



Offerings

ABOUT US

The Spiritual Renewal Center is an ecumenical Christian ministry providing spiritual direction and renewal opportunities to all members of the community.

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Monday-Thursday 9-5
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The Center will be closed
March 29 & April 1

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Ceili Rain Trio in Concert!

Saturday, March 9 | 7:00 PM

Join us for Live Music and a Silent Auction!

Singer/Songwriter Bob Halligan Jr. will offer a benefit concert for the Center with the Ceili / say "KAY-lee" / Rain Trio on Saturday, March 9th at 7:00 pm. Bob has written over 1,100 songs, with 9 Gold and platinum records recorded by artists such as Cher, KISS,

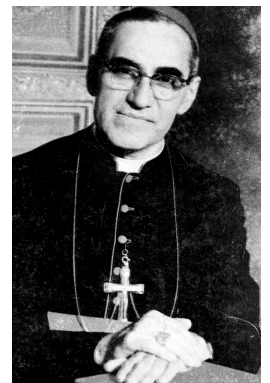
Michael Bolton, Kathy Mattea, and many others. For 20 years he has led the Celtic pop-rock group Ceili Rain, and also has portrayed Paul McCartney in Beatlemania Stage Shows and his one-man show "Paul the Beatle." In 2015, Mr. Halligan was the only American invited to sing at a Papal gathering of 100,000 people in Italy and got to shake the hand of Pope Francis.

We will also be having a silent auction that evening! Themed baskets, gift certificates, hand made furniture and artwork are a few of the items that will be available for bids. The intermission includes a performance by Irish step dancers, & refreshments will be available! Tickets are \$25 each or \$50 per family.

Purchase your tickets at <https://www.spiritualrenewalcenter.com/event-details/ceili-rain-trio-benefit-concert>

St. Oscar Romero for Today Three Thursdays beginning March 7th 10:30 AM - Noon | Hybrid

Join us for an in-depth exploration into the life, theology, spirituality and death of St. Oscar Romero. This saint and modern day martyr transformed El Salvador and the world with his life and witness. Made popular in the United States by the 1989 film starring Raul Julia, Oscar Romero brought the Gospel to life. Prepare for his feast on March 24th by studying his life and work. Suggested donation is \$25 per session.



Recurring Groups

The Ignatian Spirituality Group for those who have completed the **Spiritual Exercises** is facilitated by Lou Sogliuzzo, SJ, and takes place on the **2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM**. {3/14 & 4/10}

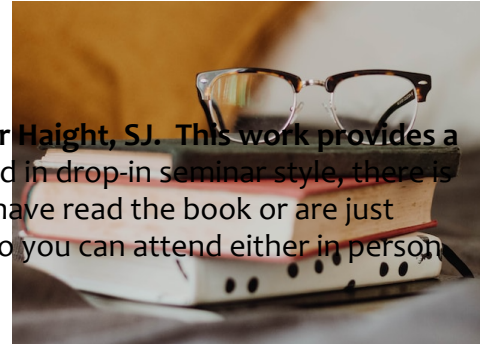
Women's Faith Sharing Group meets on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30PM**. {3/21 & 4/18} This group is facilitated by Kathy Papa. Suggested donation is \$20 per session.

The Contemplative Prayer Group led by Thomas O'Connor meets **every Wednesday at 5PM**.

Preregistration is required for most of our events. Registration through our website is preferred. You can also register by emailing us at mail@spiritualrenewalcenter.com Please include your full name, email, phone number, and program name. Suggested donation for most programs is \$25.

Theologically Speaking Facilitated by Steven Moore Mondays | 12:05 PM - 12:55 PM Hybrid

Join Steve as we continue our study with *The Nature of Theology* by Roger Haight, SJ. This work provides a framework for considering theology and how it impacts our lives. Offered in drop-in seminar style, there is **no required registration** and no set fee. You are welcome to come if you have read the book or are just interested in the topic. We are offering this hybrid during the lunch hour so you can attend either in person or via Zoom. Free will offering.



Easter Graces & Virtues: Walking with the Risen Christ Presented by Fr. Gerry McKeon, SJ 5 Tuesdays | April 9 - May 7 | 10:30 am - 12noon



This month-long retreat in daily life encourages participants to enter into the mystery of Resurrection faith. They will draw from the wisdom of Scripture, daily life, and contemporary concerns as they walk the pilgrimage of faith with the Risen Christ. Participants will be offered suggestions for prayer each day. They will also gather as a community of faith during five Tuesdays in the Easter Season. There will be an opportunity to share graces from private prayer during the previous week. Input will also be offered on a variety of Resurrection themes drawn from different spiritual writers. On the final weekly gathering, there will be an opportunity for each retreatant to share how he/she has received Easter Graces during this pilgrimage with the Risen Christ.

