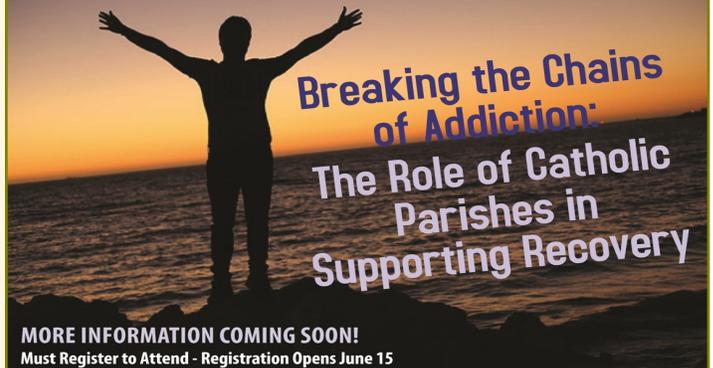
FEATURING KEYNOTER: His Eminence Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D., Archbishop of Newark



Sponsored by The Diocese of Trenton, Department of Pastoral Care

A Symposium on Practical Parish Strategies
to Address the Addiction Epidemic in New Jersey

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC CLERGY & MINISTRY LEADERS
& others Seeking to Support Parish-based Recovery Ministries



Where Angels Play Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2013. Inspired by tragic events of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, Where Angels Play has found a beautiful way to honor young children who have left us too soon in the form of public community playgrounds. Each playground represents the personality and influence of the angel and provides a place of joy for the family and the community. Our first endeavor, The Sandy Ground Project, is a collection of 26 playgrounds along the coast of New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut, honoring each one of the victims from Sandy Hook Elementary School. As a pay it forward initiative, Where Angels Play has built 48 playgrounds to date in the United States, Canada, and most recently Africa.

All projects are funded by public and private donations and built by community volunteers. The playgrounds are designed by the family member of the angel being honored and are given as a gift to a community in need. Our future projects include Medford, MA for Boston Marathon bombing victim Krystle Campbell, victims of the Parkland, FL tragedy, and countless stories of both families and communities in need of joy and healing.

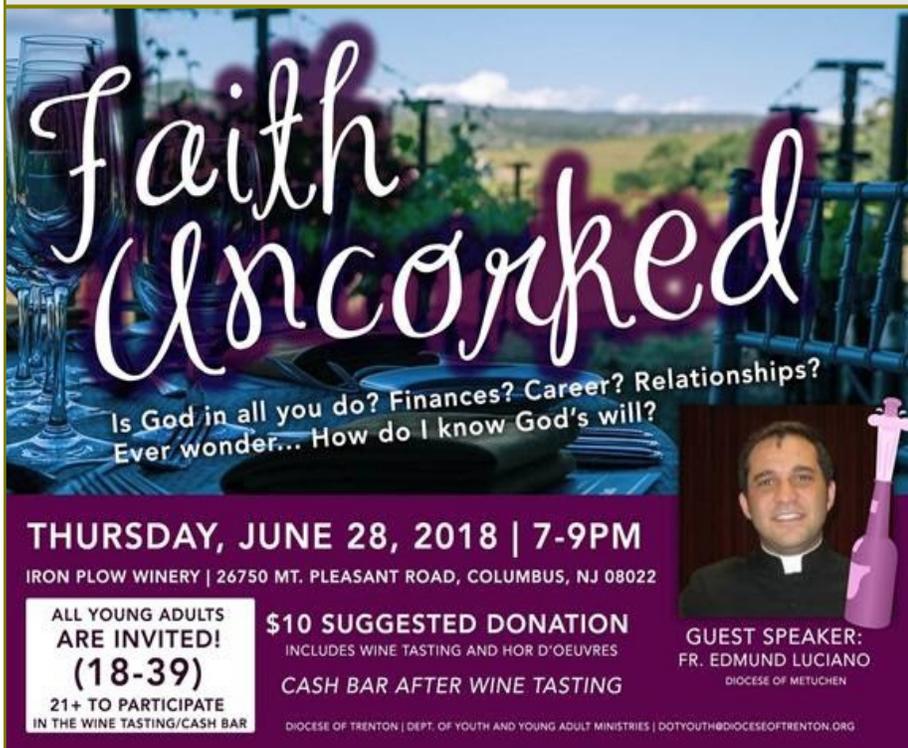
We look forward to providing these special playgrounds for families and communities in the greatest need. To learn more about Where Angels Play Foundation and ways you can help, visit, www.whereangelsplayfoundation.org.



Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton & Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting your pastor or parish priest, who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee; \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (maximum of 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services. Please contact Maureen Fitzsimmons, LPC, NCC, Director of Parish Counseling Services at (609) 403-7129 or email, mfitzs@dioceseoftrenton.org

COMMUNITY CORNER



Faith Uncorked

Is God in all you do? Finances? Career? Relationships?
Ever wonder... How do I know God's will?

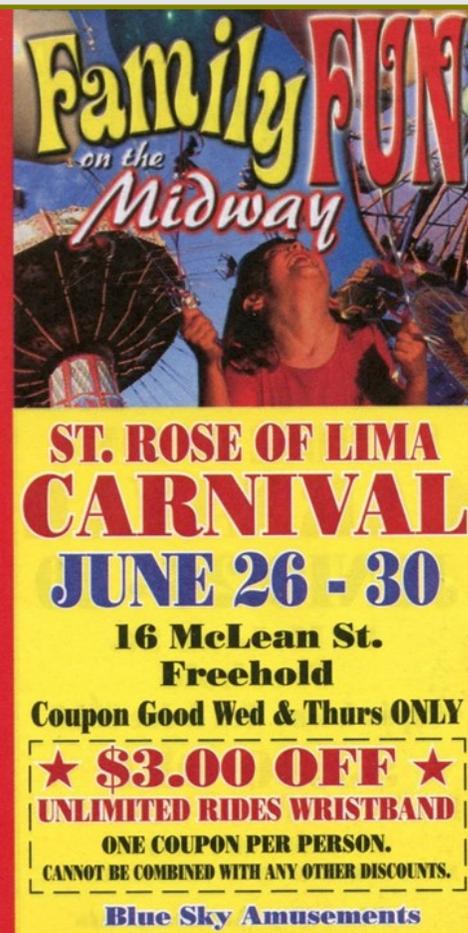
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 | 7-9PM
IRON PLOW WINERY | 26750 MT. PLEASANT ROAD, COLUMBUS, NJ 08022

ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED! (18-39)
21+ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WINE TASTING/CASH BAR

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
INCLUDES WINE TASTING AND HOR D'OEUVRES
CASH BAR AFTER WINE TASTING

GUEST SPEAKER:
FR. EDMUND LUCIANO
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Family Fun on the Midway

ST. ROSE OF LIMA CARNIVAL

JUNE 26 - 30

16 McLean St. Freehold

Coupon Good Wed & Thurs ONLY

★ **\$3.00 OFF** ★
UNLIMITED RIDES WRISTBAND
ONE COUPON PER PERSON.
CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNTS.

Blue Sky Amusements

SPOTLIGHT GRAPHICS - SARASOTA, FL



JULY 18, 2018
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Hamilton Square



Seniors, it's that time again! ***The Senior Spirituality and So Much More Day!***
Featuring the Catholic Grandparents Association and Msgr. Sam Sirianni, presenting "Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation." Bishop O'Connell will celebrate Mass with us!

We will hear the Doo-Wops and the Bop-Shoo-Bops of the early days of Rock 'n Roll, from the "Rock 'n Rhythm!" And we'll enjoy a bountiful Lunch by Dolce and Clemente!

Location: St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton Square!
"Don't be Square, Be there!"

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/pastoral-care to register, or to download the mail-in flyer!

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
6 PM to 10 PM
Friday & Saturday
6 PM to 11 PM

Featuring:
Father Jim's Food Hut
Lobster Dinner Friday & Saturday Night
Super 50/50
Nightly 50/50
Games, Rides, Spanish Food
Live Entertainment

The Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ.
Sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton.

We Can Pray All the Time!!! Breath Prayer and Mindfulness

Did you know that the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the early centuries learned how to "pray always" by using seven-syllable breath prayers?

Come learn about and experience seven-syllable breath prayers and various breathing exercises for fostering mindfulness and enhancing total well-being of body, mind and spirit.

Presenter: Maureen Conroy, RSM, D.Min.

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Fee: \$25 – \$50 (sliding scale)

Please register by July 6th