Themes for Each Week

- 1) The Gospels, Theological Reflections, and Witnessing to Risen Life
- 2) The Raising of Lazarus: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'
- 3) The New Creation and the Risen Christ
- 4) Joy, Hope, and Love: Inculcating Habits of the Heart
- 5) Closing Session: 'Contemplation to Attain the Love of God' and Sharing the Graces of the Retreat

Fr. Gerry McKeon, SJ is a Jesuit priest with extensive experience in spiritual direction and in offering the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to people from all backgrounds. He has served as a chaplain at Ithaca College and Cornell University, and on the staff of Eastern Point Retreat House in Gloucester, MA. Fr. Gerry is on staff at the Center and ministers at Upstate University Hospital, Jamesville Correctional Facility, and local parishes.

**Elemental Kinning...
Being One with God's Creation
Through the Gift of Earth
10:00 - 11:30 am *in-person only*
Facilitated by Mary Colleen Sinnott**



The Spiritual Renewal Center is continuing to grow its initiative in eco-spirituality, calling us to recognize ourselves as a part of the natural community as the Scriptures and mystics have encouraged us to do for centuries, and to respond wholeheartedly from that communion. **Join with us as we delve deeper into our most grounded and rooted element, earth.** We will be reflecting on what Ecologist Thomas Berry imagines the earth is asking of us in his poem...

“Earth’s Desire”

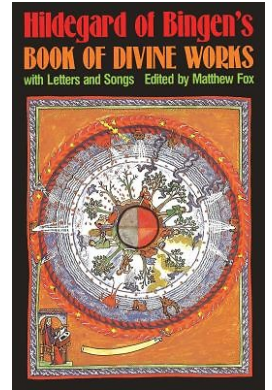
To be seen in her loveliness
To be tasted in her delicious fruits
To be listened to in her teaching
To be endured in the severity of her discipline
To be experienced as the material source from which we’ve come
The destiny to which we return...

We will gather on Wednesday, April 10th from 10:00- 11:30 (just in time to prepare for Earth Day!)

Mary Colleen Sinnott is a long-time friend of SRC, a volunteer chaplain at St. Joseph’s Hospital, a member of St. Lucy’s, and a member of the Church of the Woods, Canterbury, NH.

**Wisdom Wednesdays: “The Book of Divine Works” or *Scivias*
Wednesdays | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM *Hybrid*
Facilitated by
Steven Moore**

Join Steve in a guided reading of The Book of Divine Works or *Scivias* by St. Hildegard of Bingen. Hildegard, a Rhineland mystic of the twelfth century, has been called an ideal model of the liberated woman. She was a poet and scientist, painter and musician, healer and abbess, playwright, prophet, preacher and social critic. The Book of Divine Works was written between 1170 and 1173. The Book of Divine Works is a cosmology that reunites religion, science, and art, and readers will discover an astonishing symbiosis with contemporary physics in these 800-year-old visions. Our sessions will follow an informal seminar style as we engage in a close reading of the text. All are welcome! Free will offering.



**St. Francis de Sales for Today Presented by Fr. Brett McLaughlin SJ
Thursday, March 21st | 7:00 pm *Hybrid***

Francis de Sales' diligent letter-writing, homilies, and classic works of spirituality (An Introduction to the Devout Life and Treatise on the Love of God) steadily encouraged Christians to practice prayer and deepen in stillness. Importantly, de Sales proposed how such contemplation would transform the more profane/temporal tasks and interactions of the commonplace. His spiritual innovativeness meets and escorts the contemporary obsession with authenticity, unto a gentle presence of the Lord.

Fr Brett McLaughlin SJ is a U.S. East Jesuit, from western Massachusetts and Maine. He first felt a call to the priesthood in the eighth grade, and he joined the Jesuit novitiate in Syracuse after serving as a USAF Intelligence officer. As a Jesuit, he taught theology for three years at Cheverus High School in Maine, served at various retreat houses as a spiritual director, and worked as a new priest at the Church of St Ignatius in New York City. He is the McDevitt Pre-Doc Visiting Scholar at LeMoyne College, writing his dissertation on mimesis in the Kingdom of God. He assists Sundays at the Samaritan Center and the parishes of the Diocese of Syracuse. He is a member of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion, College Theology Society, and the American Academy of Religion since 2020. His writings can be found in the *Irish Theological Quarterly* and *The Way*.

Would you like to be a part of our volunteer team at the Spiritual Renewal Center?

The Spiritual Renewal Center has openings **for a few volunteers to help in our reception area at the Center.** We could use some help with substitutes who would help on an “as needed, as able” basis. Duties include hospitality, helping with library inquiries, assistance in the gift shop and other tasks as needed. Please email volunteer@spiritualrenewalcenter.com, and we will be in touch!




The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) provides men and women, age 50 or above, opportunities to share their life skills and wisdom in service to our community's underserved. IVC members commit to volunteer 1- 2 days weekly for 10 months per year. We meet monthly to prayerfully reflect on our service and deepen our Ignatian spirituality. Contact Linda Zimmerman for more information about volunteering: lzimmerman@ivcusa.org



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